

The Slav Community of Watsonville, California

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Preface—

The Slav community of Watsonville has quite an interesting story to tell—if only the story can be found. This book is an attempt to provide some of that information. It is a reference book and a guide, compiled for historians and genealogists who would often be at a loss to know where to find such information on their own.

I first came to Watsonville in 2002 after having spent three years researching the history of my mother's Croatian family, both here and in Croatia. In my retirement I was looking for a project that would involve a Slavic community. I didn't want to write the history of a community; I just wanted to collect the information.

I knew that someone would come along some day and use such information to write a proper history or genealogy, or perhaps produce a documentary film. It might be next week or a hundred years from now. It didn't matter. I knew that if the material could be found, something good would come of it.

I also knew from the experience of researching my mother's family history that 90% of the effort (to produce a book, for example) goes into gathering the material. I also knew that many people with good intentions have given up on book or film projects once they have come to this realization.

Having chosen Watsonville for my project, I started by collecting all the old photos I could find of the pioneer Slav families. I was very lucky early on to come across the photo collection of Mary Scurich Farris. Her grandfather, Luke Scurich, was one of the earliest Slav pioneers to Watsonville. She very graciously let me scan much of her collection, which amounted to nearly 500 photos. (Thank goodness that families years ago gave photos to each other like we exchange Christmas cards.)

Mary named as many people in the photos as she could. But there were still many "unidentified" people. I then took these around to other older Croatians to see if they could name who were in the photos. Many could or they would send me to other people. About this time I also started a database of Watsonville Slavs using a genealogy program (which made it easier to keep track of relationships). Slowly I was starting to learn who these people were, and getting to know some of the current Slav families in Watsonville at the same time. The faces in the photos were starting to become old friends. My database got up over 9200 people (including many generations, some back to the old country, some of these into the 1700s).

I then gathered other sources, such as census records, WWI draft records, naturalization records, voting records, cemetery records, Ellis Island records, marriage records, birth and death records on-line, etc.

And then I learned of the newspaper microfilms. It didn't take long to figure out that about 80% of the available history of the Slav community in Watsonville was in those newspapers. (Watsonville is very lucky, indeed, to have microfilms of local newspapers from 1868 to 2009, with very few issues missing.) These microfilms, however, had never been indexed, which meant that they had to be read line by line. And so I started in...

It is truly tedious to read newspapers on microfilm machines. Often they are too dark or too light. Many are scratched. But after about two years I made it up to 1905 (I could only do it for about 3 hours a day, every other day or so, without burning out). But I finally did burn out. At that point (to 1905) I had collected over 1200 excerpts from the microfilmed newspapers. It was a good, basic collection. It covered the very early years of the Slavs in Watsonville. But I simply could not continue with that type of research.

At that point I approached the directors of the Borina Foundation and they provided the funds to hire professional researchers and transcribers to continue to 1920. Having once been in the publishing profession, I provided the editing, book design and indexing. And that's how this book came to be.

As I said, it's a reference book. It contains no narrative. However, it will provide a very sturdy foundation for future historians and genealogists. And that is its main purpose.

—Tom Ninkovich, editor
Watsonville, California, 2010

Introduction—

Beginning about the 1830s the young men of the Eastern Adriatic, in what is today Croatia but then was part of Austria, found themselves increasingly able to earn money outside of their country. Previously a few men had hired out as seamen along the Adriatic and in the Mediterranean, but now other jobs were becoming available. In the 1860s in Egypt, thousands of young men from the Mediterranean region were hired to work on the Suez Canal. And there was fishing, oystering, mining, railroad work, fruit harvesting, cooking, as well as the usual seaman's work opening up all over the world—Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Argentina, Peru, South Africa. And many of them headed for America, in particular for California.

The first Slavs came during the Gold Rush and by 1880 there were thousands of them in California, mostly in the Mother Lode region, working in the mines. These were uneducated men; most were illiterate. However they were earning about five times what they could earn back home. Many of them saved up and returned home with large bankrolls. Others saved up and remained in California.

Then the next generation immigrated, and some of these were a little more educated because their fathers and uncles had earned enough while abroad to pay the local priests to teach their sons and nephews to read and write. (State-run schools did not exist in Dalmatia until the late 1800s.) And so this new, more educated generation had the experience and some of the financial backing of the previous generation to serve them.

In San Francisco a few of this generation began brokering fruit—importing and exporting all over the Pacific—Hawaii, Mexico and Central America. Luke Sresovich, in particular, was quite innovative (for example: drying and distributing coconut meat) and had quite a few irons in the fire regarding the fruit industry. He was based in San Francisco and traveled all over the Bay Area and beyond finding produce to buy directly from the farmers. He also had commission men buying for him.

In the early to late 1880s there arrived in Watsonville a few Slavs who probably had worked for Sresovich, and had certainly witnessed his success and methods. Sresovich and Marco Rabasa are mentioned in this book many times as the fruit brokering pioneers in the Pajaro Valley. And they were. But Sresovich never lived here and Rabasa lived here only for a few years in the mid-1890s. However others came and stayed, such as Luke Scurich and his siblings; M. N. Lettunich and his brothers; Mateo Lettunich and his nephews and niece; Filip Marinovich; the Opusichs; John Miovich; Luke Cikuth; the Rilovich brothers; the Stolich brothers; the Alaga family; and the Secondo family. Interestingly, all of these people were born in a region of (then) Austria called Konavle (today it's the southern-most tip of Croatia). Luke Scurich, M. N. Lettunich and Filip Marinovich were all born in Konavle in the same year (1864) within three miles of each other. Slavs from other regions came too. But almost all of them were from the southern Dalmatian coast (see the Map appendix) or from the inland regions a few miles of the coast.

From the island of Mljet (an Adriatic island that can be seen from Konavle, off the coast) came the hoteliers, restaurateurs, saloonmen—Strazicich, Belin, Dabelich, Cumbelich, Sersen. From the regions immediately surrounding Dubrovnik (Pelješac, Župa, Primorje) came Puhiera, Milanovich, Ivanovich, Biskup, Banovac, Zadielovich, Pulisevich, Borina, Knego, Colendich, Gera. From the island of Brač came Gospodnetich, Hrepich, Matulich, Kusanovich. And these were just the early ones; hundreds more came later.

Of course, this is not the usual sequence of immigrant influx into a community. More often the laborers came first by many years. However, in Watsonville the business men and the laborers arrived at about the same time, one helping the other.

In general the Slavs did well in Watsonville, their Golden Age being from around 1900 to the beginning of WWI. However, as you will see in these pages, there were many setbacks and tragedies; many bankruptcies; packing houses and homes burning; deaths of children; deaths of mothers or fathers before their time.

And there were good times too. Like when Luke Scurich returned from his first visit to the old country in 1901 and brought back with him more than 25 immigrants from Konavle. Or when the Alaga Brothers won the Sweepstakes prize three years in a row at the Apple Annuals of 1910-12. Or when over 2000 people attended the Slav picnic at Port Watsonville in May of 1911. Or when half-Slav and Croatian-speaking George W. Smith became a lawyer in Watsonville in January of 1909, and was elected district attorney of Santa Cruz County in 1914. Or when Yugoslavia was formed out of the tragedy of World War I and everyone was so proud.

So many stories. But very few were written down. The "mentions" in the local newspapers are, by far, the best source of information on these people. Through these we can learn how they were treated, what was important to them, how they treated others, their successes and failures—in general, how they lived. This is their story as told through the newspapers of the time.

Definition of “Slav”—

The term “Slav,” as used in this book and in its title, refers to the Croats and Serbs who immigrated to Watsonville, Calif. Croats and Serbs are only two of many types of Slavs in the world but no other types were found in Watsonville in the days before 1920.

Editor’s remarks. Corrections, additions or comments made by the editor of this book appear within [square brackets].

Newspapers—

The newspaper excerpts in this book came mostly from two Watsonville newspapers, the *Pajaronian* (weekly) and the *Evening Pajaronian* (daily). Every page of these newspapers was looked through by the researchers (on microfilm). Everything that was found is included here—nothing was intentionally left out. However, each excerpt was edited to include only Slav material. The omissions are indicated by ellipses [...].

Newspaper abbreviations.

EP = Evening Pajaronian
Paj = Pajaronian
WReg = Watsonville Register
Trans = Transcript (a Watsonville paper)
Wats Trans = Watsonville Transcript
Rustler = Rustler (a Watsonville paper)
SC Sent = Santa Cruz Sentinel
SC Surf = Santa Cruz Surf
SJ Mercury News = San Jose Mercury News

Abbreviations and terms in the main text—

ALL = Advertised Letter List
class. ad = classified ad
disp. ad = display ad
hon. roll = honor roll (school)
hon. prom. = honorary promotion to next grade (no test necessary)
mar. license = marriage license
obit = obituary
prom. by exam = promotion by exam (to next grade)
school prom. = school promotion (to next grade)
sic indicates that the passage (or word) is just as it appears in its original source.
Sometimes the correction is written after *sic*.
UL = Undelivered Letters
Ro. = Rancho
et al. = “and others”
et ux. = “and wife”
et vir. = “and husband”

More information can be found in Appendix A.

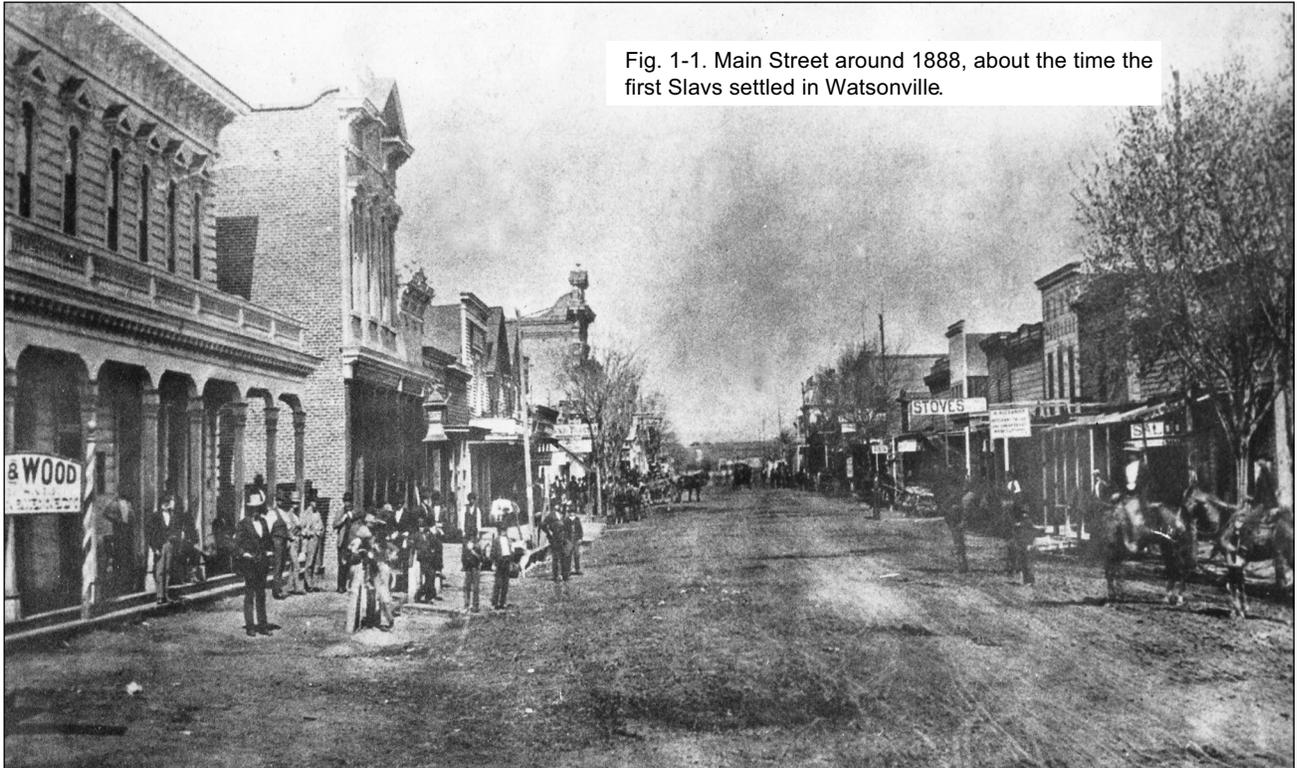


Fig. 1-1. Main Street around 1888, about the time the first Slavs settled in Watsonville.

For a list of the newspapers, research techniques, abbreviations, and some photos of actual newspaper clippings, see Appendix A. Appendix D has short biographies of many of the surnames mentioned.

CHAPTER I —

PRE-1900

[These first two entries have nothing to do with Slavs but they may be of interest to local readers. There are many such entries in this book—put there to set the scene.]

Paj; 19 Mar 1868; item: “Produce is shipped from different points on the coast, from the Salinas Slough, upper landing, about 2 miles from town by steamer Salinas. Freight \$5 per ton. From other landings on the coast, accessible at all times by teams, produce is shipped in sailing vessels to San Francisco at \$5 per ton. Vessels can only come to the landing in good weather, during rough or stormy seasons it is an impossibility to ship freight of any kind.

“The population of the valley is estimated at about 7,000. Good schools are established and kept up in nearly every district. In the town of Watsonville is to be found one of the best schoolhouses in the State...

“There are four churches in this place, the Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic and Mormon. The Baptists have a pastor but no regular church organization. The Masons and Odd Fellows are well represented and a Dashaway Society has recently been formed, which will counteract in a measure the influence of the 20 or 30 places where liquor is sold...

“The county appropriated \$300...for the purpose of

building a Calaboose at this place—a worthy and very charitable movement we think, for if it is not charity to put drunken men in a dry place to sober off, instead of half drowning them under a hydrant, we don’t know what is. These midnight and daytime songsters, who warble their obscene and profane notes in our streets from time to time, will have ample opportunity in the sweet quietude of the Calaboose to learn new songs.”

SC Sent; 5 Oct 1878; item: “**Santa Cruz Years Ago.** A correspondent of the Alta writing from Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, says: ‘We recently came in contact with a native who was born at Santa Cruz in 1822. For years he lived there, and his memory of events occurring in this section is remarkable. He says on one occasion, about 1834, he passed with his father through this valley, and the present site of Watsonville. At that time it was nothing but a vast plain—not the vestige of an habitation anywhere. As they were crossing the Pajaro river, he says hundreds and hundreds of antelopes galloped past them. The country at that time, with the exception of the Missions...was devoid of the rudest hut...This native’s father subsequently owned the whole Pajaro valley, but as with most all natives, through the advent of the Americans, he either sold or transferred for little or nothing, his interests. The Blackburn orchard at Santa Cruz, he says his father sold to Judge Blackburn, the first Alcalde, for \$300, one hundred and fifty in coin and the balance in trade. The same place is now worth about \$100,000.’”

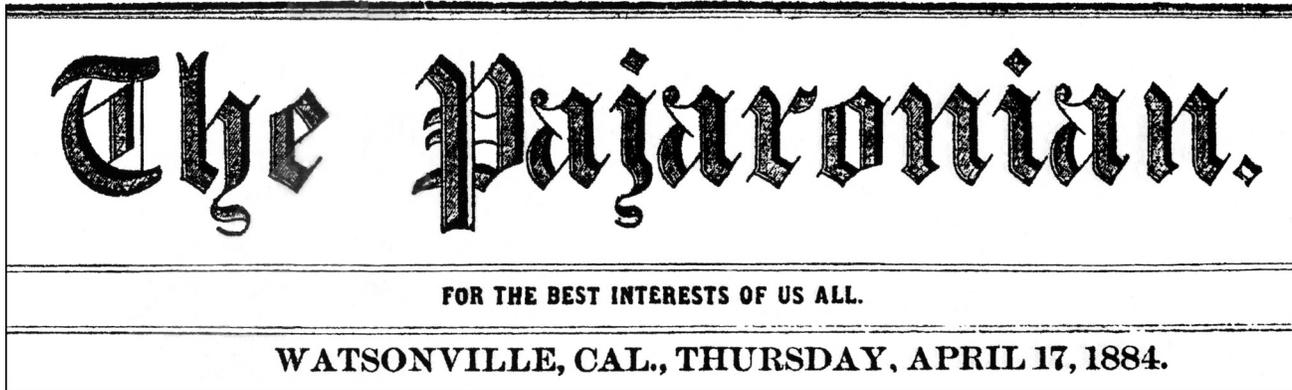


Fig. 1-2. A banner from an early Watsonville newspaper. Watsonville newspapers from 1868 to present are available to the public on microfilm. Without this unique resource most of the Slavic immigrant history to Pajaro Valley would be lost.

[Here is the first article we found with mention of a Slav. Marco Rabasa came from the Pelješac peninsula.]

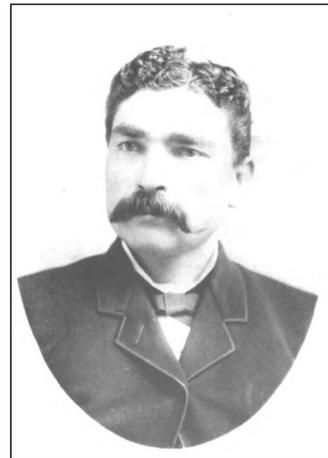
Paj; 22 Sep 1881; article: “**The Adaptability of Pajaro Valley as a Fruit Growing District.** One day last week, in company with J. A. Blackburn, we visited his large orchard, situated in the eastern part of town. His orchard is principally composed of apple trees, though he has a large quantity of cherry, peach, prune and other trees, and also has a large strawberry tract. The apple orchard occupies 8 acres of ground, all of which are of standard varieties, the larger portion being what is known as winter apples. The apple crop is sold to Marco Robassi [*sic* Rabasa], of San Jose, who has a force of men in the orchard picking, boxing and shipping the apples. From here the apples are shipped to San Francisco, then either sold in that market or shipped to Mexico, Arizona or the Pacific islands. For his apple crop (and it is only an average crop)...Mr. Blackburn received \$100 per acre, and is to no expense for picking, boxing or shipping. All he had to do was cultivate the ground in the orchard and attend to necessary trimming. Counting 600 trees...and \$800 for the crop, yield per tree is worth \$1.25, and all this with no expense to speak of. The price paid for the crop is good interest on the land even if we place a value on the land of \$1000 per acre...”

Paj; 20 Oct 1881; item: “M. S. Lopes is boxing apples in wholesale fashion in a barn on lower Main street. Large shipments of apples are made and will be made from here this year. Apples, particularly standard varieties, are commanding good prices. Some of our orchardists have been shipping their apples direct to Arizona.” [*Lopes and Rabasa were partners in many business ventures early on. Lopes was local; Rabasa was not, at first.*]

Paj; 6 Apr 1882; item: “Several San Jose fruit buyers have made this valley their base of operations for nearly a year and so effectually did they get control of the apple crop last season that apples are now but seldom seen in the local markets.” [*probably refers to Sresovich and Rabasa, among others*]

Paj; 24 Aug 1882; item: “L. G. Sresovich & Co., of San Jose, are buying up large quantities of apples in this valley... They box the fruit and ship it to San Jose and San Francisco. They are shipping about a carload daily.”

Fig. 1-3.
Luke George Sresovich
(1848-1908)



Paj; 16 Nov 1882; item: “The Great Register of this county, as far as the nativity of the foreign voters goes, is divided up as follows: England, 91; Ireland, 249... Australia, 6...Germany, 139...Austria, 3; Denmark, 46...Portugal, 23; Azores Islands, 35...Mexico, 12... Italy, 29...—Sentinel.” [*The Great Register is a register of eligible voters. All Croatians and many Serbs were citizens of Austria in those days. Above shows only 3 naturalized Austrians living in Santa Cruz Co. in 1882, and those were in the town of Santa Cruz.*]

Paj; 4 Jan 1883; item: “One of the reasons why Santa Cruz mountain land, aside from its acknowledged richness of soil, is so well adapted to the cultivation of the hardier fruits, is that a dry season is never known in those hills or mountains. When we have but 12 or 13 inches of rain in a season between 30 and 40 inches will fall in the hills back of and near Corralitos. A dry season is unknown on those hills...[I]rrigation is not required, and fruit trees of the hardier families grow rapidly and bear largely. Apples, prunes and peaches especially thrive well on those hill lands...”

Paj; 26 Jul 1883; item: “Apple men feel confident of good prices this year. Mr. Robassi [Rabasa], who has been buying Pajaro valley orchards for several years, has most of the year’s apple crop bought up.”

[ALL = Advertised Letter List; also see Fig. A-1]

Paj; 16 Aug 1883; ALL: Giovanni Bussuvich.

Paj; 31 Jan 1884, item: "The Carr field, lately owned by D. Tuttle, has been purchased by M. S. Lopes and M. Robassi [Rabasa]. We are informed that they intend planting it in fruit trees. Mr. Robassi is the pioneer in the wholesale exporting of apples from this valley, and we hope he will make a success of his new venture."

Paj; 21 Feb 1884, article: "I referred to this valley last week as being now celebrated for nearly all kinds of fruit. As a proof thereof we have permanently located here three large fruit firms each having storage for at least ten thousand boxes. Sresovich & Co., San Francisco, are the heaviest fruit operators on the coast. This firm bought last year the Corralitos and Green Valley fruit, and shipped nearly all of it from here to Mexico and the Sandwich Islands. Anderson & Co., San Jose, shipped half their apples to Denver, Col. Next comes Rabbasa [Rabasa]. This man was the first to come here and ship fruit abroad. He tried his luck here often. Sometimes he won, sometimes lost, but his perseverance was rewarded this year, as he made \$10,000 on his operations, on apples alone. Marco Rabbasa is a jolly old bach, a Slavonian, and weighs 340 pounds. He has bought a piece of good land at \$300 per acre, which he intends to plant with French prunes...I hope the fruit business will not be overdone. There will be at least 500 acres set out this year, in addition to what we already have..."

Paj; 28 Feb 1884, item: "M. Rabassi [Rabasa] has sold his entire stock of apples and boxes to L. Sresovich, the lessee of the Blackburn orchard. Apple buyers made considerable money during the past season."

Paj; 14 Aug 1884; item: "Thomas Kennedy to Sresovich, Gray & Co, lot on the west side of Main street, Watsonville, adjoining Palmtag lot, for \$1,400."

Paj; 14 Aug 1884; item: "L. G. Sresovich, of Sresovich & Gray, San Francisco fruit dealers, was in town last week, and while here bought the Kennedy lot and buildings opposite the Farmers' flouring mill. His firm will use the building as a fruit depot and packing establishment."

Paj; 25 Sep 1884; item: "Sresovich, Gray & Co, are shipping large quantities of apples...to Australia."

Paj; 15 Jan 1885; item: "**Around the Horn.** The ships that sail from this port [NY] to San Francisco take about 125 days to make the outward trip. The price usually charged to carry a passenger is \$300. As one can go to San Francisco by rail for half that sum in a week, it would not at first appear that people could be found to

occupy the fine staterooms that are filled up for the use of passengers in all the California clippers. But the existence of three classes of monomaniacs—people who are inordinately fond of the sea, drunkards and lovesick youths—furnish occupants for the staterooms...—New York Tribune"

Paj; 19 Feb 1885; item: "Luke G. Sresovich and James M. Gray to R. Levy, lot on Main street in Watsonville, near the bridge, being 82 ft. on Main street by 214 ft. deep, for \$5."

Paj; 27 Aug 1885; item: "Marco Robassi [Rabasa] has a force of men gathering and shipping apples from this valley. The apple crop is large this year."

Paj; 3 Sep 1885; item: "Marco Robassi [Rabasa] is shipping his choicest apples to Australia, where Pajaro valley apples, being free from 'bugs,' find ready sale. He has shipped two carloads during the past week."

Paj; 24 Sep 1885; item: "L. G. Sresovich has bought several Pajaro apple orchards, and has a large force of employees picking, boxing and shipping. Mr. S. is firmly convinced of the superiority of Pajaro apples for export, and is buying all of this fruit he can secure. He is employing nearly 30 boys and is giving them good wages. This is a most worthy act, and opens up a field of employment which is being readily accepted by our young men."

Paj; 29 Oct 1885; article: "For several months past the shipments of apples from this valley have been heavy, as the production was unusually large this year. Notwithstanding the continued output there are yet about 45,000 boxes of apples in the valley, principally held by Sresovich, Robassa [Rabasa], and others. Sresovich & Co. have about 20,000 boxes, stored at different points, their principal storeroom being near Palmtag's brewery. Robassa has nearly 8,000 boxes, Nick Vucich has 3,000 boxes, John Millich has 3,000 boxes, Anderson has a large lot, and many small orchardists yet hold their apple crop. In addition to these buyers S. Martinelli has purchased and is storing immense quantities of apples to be converted into cider...[I]t will be seen that the Pajaro valley crop has been immense this season, and this crop is free from pest of any kind...we believe it would not be placing the estimate too high to say that the apple crop of this valley amounted to over 100,000 boxes this season."

Paj; 3 Dec 1885; ALL: Peter Orladovich [Obradovich].

Trans; 6 Feb 1886; list: "[list of delinquent taxes, property to be put up for sale by the Sheriff]: ...Sresovitch, L. G.; Lot 3, Block J of Camp Capitola; Value: \$50; Improvements: \$350; Tax: \$7.40; 5% for delinquency: \$0.37; Costs: \$0.50..."

Paj; 8 Apr 1886; item: "Carpenters are at work fitting up the Bockius building for occupancy as a restaurant. The lessees are A. [Lov]retich and F. Batiza."

Paj; 15 Apr 1886; item: "Messrs. Lovretich & Batazza [Batizza] opened the Elite restaurant (opposite the post-office)... They are experienced restaurateurs, and will keep everything in first class style. Only the best meats furnished, and California and Eastern Oysters cooked in any style."

Fig. 1-4.
First display ad
of a Slav business in a
Watsonville newspaper.

Pajaronian, 6 May 1886.

<p>Elite Restaurant.</p> <p>MAIN ST. WATSONVILLE, (OPPOSITE POSTOFFICE.)</p> <p>Batizza & Lovretich,</p> <p>PROPR'S.</p> <p>Meals Served at all Hours.</p> <p>The Choicest the Market af- fords constantly on hand.</p> <p>Eastern and California OYSTERS</p> <p>COOKED IN ANY STYLE.</p> <p>Private Rooms for Families.</p> <p>OPEN DAY AND NIGHT</p> <p><small>It is our intention to keep a first class Restaurant, one at which meals cooked in the best style will be served, and we therefore request the patronage of the people of this vicinity and the traveling public.</small></p> <p>BATIZZA & LOVRETICH.</p>

Paj; 15 Jul 1886; item: "Sresovich & Co. are buying and shipping apricots from this valley. Cannery are paying good prices for apricots."

Paj; 12 Aug 1886; ALL: Opusich, Luka; Sersen, Nick L.

Paj; 21 Oct 1886; item: "Sresovich & Co. are shipping large quantities of apples."

Paj; 28 Oct 1886; article: "L. G. Sresovich, one of the pioneer fruit growers and buyers of this coast, and who annually buys the greater part of the apple crop of this valley, is seriously thinking of removing his dryers to this valley. At present they are located in San Jose... Through his commission house he sent Pajaro apples to Australia, China, Japan, and other foreign lands, and there built up for our fruit a most enviable reputation..."

Paj; 11 Nov 1886; notice: "Dissolution of Co-Partnership. The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, in the business of the Elite Restaurant, in Watsonville is this the 28th day of October, 1886, dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. F. Batizzi [Batizza], who will hereafter carry on the business, will pay all bills against the firm and collect all outstanding accounts.— Frank Batizzi, Antone Lovretich"

Paj; 9 Jan 1887; item: "Marco Robassi [Rabasa], who purchased the fruit crop of several orchards in this valley, informs us that he is busily engaged in picking and shipping cherries at K. F. Redman's orchard, and that the yield is large and the fruit of fine quality...The cherry trees in K. F. Redman's orchard are of the best varieties, and his cherries will compare favorably with Alameda or Napa selects."

[Many of the entries throughout this book, and especially the next several entries, do not pertain to specific Slavs. They are included because they describe some of the issues and topics that Slavs were eventually involved in, such as shipping by railroad, agricultural fairs, apple pests, real estate, regulations governing hotels, saloons, and restaurants, etc.]

Paj; 24 Feb 1887; item: "Watsonville freight depot will be opened as soon as the railroad company can provide storage room in one of the warehouses. The establishment of this depot will be a great accommodation to merchants, farmers and fruit growers; and though it is stated that berry growers will not be benefited by the change, the future may show that the railroad connections will [be to their advantage]."

Paj; 21 Apr 1887; item: "The Watsonville freight depot was opened yesterday...The rate is two cents per hundred higher on city freight than in Pajaro. This increase will probably continue most of the business at Pajaro, as the additional freight to Watsonville, together with hauling from the depot, will amount to more than the cost of hauling from Pajaro. The opening of the depot will be beneficial for persons having to ship to Santa Cruz or intermediate points."

Paj; 9 Jun 1887; item: "At a meeting of the Watsonville Grange...the question of holding a fair in Watsonville... was discussed at considerable length, and it was finally carried...that a fair should be held here sometime during the fall, and that a public meeting of the Grange would be held on Saturday, June 18th...for the purpose of making arrangements for holding the fair. All persons interested in this matter are invited to meet with the Grange at that time, and it is hoped that our citizens will take a live interest in the valley and attend that meeting..."

[lists that do not include Slavs can also be of interest]

Paj; 21 Jul 1887; item: “**Wealthy Tax Payers.** The following is a list of taxpayers residing or owning property in Pajaro valley who are assessed for \$5000 and upwards: [no Slavs were listed].”

Paj; 1 Sep 1887; item: “California has been a State of many excitements. First came the mining fever, then there was a rush to engage in the cattle business, then everybody went into grain farming, then followed the rush into horticulture and viticulture, and now we have the mania for town lots. It does not make any particular difference where these lots are so long as they are town lots...”

“The portions of California where the real estate fever is prevailing are rapidly increasing in population, and the boom is doing for California what it has long needed—bringing here a thrifty, well-to-do class of people who are enterprising and energetic...”

Paj; 22 Sep 1887; item: “Sresovich & Co., and other apple buyers, have large crews of men gathering fruit. The crop is large and of fine quality.”

Paj; 20 Oct 1887; item: “The first Pajaro Valley Fair will open this afternoon at 2 PM. The ladies and gentlemen of the various committees have worked untiringly for the past week, and the results they have accomplished are wonderful. The interior of the Rink presents a beautiful scene with its many booths and varied display of fruits, merchandise, fancy articles, etc. The decorations are neat and plentiful. To the north of the Rink is the floral department, and it is a charming spot, rich with its collections of beautiful flowers and delicate ferns. The main hallway is bordered with a variety of farm products, including a large collection of Pajaro mammoths—a ton of pumpkins—from Judge Bockius and A. McNeely. They average about 175 lbs. In one of the front rooms is the art department, and it contains a fine collection of paintings, etchings and sketches. The fair gives every promise of being a success...”

Paj; 27 Oct 1887; [a complete list of all exhibitors at this fair shows that no Slavs participated]

Paj; 3 Nov 1887; item: “**Pajaro Products and Crops.** The Pajaro Valley proper contains but few large tracts of land, being principally cut up into small farms, averaging, perhaps, 80 acres each. Farming is diversified, embracing the cultivation of nearly every cereal, fruit and vegetable indigenous to the temperate zone, while recent experiments in the citrus fruits and in olives have been made with satisfactory success. On the beach at the base of the foothills the culture of the olive has been entered into with every prospect of a successful issue, and several orchards have been set out this spring. The large area formerly devoted to wheat, barley, beans and

potatoes is being rapidly decreased to make room for orchards and strawberry plantations. The crops of fruit, especially apples, cherries and strawberries are phenomenal, and the profit per acre, in many instances, such as to be almost incredible to those not accustomed to the combination of favorable conditions here found. In strawberry cultivation great activity has been manifested for the past four years, and there are now over 300 acres of strawberries in the Pajaro Valley. The season extends from April to Christmas—sometimes far into the new year, and the profits frequently run high into the hundreds of dollars per acre. It is estimated by the best judges that there are not less than 2000 acres in apples in the valley. The favorite varieties are Newtown Pippins and Bellefleurs and, in quality and quantity, the yield is remarkable...”

Paj; 19 Jan 1888; item: “L. G. Sresovich, the well known San Francisco fruit dealer who has a packing house in this town, made an assignment last Saturday. Mr. Sresovich was one of the pioneer fruit shippers from this valley, and has been active in working up markets for Pajaro valley apples. The city papers say that the failure is not serious, and that Mr. Sresovich will be in active business again before long.” *[he went bankrupt more than once]*

Paj; 26 Jan 1888; item: “Sresovich & Co. have offered to pay forty cents on the dollar in settlement of their claims, and the majority of the creditors are willing to accept it.”

Paj; 12 Apr 1888; item: “Empty houses are a rarity in this place, and when a dwelling is vacated a sign on it is not needed to attract a tenant. A year ago there were between 30 and 40 vacant houses in this place. Since that time many new houses have been constructed, none have been removed and only one was destroyed by fire... Today there are no vacant houses in town. It is safe to say that the population of the town has increased fully 250 during the past year, and a much larger increase may be expected within the next six months, as the demands of the sugar factory and the cultivation of beets will require more labor than the town can supply...”

Paj; 10 May 1888; item: “Marco Robassi [Rabasa] and other fruit buyers are interviewing orchardists. Their principal inquiry is for apricots.”

Paj; 24 May 1888; item: “L. G. Sresovich, a fruit dealer of San Francisco, who has always handled a large portion of the Pajaro valley fruit crop, was here last week trying to lease orchards. He will have the Ford orchard, near Corralitos, this season.”

Paj; 24 May 1888; item: “Frank Batizza has leased the Pearson orchard for this season. He will continue to run his restaurant.”

Paj; 14 Jun 1888; item: "Frank Batizza has sold his restaurant business to Messrs. Strasicich & Bellin who will continue to conduct the business at the old stand. Frank is going to engage in the fruit business, having secured several large orchards." [first mention of a Strazicich in local papers; no indication of which Strazicich this is, but it's either George or Steve, and probably George]

VIENNA RESTAURANT

MAIN ST. WATSONVILLE,
(OPPOSITE POSTOFFICE.)

Strasicich & Bellin,
PROPRIETOR.

Meals Served at all Hours.
The Choicest the Market af-
fords constantly on hand.

Eastern and California
OYSTERS
COOKED IN ANY STYLE.

Private Rooms for Families.
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

It is our intention to keep a first class Restaurant, one at which meals cooked in the best style will be served, and we therefore request the patronage of the people of this vicinity and the traveling public.

Strasicich & Bellin.

Fig. 1-5. First display ad for the new Vienna Restaurant, previously the Elite. Strazicich and Belin were both from the island of Mljet. *Pajaronian*, 14 June 1888.

Paj; 21 Jun 1888; item: "Marco Rabassa, the pioneer in the business of leasing the orchards of this valley, has made a number of contracts this season and will have the largest interests of any local shipper. He has leased the Blackburn, Nugent, Bockius, Tuttle, Peckham, Pearson and Helmer orchards."

Paj; 21 Jun 1888; item: "Marco Rabasa invited a number of the boys from the Orphan Asylum...to visit one of his rented orchards and obtain a supply of cherries. The orphanage was duly remembered with a bountiful supply of fruit." [1st time his surname was spelled correctly]

Paj; 1 Nov 1888; ALL: Foreign: Marttino Kelez.

Paj; 8 Nov 1888; ALL: Pietro Kesovia, Marcus Slatich.

Paj; 6 Dec 1888; ALL: Marco Slatich [prob. Salatich].

Paj; 17 Jan 1889; item: "The following Pajaroites are delinquent for State and county taxes...M. N. Lettunich, \$8.77..." [first mention of a Lettunich in local papers; M. N. arrived around 1886-87]

Paj; 17 Jan 1889; ALL: Marcus Slatich.

Paj; 31 Jan 1889; ALL: Ant. Micevich [Miocevich].



Fig. 1-6.
M. N. Lettunich
(1864-1955)

Paj; 31 Jan 1889; item: "M. N. Lettunich, who is engaged in the apple packing business in this valley, has gone to Los Angeles to handle oranges for the San Francisco market. He will return here in the spring."

Paj; 14 Feb 1889; item: "Ever since the apple business has been of considerable importance in this valley it has been the proud boast of our orchardists and packers that the apple orchards...were free from dangerous pests... [T]he dreaded pest in California orchards is the codlin moth. Where ever it has once obtained good foothold it has remained until the orchard was destroyed. It has killed the apple orchards near San Jose, it is doing work equally as effective in the northern part of the State, and for several years has been plentiful in the orchards near Santa Cruz. Six or seven years ago the codlin moth made its appearance in orchards near town and started to clean them out; but a long spell of foggy weather came about that time and the moth was killed thereby. In the fogs that usually prevail here at certain seasons of the year our orchardists have found their protection against codlin moth.

"The moth that appeared here six or seven years ago was brought here in old boxes by San Jose fruit packers. Since that time orchardists have tried to compel packers to use new boxes. But so much faith has been placed in the protection of the fogs that the precaution of new boxes has not been rigidly maintained in all cases.

"Last year fogs were not as frequent as in previous years. In a short time the codlin moth made its appearance in apple orchards in different parts of the valley. It is probable that they were brought here in old boxes. Their appearance did not give orchardists much concern at that time; but fogs have been rare visitors for nearly a year past, and the moth has had a most favorable season in which to gain a residence in the Pajaro valley. If fogs should be more frequent for the remainder of the year the moth might be killed off; otherwise orchardists will have a pest to fight that will require all their attention. At the

present time the moth has been found in but a few orchards in this part of the county; but in view of the great loss that would follow in case the moth got a foothold it stands our farmers in hand to take some concerted steps to eradicate this pest and prevent its appearance. The best way to do this is for the apple growers of this valley to meet in convention as soon as possible, locate the affected places, and then employ in a remedy that will kill the pest. In fighting the pest every orchardist should contribute to stop the further progress of the moth, or they may, before many years, find themselves in the position of the Santa Clara orchardists, possessing trees and land but gaining no revenue therefrom."

Paj; 21 Feb 1889; item: "M. Rabasa has several hundred boxes of Alencon pears, of last year's crop, on hand. They are now about ripe enough to ship..."

Paj; 21 Mar 1889; ALL: Sigr. Biagio Puhiera. [*first mention of Puhiera; first immigrant from Primorje*]

Paj; 30 May 1889; item: "L. G. Sresovich, of San Francisco, was here last week looking after apple orchards, and during his visit he inspected the fruit dryer. He is anxious to rent it for this season."

Paj; 6 Jun 1889; item: "L. G. Sresovich has rented the Watsonville fruit dryer for this season."

Paj; 6 Jun 1889; item: "M. N. Lettunich has returned from Alhambra, Los Angeles county, where he has been engaged in packing and shipping oranges for several months. He will remain here until the close of the apple season handling orchards he has purchased for the season. He expects to continue in business at Alhambra as well as here, and thinks that between apples and oranges he will find very active business during the entire year."

Paj; 27 Jun 1889; article: "M. N. Lettunich, the apple packer of lower Main street, is building a new packing house on his place. The dimensions of the house are: 150 feet long, 26 feet wide, and 10 feet high, and it will hold about 20,000 boxes of fruit. Mr. Lettunich has built up an extensive packing business, and has branch houses (for the orange crop) in Alhambra and San Gabriel and his business is rapidly growing. Mr. Lettunich takes an intelligent and active interest in the development of the fruit interests of this valley, and in doing so he is only following the line of building up his own business. He pronounces the apples of this valley without a superior on the coast, but says the product would be materially increased and benefited by careful and intelligent work in the pruning season. He has given much attention to the matter of pruning, and says that therein many orchardists make a serious mistake."

Paj; 1 Aug 1889; item: "Matteo Bellini [Bellin] has sold the Vienna Restaurant to John Silenco, who will continue to conduct the business at the old stand."

GEORGE STRAZICICH — — — — — STEVE STRAZICICH

MORNING STAR HOTEL

(Formerly Kuhlitz House.)

LOWER MAIN STREET, WATSONVILLE.

G. STRAZICICH & CO.

PROPRIETORS.

THE KUHHLITZ HOUSE HAS BEEN REPAINTED,
Thoroughly cleaned and newly furnished
throughout and will hereafter be known as the
Morning Star Hotel. The proprietors are both well-
known in this place and the knowledge is a suffi-
cient guarantee that

**Good Board and Clean Beds at
Reasonable Prices**

May always be had at the Morning Star.

FIRST-CLASS — — — BAR

Is attached to the hotel where a good free
lunch will always be found.

* **Nothing But White — — —
— — — Help Employed.**

Board and Lodging, per week \$1.50 and \$5
Single Meals 25 Cents
Rooms 25 and 50 cents

Fig. 1-7. First mention of George and Steve Strazicich, cousins from the island of Mljet. Steve owned this hotel and restaurant until his death in 1914. *Watsonville Transcript*, 17 Aug 1889. *See end of this chapter for comment.

Paj; 8 Aug 1889; item: "Sresovich & Co. shut down the Watsonville drier last week, and are now sun-drying apricots and prunes."

Paj; 15 Aug 1889; ALL: Frank Stupicich.

Paj; 22 Aug 1889; item: "L. G. Sresovich has a busy force of men at his packing house on lower Main street. At present they are packing and shipping apples to Mexico, Central America and Australia."

Paj; 22 Aug 1889; ALL: Frank Stipicich.

Paj; 2 Jan 1890; item: "M. N. Lettunich, the fruit packer, left for the south last Thursday to open his orange packing ware-house at San Gabriel and Alhambra."

Fig. 1-8.
The Elite, the Vienna,
and now it's the
Eureka.

Rustler, 14 Sep 1889.

EUREKA RESTAURANT
(Main Street, Opposite Postoffice.)

JOHN SALANCO, Prop.

THE EUREKA IS CONDUCTED AS A first class restaurant. The tables are supplied with the best the market affords, and a fine stock of pure wines and liquors and choice cigars is always on hand.

Meals Served at all Hours.

Oysters in any style.....	50 cents
Porterhouse Steak.....	50 cents
Rib Steak.....	25 cents
Ham and Eggs.....	25 cents

Paj; 23 Jan 1890; item: "M. N. Lettunich has returned from the orange groves of Southern California."

Paj; 23 Jan 1890; item: "A sworn complaint from Eureka restaurant, against Geo. Strazicich, proprietor of the Morning Star restaurant, was read. The complaint stated that Strazicich disobeyed the law in relation to selling liquor between the hours of 12 M. and 5 A.M. Action on the complaint was postponed until the next meeting, when it is probable both parties will be examined. This is the first complaint of the kind brought before this Board."

Paj; 30 Jan 1890; article: "...The complaint of Rokovich against Strazicich, in which Strazicich was accused of selling liquor after midnight, now came up. At the previous meeting there was a doubt as to whether Mr. Rokovich was an elector or not, and in case he was not the complaint would fall to the ground. City Attorney Hall said that in order for a person to be an elector he had to be on the great register. Mr. Rokovich was sworn and stated that he was not on the great register... T. J. Horgan said that Mr. Rokovich thought he was signing the complaint as a witness and not as a complainant..."

Paj; 30 Jan 1890; article: "...The storm had been gathering for nearly two days, and on Friday it broke. The rain descended without interruption until Saturday morning..."

"[T]he Plaza was under water... On the block of Main street nearest the river is located the apple packing houses of Sresovich & Co., Banaz & Scurich, M. N. Lettunich and M. Rabasa. They were damaged by the washing away of fruit boxes and the loss of apples. Their losses were nominal..." [*first mention of Scurich in local papers; this was Luke, who arrived around 1886*]

Paj; 6 Feb 1890; item: "Marshall Bridgewater entered a complaint against Geo. Strazicich, proprietor of the Morning Star Hotel, for violation of the liquor ordinance

on or about Jan. 19th. He made the complaint on the sworn statement of S. Rokovich and the unsworn statement of R. Binsacca."

Paj; 13 Feb 1890; article: "...The case of Geo. Strazicich, charged with violating the liquor ordinance, now came up... City Attorney Hall offered the record book of the city as evidence that the defendant had been granted a license to conduct a saloon. Julius Lee, defendant's attorney, questioned the right of the Board to sit in a matter of this nature and thought it should probably come up in the courts. He delivered quite a speech in support of the same, but the Board thought otherwise and said they were ready to hear the testimony.

"Lee moved to dismiss the whole matter as it was informally commenced and brought before a tribunal not entitled to act on the same.

"Jackson replied to Mr. Lee and said that if the Board did not have power to try these cases then they might as well quit making ordinances for the government of the city. Mr. Lee's motion was defeated.

"Mr. Rokovich [Rokovich] was sworn and testified that he had lived here since last October and had known the defendant about two years. He and a number of other men were in Strazicich's restaurant on 19th January, about 11:30 o'clock P.M., and had two or three drinks but did not see him sell liquor after midnight. He claimed that when he signed the complaint he thought it was as a witness to some fact and did not know it was a complaint. It was very hard to get much out of the witness as he would plead ignorance of the English language when a hard question was propounded.

"C. Martinelli was sworn and testified that it was after 12 o'clock when the liquor was sold. He said he looked at his watch before entering the restaurant and it was 12:20 P.M. He denied that he was a particular friend of R. Binsacca's and was trying to injure Strazicich's business in order to gratify the spite of Binsacca. Judge Lee put the witness under a severe cross examination and the witness complained at times that the attorney's questions were 'too high toned' for him to understand.

"Marshall Bridgewater testified as to Rokovich's signing the complaint and of Judge Beckett telling him what it was he was signing.

"F. Holmquist, a cigar maker[,] testified that he went to the restaurant to get supper that evening and the party of gentlemen named in the complaint were in the restaurant drinking at the time. He was positive it was long before 12 o'clock as all the saloons on Main street were open... He thought the gentlemen who were drinking left the place before he finished his meal.

"Geo. Strazicich, the defendant, was sworn and made a general denial of everything charged in the complaint and in Martinelli's testimony. He told a very straight story. This finished the testimony.

"It appears from the testimony adduced that Rokovich,

a restaurant keeper, was prompted to make the complaint by one R. Binsacca, another restaurant keeper on Main street, who appears to have had a grudge against Strazicich and wanted to play for even in this manner. It would have appeared more honorable if he had made his own complaint and stayed here and given his testimony instead of having 'gone to the springs.' The Board has taken the matter under advisement and will render their decision next Tuesday evening to which time they adjourned."

Paj; 20 Feb 1890; item: "Under the head of unfinished business the decision in the Strazicich case was to be rendered. Jackson moved to dismiss the complaint. Seconded by Ingham and all voted 'aye.'"

Paj; 6 Mar 1890; ALL: Marco Gercovich.

Paj; 13 Mar 1890; item: "J. Christenson to L. G. Sresovich—Lot 3, Block J of Camp Capitola, \$1,000."

Fig. 1-9.
George Strazicich
(1861-1938)



Paj; 8 May 1890; item: "Petitions for saloon licenses were read from Geo. Strazicich, D. Malieu, J. S. Yoacham, A. J. Mattos, A. Binsacca, L. Ginocchio, M. S. Lopes and A. Lewis. The petitions were accompanied by bonds, and were laid over for one week."

Paj; 15 May 1890; item: "Petitions of A. Lewis, M. S. Lopes, L. Ginocchio, A. Binsacca, A. J. Mattos, D. Maheu, J. S. Yoacham and Geo. Strazicich & Co. for saloon licenses were read, and were ordered laid on the table, as the amended ordinance did not require petitions for saloon licenses."

Paj; 29 May 1890; ALL: Castrapelli & Beline [Bellin].

Paj; 24 Jul 1890; item: "The men who are exclusively engaged in buying, packing and selling Pajaro valley fruits are showing a strong desire to make contracts for a long term of years...Last week Marco Rabasa, the pioneer fruit packer of this place, contracted for J. S. Menasco's young orchard near Corralitos, agreeing to pay 85 cents per hundred pounds for apples and 75 cents per hundred pounds for prunes, the contract to run 8 years from January 1st, 1891. The buyer agrees to take all sound fruit, large or small, at these figures, and is to prop the trees and pick the fruit, and use only new boxes. The orchard was set out early in 1888..."

Paj; 31 Jul 1890; item: "Marco Rabasa has made another contract for a young orchard, covering a term of years. G. H. Brewington is the other party to the contract. His orchard is on Lake avenue, adjoining the land of James Waters, and is a very promising orchard."

Paj; 7 Aug 1890; item: "At the present time the main shipments from the Watsonville depot are tree fruits and berries, and from 3 to 5 carloads are shipped daily, while the packing houses are storing considerable and two dryers are at work in the northern part of the township. A car will hold 400 boxes of apples...A good bearing apple orchard should produce 400 boxes to the acre, and they will do it in the Pajaro valley in even this 'off year'. Packers are paying from 45 to 60 cents per box for apples on the trees, and where growers are shipping to the city on their own account they are averaging not less than \$1.00 per box. Taking the former price as the basis we find that the crop of one acre of a good apple orchard in this valley this year is worth not less than \$200..."

Paj; 7 Aug 1890; item: "George Winston and Sam Lorton, two young vagrants, aged 15 and 16 years respectively, struck the town on Thursday night, and were given entertainment by George Strazicich, proprietor of the Morning Star restaurant. The boys showed their ingratitude by stealing their benefactor's overcoat. They were arrested and taken before Justice Swank, who sent them to jail for 10 days."

Paj; 18 Sep 1890; ALL: N. L. Serson [Sersen].

Paj; 2 Oct 1890; list: "Contributors to the State Grange Fund: Geo. Strazicich, \$10..." [*to defray the cost of entertaining the State Grange in convention here; George is the only Slav listed*]

[6 Oct 1890; *George Strazicich and Mary Konsuo were married in Watsonville; not mentioned in the newspaper; first Slav couple to marry in Watsonville; Mary was the first Slav woman in Watsonville*]

Fig. 1-10. Marija "Mary" Konsuo Strazicich (1864-1907), wife of George Strazicich. One of the few Croatian immigrants born in the town of Dubrovnik. The mother of the first Slav born in Watsonville (see Fig. 1-14). Her sister married Andrew Strazicich, George's brother (see Fig. 1-29).



Paj; 30 Oct 1890; ALL: Anton Novackovich. [*first mention of Novakovich*]

Paj; 13 Nov 1890; item: "Geo. Strazicich has purchased the Eureka restaurant, opposite the post office."

Paj; 13 Nov 1890; item: "The celebrated 'fruit' suit of Pearson and Sresovich has been settled by the latter paying the full amount of the judgement and costs."

Paj; 13 Nov 1890; item: "M. N. Lettunich has gone to Los Angeles Co. to make contracts for the coming orange crop."

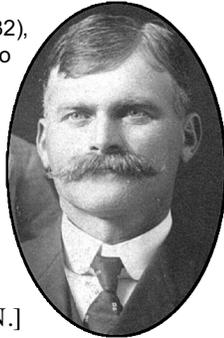
Paj; 27 Nov 1890; item: "Marco Rabasa, the pioneer fruit packer, went to San Jose last week for medical treatment. He has been in poor health for some time."

Paj; 18 Dec 1890; item: "G. M. Bockius is fitting up the place recently occupied by Lynam's shop as an addition to Geo. Strazicich's restaurant."

Paj; 1 Jan 1891; ALL: Sig. Antun Milocevic [Miocevic].

Paj; 1 Jan 1891; item: "Mrs. Kidder's Home School will reopen Monday, Jan. 5th. Every effort will be made to make this school thorough and systematic in its work and profitable to pupils of any grade." [see also 3 Mar 1892]

Fig. 1-11. Luke Scurich (1864-1932), oldest brother of the 8 siblings who immigrated to Watsonville.



Paj; 1 Jan 1891; item: "N. Williamson and wife to Nick Banaz and Luke Scurich—Lot on Main street, Watsonville, \$1000.

Paj; 1 Jan 1891; item: "Mr. N. [M. N.] Lettunich leaves tomorrow for the southern part of the State to attend to his fruit interests in that section."

Paj; 1 Jan 1891; item: "M. N. Lettunich, the enterprising fruit packer of this place, has opened a packing house at Riverside, San Bernardino county, for the orange season. This makes the third shipping house he has in operation in the orange district of the south. He says that the crop is good, but that the growers are holding out for big prices."

Paj; 8 Jan 1891; item: "...The following report of the Finance Committee was read and on motion of Jackson the same was adopted and warrants ordered issued: ...S. Strasicich, meals: \$3.80..."



Fig. 1-12. Vlaho "Blas" Puhiera, 1858-1909. Good friends with Luke Scurich. They immigrated together on the same boat in 1883. They also returned together on their first visit back to the home country, in 1901.

Paj; 5 Feb 1891; item: "Edward White to W. V. Gaffey, V. Puhuiro [Puhiera], M. Puhuiro and M. S. Machado—A tract of land on road leading from Watsonville to San Jose; also a right of way, \$129."

Paj; 5 Feb 1891; item: "Geo. Strasicich, proprietor of the California Restaurant, opposite the postoffice, has something to say to our readers in another column. He keeps a first class restaurant and invites the patronage of our people."

Fig. 1-13. The Eureka Restaurant probably became the California Restaurant.

Pajaronian, 5 Feb 1891.

CALIFORNIA
RESTAURANT,
—AND—
OYSTER HOUSE!
MAIN ST. OPP. POSTOFFICE.
—
MEALS AT ALL HOURS!
—
Private Rooms for Ladies.
—
GES. STRASICICH, Prop.

Paj; 21 May 1891; item: "Marco Rabasa came over from San Jose last week and spent a few days here closing up his business interests in this section. He left here last November, and since that time he has been in very poor health; and as his condition does not assure permanent improvement he concluded to retire from the apple packing business. Mr. Rabasa was one of the first apple packers to locate in this valley, and he was among the pioneers in that business in Santa Clara county. He has many warm friends here, and they trust that he will find relief from his malady in a speedy return to health."

Paj; 21 May 1891; item: "J. L. Ivancovich & Co. is the name of a firm of apple packers from Santa Clara which is buying up Pajaro orchards for the first time this season. The firm is well known in Santa Clara county."

Arcata Union, Arcata, CA; 23 May, 1891; obit: "LOUIE FARLEN, one of the old-time boatmen on the bay, died in Arcata Wednesday night. He was a hard working industrious man, and had been ill for some time. He was a native of Austria, aged about 55 years, and leaves quite a family to mourn his loss. He was a member of the order of Chosen Friends and his remains were forwarded to Eureka for interment at the Bucksport cemetery." [father of Rose Farlin; Rose would become the wife of Mateo Lettunich in 1894; the whole family would move to Watsonville in 1899]

Paj; 28 May 1891; item: "Strasicich & Bencovich have something to say to our readers in another column. They keep a first class restaurant and hotel."

Paj; 28 May 1891; disp. ad: "Morning Star Restaurant and Hotel, Lower Main St., Opp. First St., We have opened a first class restaurant and hotel. Eastern and California oysters in any style. Everything the Market Affords. At all seasons and at the most reasonable rates. Boarding and Lodging, \$5 per Wk. Fine Rooms Over the Restaurant. S. Strazicich and N. Bencovich, Proprietors." [see Fig., next page]

Paj; 4 Jun 1891; item: "M. N. Lettunich came up from Alhambra last Thursday and returned to the south on Saturday. The orange shipping season is not quite through in that district yet, and he had to return to clean up. He will be a Pajaro fruit shipper the rest of the year."

Paj; 4 Jun 1891; item: "Fruit buyers are not in the great rush to buy orchards that they were last year. Their haste at that time proved expensive, as between the loss of fruit which fell from the trees and the lowness of the prices, they did not find the season profitable. Last year most of the orchards were bought before this time, and many of the best were purchased in April last season and are now unpurchased. The buyers claim that the prices are too high for the amount of the fruit crop, and on the other hand the orchardists hold that the packers have been making the big end of the profit in past seasons and that they will handle their fruits themselves if the buyers do not pay their prices. From persons whose business has led them to examine most of the orchards in this township, we learn that the apple crop will not average over half a crop this year, and that the best yield is in the vicinity of Watsonville. The Newtown Pippins and Bellefleurs are especially light, and the Pearmain is a better crop...Apple orchards in the northern part of the valley are the lightest in setting..."

Paj; 25 Jun 1891; item: "L. G. Sresovich spent several days in this valley during the past week, and he bought up several orchards. The apple crop of the State will be short and packers are now more anxious to get hold of Pajaro orchards."

Paj; 25 Jun 1891; item: "L. G. Sresovich, the apple king, is in the field again this year buying fruit. All parties wishing to sell their fruit on the tree or by the box will please address him at P.O. Box 2279, San Francisco, or call at his packing house at Watsonville, corner of Main and First streets."

Paj; 2 Jul 1891; item: "M. N. Lettunich has returned from the orange land of the south, and is getting ready to handle a big part of the apple crop of this valley. During his southern campaign he shipped 98 cars of oranges, and with the exception of 4 cars, the entire shipment was to Eastern cities."

Paj; 23 Jul 1891; born: "Watsonville, July 21st, to the wife of Geo. Strasicich, a son." [1st Slav born in Watsonville: Nicholas Strazicich, +1959]

Fig. 1-14.
Nick Strazicich.
First Slav born in Watsonville.
Also see Fig. 1-28.



Humboldt Times; 30 Jul 1891; item: "Matteo Lettunich, a resident of this county for the past 15 years, and who has been engaged in business in both Arcata and Eureka the greater part of that time, will be an outgoing passenger on the steamer North Fork to-day. Mr. Lettunich has disposed of his business in this city, but still retains his other property interests, his future movements being still undecided. He will first visit a brother [cousin] residing in Watsonville, with a view to engaging with him in the fruit business in San Jose, and may ultimately make a trip to his home in Austria."

Paj; 13 Aug 1891; item: "J. L. Ivancovich & Bro. have opened their packing house at Allen's hall, on Fourth street." [this company was based in Santa Clara Co.; see 21 May 1891]

Paj; 10 Dec 1891; item: "M. N. Lettunich has gone to San Jose and has opened a commission and supply house at that point. He retains his packing house and interests here, which are in charge of his brother. By locating in San Jose he is in better position to handle Eastern orders...We trust that he will be successful to his complete satisfaction in his new home."

Paj; 17 Dec 1891; notice of co-partnership: "Notice is hereby given that W. A. Speckens and M. Zadielovich have formed a co-partnership to conduct a general merchandising business in the city of Watsonville...The firm name shall be Speckens & Zadielovich...[dated] Dec 16, 1891."

Paj; 7 Jan 1892; item: "Board of Trustees...The Finance Committee reported favorably on the following claims and they were ordered paid: ...Strasicich & Belbini [Bellin], meals, \$9.40..."

Paj; 7 Jan 1892; item: "The tug-of-war fever has reached this part of the earth, and has been 'received with thunders of applause' from those who have viewed it in its full glory. The first pull of the local campaign took place at the Railroad House on the evening of Dec. 30th."

The first pull was between teams of the butcher boys and the boys of the high school. The butchers pulled the schoolboys over the line. Then teams known as the Danes and Pajaros tried their strength and sticktoativeness, and after a contest of over three hours the Danes won the match. The contestants had a hard struggle, and there was more soreness among them next day then they would admit. In the meantime the tug-of-war fever is spreading worse than the measles in Santa Cruz, and the Alert Hose Co. of that place has the champion crew. It is proposed to pit the Dane team of this place against the Alerts. If they meet it will be 'good-bye' Alerts. There are more local matches in prospect. The schoolboys have daily contests with the rope, and at the Pajaro Valley Orphanage the little fellows go into the sport with a rush." [see 3 Jan 1895]

Fig. 1-15.
Two display ads together
in the same paper.
At the Morning Star,
Nick Bencovich is now
Steve's partner instead of
George Strazicich.

Pajaronian, 7 Jan 1892.

NEW FIRM!

SPECKENS & ZADIELOVICH

Invite the people of
WATSONVILLE
To call and inspect their choice stock of

Family Groceries
FRUITS, CIGARS, ETC.

Our Prices are Reasonable
AND WE KINDLY
Solicit Your Trade.

REMEMBER THE PLACE:
STOESSER'S -:- BLOCK,
OPPOSITE THE POSTOFFICE.

MORNING STAR
Restaurant AND Hotel
Lower Main St., Opp. First St.

WE HAVE OPENED A FIRST
class restaurant and hotel. Meals
will be served at all hours. Eastern
and California oysters in any style. 

Everything the Market Affords,
At all seasons and at the most reasonable rates.

Board and Lodging, \$5 per Wk.

**FINE ROOMS OVER THE
RESTAURANT.**

S. Strazicich and N. Beneovich.
PROPRIETORS.

Paj; 12 Jan 1892; item: "There have been winters, and not very long ago, when it was impossible to go to the town railroad depot, via Third street, with a team; but thanks to the efforts of the present Board of City Trustees in their work of improving the thoroughfares of our city,

that time is past, and Third street is today the best road within the city limits. It is a matter of greatest importance to every city to have first class streets from its railroad stations to its main thoroughfares. In macadamizing Third street the City Trustees improved the street which is first viewed by every stranger who may come within our city..." [Third St. is Beach St. today]

Paj; 14 Jan 1892; item: "M. N. Lettunich has been over from San Jose this week looking after his interests in this place."

Paj; 3 Mar 1892; item: "Following is the Roll of Honor of Mrs. Kidder's Home school: Advanced Grade—Nick Mortizia, 100...Intermediate Grade—Tony Scurich, 94..." [first Slavs found in Watsonville school listings; Nick was 20 years old and Tony (Antone A.) was 17, so they had to attend this private home school; the teacher also taught public school; see also 1 Jan 1891]

Paj; 10 Mar 1892; item: "M. Rabasa was over from San Jose this week. He is again in good health, and his recovery can be looked upon as something marvelous. When he left here it was supposed he would soon die of the dropsy—but Marco is in the flesh and very much in it. He is going to engage in his old business of apple buying again this season, and expects to do some business in this valley."

Paj; 10 Mar 1892; item: "Martin Zadielovich has rented the office formerly occupied by Judge Gaffey, and will open a fruit and grocery store there."

Paj; 21 Apr 1892; list: "[The Board of Trustees] approved of the following claims and they were ordered paid: ...Strasicich & Bellini, meals: \$1.60..."

Paj; 28 Apr 1892; item: "...Roll of Honor of Mrs. Kidder's Home School: Advanced Grade—Nick Mortizia, 100..."

Paj; 28 Apr 1892; item: "M. N. Lettunich has been having the warehouse removed from the Blackburn lot this week."

Paj; 5 May 1892; item: "M. N. Lettunich has been over from San Jose the past week, and has been buying a few orchards for the season."

Paj; 12 May 1892; item: "Marco Rabasa was over from San Jose last week, and while here purchased a few lots of cherries and expects to be in the swim for the big apple orchards this season..."

Paj; 19 May 1892; item: "Marco Rabasa is over from San Jose this week, and the annual campaign of the orchard

buyers has commenced in earnest. Several large orchards have been sold this week.”

Paj; 19 May 1892; item: “L. G. Sresovich, of San Francisco, was here last Saturday, looking after orchards.”

Paj; 2 Jun 1892; item: “M. N. Lettunich is handling the cherry crop of K. F. Redman’s orchard—the largest cherry orchard in Pajaro valley.”

Paj; 2 Jun 1892; item: “Mr. P. M. Shearer, the well known fruit man of the Sacramento valley, is now connected with us and will take charge of the branch of our business located at Watsonville, and we hope you will extend to him the same courtesy in the future as you have to us in the past. M. N. LETTUNICH & CO.”

Paj; 9 Jun 1892; item: “WANTED—Eight or ten experienced cherry packers (girls). Apply to M. N. Lettunich & Co., or P. M. Shearer, Lewis House.”

Paj; 9 Jun 1892; item: “B. N. Trobock, of the commission firm of Trobock & Bergen, San Francisco, was here a few days this week. He is greatly pleased with the prospect for a good fruit crop in this valley. He states that the second crop of strawberries in the Santa Clara valley will be a failure and that San Francisco will have to depend upon this valley for her strawberries.” [*Trobock is likely Trobok from Pelješac Peninsula or Lopud; like Sresovich, he lived in San Francisco and never in Watsonville*]

Paj; 9 Jun 1892; item: “Mr. M. Lettunich & Co. has a fine lot of cherries suitable for canning purposes from the Redman orchard. We are prepared to supply all families with this kind of fruit the present season.”

Paj; 16 Jun 1892; item: “M. N. Lettunich has been over from San Jose this week...he is shipping quite a lot of cherries to Denver and the southern part of the State. He is packing them in a box of novel form, very similar to a raisin box, and the packages are very neatly put up.”

Paj; 4 Aug 1892; item: “M. Rabasa bought about all of the apricot crop in the Carneros and Sand-cut district [Aromas], and has been shipping the fruit from Vega at the rate of several tons per day...Packers who have been through the San Jose apricot district say that the apricots shipped by Rabasa from the orchards of M. B. Tuttle, J. W. Snyder, H. F. Blohm and M. Nicholson are superior to those of the San Jose district.”

Paj; 18 Aug 1892; item: “It is estimated that the apple crop of this valley will reach 250,000 boxes this year. It will take about 400 cars to take that amount of fruit to market. It is also estimated that the entire fruit output of

the valley, including berries, for the season...will be over 1000 cars; and yet the fruit business is but in its infancy in this valley.”

Paj; 18 Aug 1892; born: “Watsonville, August 11th, to the wife of Geo. Strasicich, a son.” [*2nd Croatian born in Watsonville: George Strazicich, +1959; see Fig. 1-28*]

Paj; 18 Aug 1892; item: “If the road from Lake avenue which passes through the lands of the college and Judge Bockius could be opened through to the Green Valley road it would give the people of the northern part of the valley an outlet to town that would be passable all times of the year. Several efforts have been made to open this road, but without success. The work in that direction is to be continued, and we are informed that the prospects for the opening of the road are considered very encouraging.” [*Holohan Rd. or Casserly?*]

Paj; 1 Sep 1892; item: “John Legassick, formerly of this place, died about two weeks ago at Lompoc.” [*possibly a Slav; perhaps Legasich*]

Paj; 22 Sep 1892; item: “The new street banner purchased by the Watsonville Republican League Club has been stretched across Main street from the Mansion House to the Ford block. It is a beauty.” [*this is the same place that banners are stretched today; Mansion House was on the corner then, where the Lettunich Building is today*]

Paj; 13 Oct 1892; item: “Pajaro Lodge of Odd Fellows has purchased from W. W. and Mary A. Ford the lot on Third street between the Mansion House property and Gunther’s store. It has a frontage of 70 feet, and was sold at the reasonable figure of \$30 per front foot. It is the intention of the lodge to build a large two-story business block, with hall on the upper floor. This will be one of the big building improvements of the town.” [*this was the I.O.O.F. Building, where the Austrian-American Benevolent Society held its meetings for years; it was damaged in the 1989 earthquake and torn down*]

Paj; 13 Oct 1892; item: “The annual Pajaro valley fair will open next Tuesday, and as the season has been one of more than average prosperity in all branches of farming and business, the exhibit should be thoroughly representative of this great valley and its diversified products...Liberal premiums are offered in all departments, and the exhibits should be superior to that of any previous year...”

Paj; 13 Oct 1892; item: “The way the fruit business is growing in this valley it will not be so many years before there will be need of a daily fruit train from Watsonville to San Francisco.”

Paj; 27 Oct 1892; item: "The apple crop of the Blackburn orchard is nearly harvested, and the production is going to overrun the estimate made in the Pajaronian some time since—14,000 boxes. There are parts of the orchard that have borne 1400 boxes to the acre this year, and several trees have turned off more than 50 boxes each, and several of the Newtown Pippin trees have borne 25 boxes..."

Paj; 27 Oct 1892; item: "The apple wagons passing through town on their way from the orchards to the packing houses make an almost constant procession from early morning until late at night. The amount of the apple crop this year will be far in excess of that of any previous year, and will most probably be the largest of any section in the State."

Paj; 17 Nov 1892; item: "A cement sidewalk is to be laid in front of the Ford block."

Paj; 17 Nov 1892; item: "The recruiting officers did not do any business in Watsonville. Wages are too good and work too plentiful about this section to tempt anyone to enlist."

Paj; 17 Nov 1892; item: "Daily shipments of fruit are being made in carload lots from Watsonville to Eastern points. Most of the cars are being sent to points west of the Missouri river, and are mainly loaded with apples... S. J. Roper, of San Jose, is shipping heavily for the Eastern market, buying of local packers, and M. N. Lettunich is shipping on his own account."

Paj; 12 Jan 1893; item: "M. N. Lettunich has purchased a lot from Mrs. S. A. Cox on Maple avenue, the consideration being \$650. It is a fine building lot, and will doubtless be improved by a handsome cottage some day."

Paj; 16 Feb 1893; item: "A large packing house is being built for M. Rabasa on the corner of 4th and Walker Sts." *[that part of 4th is W. Lake today]*

Paj; 9 Mar 1893; item: "Maple avenue is destined to be the center of the residence portion of our city...J. F. Aston is building two fine homes on the block—one for Jas. Sheehy and the other for M. N. Lettunich...These new houses are large and stylish in design, and will be handsome additions to the homes of our city."

Paj; 30 Mar 1893; item: "It is reported that a prominent young shipper of this valley will be married in San Francisco next Sunday."

Paj; 30 Mar 1893; item: "George Strasicich is building a house on the lot on Walker street he recently purchased from Thos. Moffatt."

SF Morn. Call; 8 Apr 1893; married: "Lettunich-Mengola: In this city, April 2, 1893, by the Rev. Father Lynch, Martin Lettunich of Watsonville and Gracie Mengola of San Francisco."



Fig. 1-16.
M. N. Lettunich
(1864-1955),
Grace Mengola
(1870-1965),
wedding photo.

Paj; 13 Apr 1893; item: "Geo. Strasicich's 3-story hotel at Watsonville depot is well along towards completion."

Paj; 13 Apr 1893; item: "F. P. Marinovich, the fruit packer, has purchased a house and lot from Mrs. V. Burland, on Alexander street." *[first mention of Marinovich]*



Fig. 1-17.
Filip P. Marinovich (1864-1938).
Filip and M.N. Lettunich were born the same year in neighboring villages and attended the same church and social funtions when growing up.



Fig. 1-18. F. P. Marinovich house, 22 Alexander St, Watsonville; address was changed to 18 Alexander in 1925.

Paj; 13 Apr 1893; item: "The well known fruit packing firm of Banaz & Scurich has been dissolved by mutual consent, and each of the firm will engage in the business on individual account. N. Banaz has purchased the personal property and real estate of the old firm, and will continue in business at the old place, lower Main street. L. Scurich will have his packing houses on Alexander

street, near Fifth [*sic* betw. 3rd and 4th (now Beach and E. Lake)].”

Paj; 13 Apr 1893; item: “M. N. Lettunich and wife have returned from their wedding trip and will make their home in Watsonville. The Pajaronian extends its congratulations to the worthy young couple. Their handsome residence on Maple avenue will soon be ready for occupancy.”

Paj; 13 Apr 1893; married: “San Francisco, April 2nd, 1893, Miss Anna Gordon of San Francisco to M. Zadielovich of this city.”

Paj; 13 Apr 1893; article: “The fruit season of 1893 has commenced—at least a main factor in it—and some of the packers have been getting in early on cherry contracts. The trees are yet in bloom, with prospects for an unusually heavy crop—providing rains and frosts do no damage. Geo. D. Rodgers made the first sale of the season to M. Rilovich & Bro. and M. B. Tuttle followed with a sale to M. Rabasa of 203 trees for \$400. Two dollars per tree for fruit prospects of cherry trees in bloom does not indicate that this is going to be a year of light prices...” [*first mention of Rilovich*]

Paj; 20 Apr 1893; item: “N. Bencovich has disposed of his interest in the Morning Star Restaurant, to his former partner, Steve Strasicich, who will conduct the restaurant in a first class manner. Mr. Bencovich left for Hollister this week where he proposes to start a restaurant. The people of Hollister will find Nick a first class man in his line of business.”

Paj; 27 Apr 1893; item: “L. Scurich is building a large packing house on Alexander street.”

Paj; 4 May 1893; item: “N. Banaz, one of the pioneer fruit packers of the Pajaro, left this week for his old home in Austria.” [*this was Nick Banaz, the uncle of Nick Banaz who is cited further in this book, most prominently in 1900 when he went bankrupt (with his uncle’s money)*]

Paj; 4 May 1893; item: “Gerkovich & Co., a local packing firm, will operate in the Soquel district a part of the season. They have made cherry purchases in that section.”

Paj; 11 May 1893; married: “San Jose, Miss Nicoletta Pujizevich [*Pulisevich*], of San Jose, to F. P. Marinovich of Watsonville [no wedding date is given].”

Paj; 11 May 1893; married: “San Francisco, May 7th, 1893, Miss Mary Vlautin [*Vlahutin*], of San Francisco, to L. Scurich, of Watsonville.”



Fig. 1-19.
Luke Scurich
(1864-1932),
Maria Vlahutin
(1865-1949).

[*The 3 most prominent Croatians of the day: M. N. Lettunich, Luke Scurich and F. P. Marinovich were all married within 5 weeks of each other; all 3 were born in 1864 in Konavle within 3 miles of each other; all 3 have descendants today in Watsonville.*]

Paj; 25 May 1893; item: “Last week an Austrian was arrested near Soquel for refusing to pay his poll tax. He was tried in Santa Cruz, and the jury found him ‘not guilty.’ It was claimed that the man did not understand the language and had no intention of refusing payment. As the poll tax is the most unpopular tax imposed it would be a difficult matter under any circumstances to get a jury to convict a man for refusing to pay it.”

Paj; 15 Jun 1893; notice: “L. Scurich, the well known fruit buyer, has removed his place of business and packing houses from lower Main street to Alexander street, between Third and Fourth streets.”

Paj; 6 Jul 1893; item: “This morning about 4 o’clock H. P. Iveson, who runs the night sprinkler, discovered M. Zadielovich’s store on upper Main street to be on fire. The firemen quickly responded and did splendid work in confining the fire to the burning building. The building and its contents were a total loss. W. V. Gaffey owned the building and it was insured for \$300. Zadielovich’s stock was insured for \$500. The fire is [probably] of incendiary origin.”

Paj; 20 Jul 1893; item: “J. Pierovich, late proprietor of the California restaurant, was sent from this county to the Agnew’s asylum, and died there last Friday.”

Paj; 24 Aug 1893; item: “The apricot drying yards of Scurich Bros. and M. N. Lettunich & Co. are busy places at present. These firms have the bulk of the apricot crop of the valley, outside of the Corralitos district, and they are hard at work getting the fruit in dried form. They are giving employment to a number of women and girls in the cutting work.”

Paj; 31 Aug 1893; item: “Scurich Bros. are shipping some varieties of prunes to the Chicago and New York markets.” [*see Fig. next page*]



Fig. 1-20.
Scurich bros: (l. to r.)
Steve (1868-1944),
Antone (1875-1939),
Luke (1864-1932).
Probably taken in
1890 when Antone
first arrived.

Paj; 14 Sep 1893; item: "Ivancovich & Co. are drying fruit at the Peck orchard in Green Valley."

Paj; 14 Sep 1893; item: "...The Pajaronian has long advocated a union of fruit growers of the Pajaro valley, and we believe that with proper organization, with a directory of men who had a knowledge of business methods at the head of the organization, the union could be made as much of a success here as in Santa Clara valley. Under its fostering management the drying of fruit and its processing by a cannery would be encouraged, and our fruit would get more of a distinctive name. This year, for instance, carloads of Pajaro fruit—notably cherries and pears—have been shipped East, but they are classed and sold as Santa Clara fruit because the boxes are re-shipped at San Jose. If this valley had a fruit union Pajaro fruit could find its way to Eastern markets in direct shipment, to the greater profit of our growers and packers."

Paj; 21 Sep 1893; born: "Watsonville, Sept. 18th, to the wife of Geo. Strasicich, a son." [*John Strazicich, +1975; see Fig. 1-28*]

Paj; 12 Oct 1893; item: "S. Scurich was thrown from a wagon on the beach road one day last week, and was badly bruised. He is able to get around, but is yet quite sore."

Paj; 12 Oct 1893; item: "Watsonville has reached a size where her business houses and residences should be numbered. The matter is referred to the Trustees. Some day Watsonville will have a letter delivery service, and then the numbering will be required."

Paj; 2 Nov 1893; item: "The heavy shipments of apples eastward have created a big demand for pine boxes, as the redwood box is not wanted by Eastern fruit handlers. Every pine box set from this valley should have a distinctive brand on one of the heads: 'Pajaro Valley Fruit,' with an outline scene of the valley. Every box should advertise this section."

Paj; 9 Nov. 1893; item: "**The Lucky Competitors of the**

Pajaro Valley Fair. A Complete List of the Premiums Awarded By the Directors of Each Respective Department...[no Slavs were mentioned]"

Paj; 16 Nov 1893; item: "The largest carload of apples ever shipped from this valley was sent from Pajaro last week. It was shipped by M. N. Lettunich & Co. in a Sante Fe furniture car, consigned to Denver, and consisted of 1006 boxes."

Paj; 16 Nov 1893; article: "**Pajaro Valley Apples in the East.** Soon after the opening of the apple shipping season W. R. Keller, of Denver, representing several Eastern commission houses, located in Watsonville for the season and engaged in handling Pajaro valley apples for Eastern shipment. From time to time in past years some of the packers have shipped direct to Eastern points on their own account, and thereby the apples of this valley came in to some prominence. Colorado, Montana and Washington have been purchasers of our apples for two or three years. The volume of shipments in past years has been but small compared with what has been done this year since Mr. Keller came here and engaged in direct shipping. Much credit is due this gentleman for his work in introducing Pajaro valley fruit in Eastern markets, and his efforts are sincerely appreciated. It is probable that not less than 100 cars of apples have been shipped from here to Eastern points since the season opened, and as yet none of the winter apples have been forwarded. These apples have gone into Montana, Minnesota, Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, and all of the Western States. The main demand has been for Bellefleurs, which have been a fine crop this year. Of the shipments made Mr. Keller has made one half, and the balance has been from M. N. Lettunich & Co., Scurich Bros., M. Rabasa and other packers. That our apples are making a grand showing in the East is attested by the following clipping from the St. Paul Pioneer Press of a carload which Mr. Keller recently sent from Watsonville to that city:

"The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul fast freight, which arrived from the West yesterday, brought a carload of the finest apples ever shipped to this city. Instead of being put up in barrels, as the common sorts of apples usually are, these are carefully packed in neat boxes which bear the famous 'W.R.K.' brand, so favorably known in every prominent city from Maine to California. Mr. W. Keller, the proprietor of this popular brand, has supplied the wholesale market of St. Paul during the past 12 years with apples from the orchards of Missouri, Illinois, Michigan and Iowa, but in these States, as well as in New York, the apple crop is almost a total failure this year. California beats the world for fruits of nearly all kinds, the various altitudes (and the consequent variety of climates) each seeming exactly suitable for the culture of some particular kind of fruit. Thus, Pajaro valley, Santa Cruz county, Cal., bears the distinction of

producing the finest apples in the world. Here, unlike other portions of the fruit growing districts, no irrigation is required, sufficient moisture being supplied by nature to give the fruit a slow but solid development; while the frosty nights and sunny days of autumn impart to it a flavor and color unequaled in richness and beauty..."

Paj; 23 Nov 1893; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. are figuring on erecting a drier in this valley next season to handle the stone fruits and apples. If they build a drier they will give especial attention to drying apples."

Paj; 30 Nov 1893; item: "Apple shippers are now after refrigerator cars for Eastern trade. The weather is too cold in the Rockies for apples to be shipped in safety in ventilator cars. Refrigerator cars cost about \$150 per trip more than ventilator cars."

[Annie Scurich, daughter of Luke and Maria Scurich, was born 7 Dec 1893 and lived one day; first Slav female born in Watsonville; no mention in the papers]

Paj; 21 Dec 1893; item: "The representatives of Eastern commission houses who have been here this winter inform us that at no place in the Eastern fruit districts do packers purchase orchards as they do here—when the trees are in blossom or soon after. In the East the orchardist doesn't get a chance to sell until his crop is gathered. The Pajaro fruit grower is speedy, and gets his coin about six months ahead of the final sale of the fruit."



Paj; 4 Jan 1894; born: "Watsonville, Jan 2d, 1894, to the wife of M. N. Lettunich, a daughter." *[Lucille; +1919]*

Fig. 1-21. Lucille Lettunich.

Paj; 4 Jan 1894; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. shipped two carloads of apples to New York last week. They expect that a part of the consignment will be reshipped to England."

Paj; 4 Jan 1894; item: "Scurich Bros. sent a carload of apples to Annapolis, Maryland, last week. 'The world is the parish' of the Pajaro valley apple."

Paj; 11 Jan 1894; item: "Scurich Bros. shipped a carload of red apples to Denver on Saturday. Experts say that a handsomer lot of apples never left the State."

Paj; 18 Jan 1894; item: "Tuesday night M. N. Lettunich & Co. lost a valuable horse in the Pajaro river. One of their large teams was driven into the river to clean off a wagon, and the horses struck a deep pool with fatal result. The driver and other horses had a close call."

Paj; 25 Jan 1894; item: "The case of Mortizia & Novak, fruit packers, against J. H. Cain & Co., commission merchants, was on trial before Judge Smith last Friday. Cain & Co. had contracted to take a carload of apples from Mortizia & Novak, and when the fruit was packed ready for shipment they failed to come to time with the coin. The plaintiffs were given judgement for the full amount with costs..."

Paj; 1 Feb 1894; item: "Cain & Co., the S.F. commission men who were sued by Mortizia & Novak for the price of a carload of apples, and for which the latter got judgement, settled for the same last week and paid the costs of the suit."

Paj; 1 Feb 1894; item: "George Dabelich was over from Santa Cruz on Tuesday."

Paj; 8 Feb 1894; item: "W. W. and Mary A. Ford have sold a lot on Alexander street to Peter Lybanovich..."

Paj; 1 Mar 1894, item: "P. Lybanovich is building a cottage on the lot on Alexander street, which he recently purchased of W. W. and Mary A. Ford."

Paj; 22 Mar 1894, item: "L. Scurich and wife are in San Francisco visiting the Midwinter Fair."

Paj; 5 Apr 1894, item: "P. Sciutich, late of Monterey, has opened a new restaurant in the Grimmer block..."

Paj; 5 Apr 1894; disp. ad: "The New Tourists' Restaurant, Grimmer Blk., Opp. Lewis House. Meals at All Hours of Day and Night. Private Room for Families. Rear entrance from Union St. P. Sciuttich, Manager."

Paj; 5 Apr 1894; item: "Peter Lettunich will engage in the fruit packing business in this valley this season." *[M. N.'s brother]*

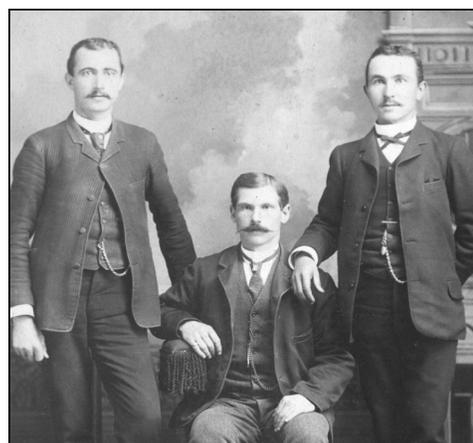


Fig. 1-22. Lettunich brothers (l. to r.): Edward (1880-1919), Peter (1873-1904); M. N. (1864-1955). These brothers were first cousins once removed with Mateo Lettunich.

Paj; 5 Apr 1894, item: "L. Opusich, one of the oldest fruit packers in this section, left for his home in Austria this week. He expects to spend the greater part of the year in Europe."

[this marriage was not mentioned in the local papers]

Humboldt Times, Eureka, CA; 6 Apr 1894; marriage: "Lettunich-Farlin. St. Bernard's Church last evening was the scene of a large gathering to witness the marriage of one of our former citizens, Mateo Lettunich and Miss Rosa Farlin, daughter of Mrs. L. T. Farlin of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Kennedy, A. B. Lettunich acting as best man and Miss Mamie Farlin as bridesmaid.

"At the conclusion of the ceremony the happy couple were driven to the residence of the bride's mother where a reception was held. Here they received the well wishes of their large circle of friends, and the evening was spent in merriment and the discussion of a dainty collation.

"Mr. and Mrs. Lettunich will sail on the Pomona tomorrow for San Francisco, where they will remain about a month, taking in the sights at the Midwinter Fair. They



Fig. 1-23.
Mateo Lettunich
(1857-1938) and
Rose Farlin
(1875-1900).

will then depart for Watsonville, where Mr. Lettunich has large business interests, to take up their future residence."

Paj; 12 Apr 1894; item: "Jerry Kraleovich [Kraljevich] has leased a storeroom in the Knowlton block, upper Main street, and will open the same up this week as a fruit and vegetable stand."

Paj; 19 Apr 1894; item: "F. Marinovich, of this city, was admitted to citizenship in the Superior Court last Saturday."

Paj; 19 Apr 1894; item: "The fruit packing firm of Mortizia & Novak has been dissolved, and the business will be continued by N. G. Mortizia at the old stand, the Morgan property, upper Main street."

Paj; 26 Apr 1894, item: "Mortizia & Zar, fruit packers,

have established themselves in the Morgan building, above the Mansion House."

Paj; 3 May 1894, item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. have had a mammoth fruit wagon made by Chas. Hobson. It will hold 200 boxes of apples. It is a giant of its class."

Paj; 24 May 1894; item: "The Austrian Benevolent Society was organized here last Saturday night. A. Bora, President; John Jaspizza, Vice President; M. Vertin, Rec. Sec., and Frank Pazzo, Fin. Sec., of San Jose were present and they installed the following officers of the local society: Pres., M. N. Lettunich; Vice Pres., John Miglias; Rec. Sec., Luke Scurich; Fin. Sec., Steve Scurich; Treas., Mateo Lettunich; Conductor, A. Lettunich; I. G., V. Puhiera; Trustees, L. Bradas, F. P. Marinovich and Mark Rabasa. The society will meet the first and second Saturday in each month." *[this was the first Slavic social club in Watsonville; it didn't last; there is no other mention of it; see 10 Feb 1898 for the one that exists today]*

Paj; 7 Jun 1894; item: "P. Lettunich & Co. have opened a packing house on Union street, below Maple avenue."

Paj; 7 Jun 1894; item: "Strasicich & Puhiera have purchased the Roberts property on Kearney street and will establish a packing house."

Paj; 14 Jun 1894; item: "Peter Sciuttich, an old resident of Monterey, committed suicide at that place last Saturday. Sciuttich opened up the Tourists' Restaurant in this place a short time ago."

Paj; 21 Jun 1894; item: "Jerry Kraljevich's fruit stands have been attached by Scurich Bros."

Paj; 28 Jun 1894, item: "Marco Rabasa of this city was one of the Honorary Vice Presidents of the Slavonian celebration at the fair on Sunday."

Paj; 12 Jul 1894; item: "S. Strasicich has bought one of the Ostrander lots on Fourth street."

Paj; 26 July 1894, item: "J. L. Ivancovich & Co. are drying apricots at J. A. McCune's, Green Valley."

Paj; 2 Aug 1894, item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. will dry apricots and other fruit on the Cooper property on Bridge street."

Paj; 16 Aug 1894; item: "Scurich Bros. shipped a carload of Gravenstein apples to Denver on Monday. This is the first Eastern shipment of apples from Pajaro valley this season."

Paj; 16 Aug 1894; item: "M. Rabasa shipped a carload of Gravenstein apples to Denver, yesterday..."

Paj; 15 Sep 1894; born: "Watsonville, Sept. 15th, to the wife of F. P. Marinovich, twins—son and daughter." [Peter and Helena "Nellie"; both died within 2 months of birth; no mention of deaths in papers]

Paj; 4 Oct 1894; item: "M. N. and Matteo Lettunich, the fruit buyers and packers, have purchased five lots in the Cooper subdivision." [first mention of Mateo Lettunich in local papers]

Paj; 25 Oct 1894; item: "L. Scurich was considerably bruised about the shoulders one day last week by being dragged by a runaway horse."

Paj; 20 Dec 1894; item: "The Butchers and Slavonians will engage in a tug of war contest for \$100 per side, at the Opera House, Saturday evening, Dec. 29th. It will be a great contest."

Paj; 3 Jan 1895; article: "A large and enthusiastic crowd was present in the Opera House...to witness the first tug of war contest between the Butcher and Slavonian teams for a purse of \$100 per side. The interest in the contest has been at fever heat for some weeks and as a result both teams did lots of practice work and on the night of the contest were in prime condition. The butchers team, with two exceptions, was composed of Danes and were first to make their appearance. They all had the appearance of being able-bodied, well muscled and active men. The Slavonians came forth next and it was very soon seen that as a whole they were a much larger lot of men than the butchers and equally as well muscled and active. Their ancor man, A. Trojanovich, is a large and well made man and has muscles of extraordinary size. Steve Scurich captained the Slavonians and J. Christensen did similar duty for the butchers. Steve Strasicich and Geo. Jessen were the judges. The Slavonians secured the slack of the rope at the commencement and for the next 5 minutes both sides laid back and waited for the other to commence the hard work. The butchers had no sooner commenced to make a hard pull than the Slavonians immediately took advantage of it and in one long and steady pull brought their opponents over the victory mark. The pull lasted 6 minutes...Following are the names of the teams: Slavonians—A. Trojanovich, A. Marinovich, S. Knego, John Scurich, Pete Casovaz, Nick Alaga, Pete Lettunich, A. Luello...The second pull will take place next Saturday night at the Opera House. In case the butchers win on Saturday evening it will be necessary to have a third contest to decide which team is the victor." [first mentions of Knego, Kosovac, Alaga]

Paj; 3 Jan 1895; item: "Mrs. M. Lettunich was the lucky winner of Jessen & Andersen's prize doll, and O. W. Marsh won the banquet lamp." [probably Rose, wife of Mateo]

Paj; 3 Jan 1895; item: "Luke Scurich has sold to James P. Nelson 20 acres of the Salsipuedes rancho for \$1,300."

Paj; 3 Jan 1895; disp. ad: "Dabelich's Restaurant and Oyster House (formerly United States), Santa Cruz, Cal., 73 Pacific Av., between two banks. Geo. Dabelich, Prop., Private Dining Rooms for Ladies, Finest Brands of Wines, Liquors and Cigars. First Class in Every Respect." [a Santa Cruz restaurant advertising in a Watsonville paper]

Paj; 17 Jan 1895; item: "The butchers and Slavonians seem to be willing to have a final tug of war pull. The next pull will be straight goods."

Paj; 31 Jan 1895; item: "A number of Watsonville Slavonians have left for S. California to engage in orange picking."

Paj; 31 Jan 1895; item: "In the Superior Court...the jury in the case of John Capriviza [Copriviza] vs. Mrs. Letitia Stewart, rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount, \$1,126.70 less \$50, the price of a buggy sold to plaintiff. This was a claim for wages earned by plaintiff on the defendant's ranch, Lake Farm...—Rustler." [excerpted from the Rustler, another Watsonville newspaper; first mention of Copriviza]

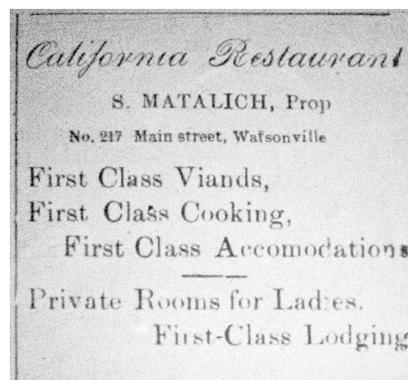


Fig. 1-24.
First mention of a Matulich in Watsonville; 1st mention of a person from Brač.

Watsonville Daily Register, 1 Feb. 1895.

Wats. Daily Reg; 5 Feb 1895; item: "Caprivizi [Copriviza] vs. Stewart—Notice of intention to move for a new trial."

Wats. Daily Reg; 5 Feb 1895; item: "Bank of Savings and Loan vs. G. Dabelich, administrator of the estate of Gregoria Cumbelich. Suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$800."

Paj; 7 Mar 1895; item: "There is no interregnum in the fruit shipping year in Pajaro valley. The calendar year opens when apple shipments to Eastern points are being actively pushed, and before all the apples are out of the packing houses small fruit shipments have commenced; and in a brief season berries are supplemented by stone fruits, and then again comes shipments of the king of

Pajaro fruits—the apple.

“The development of the fruit interests in this section has been gradual, is based on the solid foundation of choice soil and unexceptionable climate for the perfect growth of the more popular classes of deciduous fruits, and has been unmarked, very fortunately, by any of the elements of a boom and fictitious valuations of land. For over 10 years this point has been a source of supply for small fruits for the San Francisco market, and has always shipped apples in some quantity; but the growth of the latter interest has been most marked in the last six or seven years. The area of apple orchards has been steadily increased until the acreage now planted will be able—when in full bearing—to supply not less than 2,000,000 boxes annually, or about 4000 carloads. The Pajaro apple has gained and held a market in the East on account of its excellence and quality, its perfection of form and coloring, its freedom from pests, and the superior manner in which it is packed...In the East apples are packed in barrels containing from 3 to 4 boxes, and they are more or less bruised in making up the package. In this section the pine or fir box, containing about 50 pounds of fruit, is used exclusively for Eastern apple shipments. It makes a neat case, and the quantity of fruit is of more desirable size than the barrel for the retail purchaser. Most of the Eastern shipments are of the first grade, and pack four tiers to the box in the larger varieties. Experienced buyers for the Eastern market state that in no section of the United States is the apple as well packed as by the shippers of the Pajaro valley...

“Yellow Bellefleurs, Newton Pippins, White and Red Winter Pearmains, Missouri Pippins, Romanites and Smith’s Cider are the principal varieties handled for Eastern shipment, the three first named varieties being far in the lead.

“It is not many years ago since M. Rabasa came to this valley and bought up apples for the Eastern market. He is yet in the harness and was one of the big shippers to Eastern markets this year. The other firms engaged in the business are: Scurich Bros., M. N. Lettunich & Co. (who are the pioneer Eastern shippers and have made a specialty of developing that market), N. Banaz, F. P. Marinovich, J. L. Ivancovich & Co., M. Rilovich & Bro., Puhiera & Strazicich, Gravosa Fruit Co., P. N. Lettunich, J. P. Miovich, M. Gerkovich, A. W. Condit & Co., Prettyman & Wolf, and M. L. Woody. These firms are located here. In addition to these are representatives during each season of leading Eastern commission houses who ship on their own account.

“Fruit shippers have been in the habit of buying orchards during the spring—‘in the blossom’ as it is called. The immunity from crop failure has protected them to some extent in this daring form of purchase. Such a system of purchasing fruit—figuring on a blossom outlook—is unknown elsewhere, and would break the solidest New York apple buyer if he tried it in the apple

districts of his state. Year after year our orchards blossom and the trees bear heavily, and our orchardists do not figure on a crop failure...Comparatively but a small amount of the crop is handled by growers. Nearly all of it is bought in the blossom stage. The picking, handling and packing business is almost entirely in the hands of Austrians who have been trained in the business and thoroughly know every detail thereof. The inspection they make of fruit for Eastern shipment is as critical as that of champagne by experienced cellarmen during the period of processing.” [*1st mention of Rilovich, Miovich; Gravosa Fruit Co. was likely owned by Opusich*]

Paj; 4 Apr 1895; born: “Watsonville, March 28th, to the wife of Mateo Lettunich, a son.” [*Nick Lettunich, +1958*]



Fig. 1-25.
Lettunich brothers (l. to r.):
Lewis (1897-1957);
Nick (1895-1958).

Paj; 11 Apr 1895; born: “At Watsonville, April 7th, to the wife of Peter Ljubonovich, a daughter.” [*Teresa*]

Paj; 25 Apr 1895; item: “Luke Scurich has purchased a lot on Alexander street from W. W. and Mary A. Ford.”

Paj; 25 Apr 1895; item: “Contractor Jennings is building a large and roomy cottage for Luke Scurich on Alexander street.”

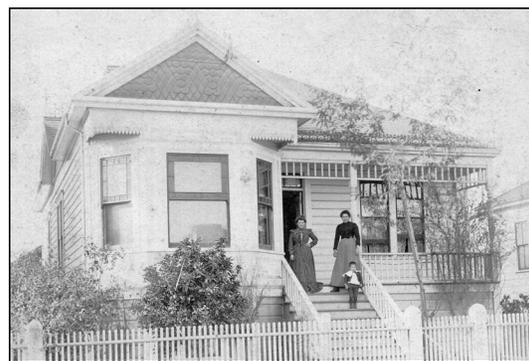


Fig. 1-26. Home of Luke Scurich and family, 27 Alexander St. in Watsonville. The address was changed to “31” in 1925. Maria Scurich on right; the boy is her son, A.L. “Tony”; woman on left unknown.

Paj; 9 May 1895; item: “M. Puhiero [Puhiera] has sold his interest in a tract of land in Casserly district to V. Puhiero.”

Paj; 9 May 1895; item: “But one sale of a Pajaro valley

orchard—L. P. Helmer's to Puhiero & Strasicich—has been reported. The packers are moving cautiously."

Paj; 9 May 1895; died: "Watsonville, May 5th, Baldo Bascovich [Boscovich], a native of Austria, aged 53 years."

Paj; 9 May 1895; item: "Luke Opusich, one of the pioneer fruit packers of this district, returned from Austria last week. He went home last year to stay but he could not settle down away from California."

Paj; 16 May 1895; item: "The packing house at Santa Clara owned by the Ivancovich Bros., of this city, was burned Monday night."

Paj; 30 May 1895; item: "L. Opusich has rented the tannery building on upper Walker street, for a packing house."

[following is a long promotional article in the SF Call]
SFCall; 3 Jun 1895; article: "[6 line drawings] **FAIR PAJARO VALLEY. One of the Most Fertile Sections in the World. THREE CROPS A YEAR. The Climate Is Equable and the Water Supply Inexhaustible. WATSONVILLE ITS CENTER. Strawberries Shipped Nine Months of the Year...Home of the Apple.**

"WATSONVILLE, Cal., May 27.—Down through the beautiful valley of fruit—Santa Clara—turning at Gilroy into a picturesque pass, along a winding river, the traveler comes into the comparatively small valley of Pajaro, which is one of the wonders of the world, because of its extreme and unequalled fertility. Without fear of successful contradiction, it can be affirmed that the yield per acre is greater in Pajaro Valley than in any other locality of this State or land...

"Twenty acres in Pajaro Valley, well planted and carefully tilled, is enough to make a happy home and independent living for a family...Nine months in the year strawberries are shipped from this point. Many of the best strawberry-fields, notably those of George H. Brewington and the Lake farm of Ira L. Thurber and Daniel Buckley, produce 3 tons per acre during the season...[T]he soil is rich alluvial and very porous, retaining the moisture from heavy winter rainfall...Watsonville, the geographical and commercial center of the valley, a thriving town of about 3000 inhabitants, is located at the junction of the Pajaro and Corralitos rivers, about 5 miles from a good sea beach—Camp Goodall...

"Where mother earth is so bountiful it is hard to particularize, but it is safe to mention apples as the specialty in the fruit line. Aside from the soil being adapted to apple culture, the cool, even climate prevents the apples withering, as the products of warmer localities almost invariably do. The codlin moth does not mar the apples of Pajaro, as this little pest does not thrive in the extremely cool nights which are the rule here, because of

the nearness of the ocean.

"The best Eastern markets admit that apples of the finest and best keeping quality in the world are shipped from this little valley adjacent to the bay of Monterey. The choice yellow bellefleurs, Newton pippins, white and red pears, Romanites and Smith's cider, which go perfectly packed in 50-pound boxes to the Eastern markets, have redeemed California's reputation in the East... The wonderful quality of the apple product and the large profit per acre yield has brought about extensive planting of apple trees which, when in full bearing[,] will produce 2 million boxes annually, or 4000 carloads.

"Eastern commission-houses send representatives to this valley during the season to buy the fruit on the trees and ship on their own account. Several large firms are located here and have developed extensive markets in the East and in Europe, and are engaged in shipping. They buy the orchards when in the blossom stage, contracting to take all apples, large or small, grown in the orchard, to prop trees if necessary and to pick them, the owner having absolutely nothing to do but keep the trees healthy and cultivate the soil.

"Scurich Bros., M. Rabasa, M. N. Lettunich & Co., N. Baza [Banaz], A. N. Condit & Co., Prettyman & Wolf, M. L. Woody and the Gravosa Fruit Company are among the heavy shippers from this point...

"San Francisco is the distributing point for the strawberry, raspberry and blackberry output of this valley. During the season, which continues from April to December, about 1000 carloads are shipped...

"The profits derived from the culture of small fruits when the prices are even fair are very large. George H. Brewington, the pioneer strawberry-grower of the valley, says the average yield of strawberries is about 60 chests to the acre, each chest weighing an average 80 pounds... Mr. Brewington bought 25 acres eight years ago, for which he paid \$100 per acre. This land was graded and prepared for berries at an average cost of \$25 per acre... Mr. Brewington also planted Newton pippin and bellefleur apple trees on the same tract. The returns from the berries in the years paid for the land, as well as all expenses for both the ranch and family. After the trees came into bearing berry culture was discontinued and the strength of the soil given up entirely to the trees. The net proceeds from the trees has so increased that the 25-acre tract, bought for \$2500, is now worth \$1000 per acre.

"The most important industry of Pajaro Valley is the Western Beet-Sugar Factory, of which Claus Spreckels is the founder and chief stockholder. This large milling plant was built at Watsonville in 1888. It has been enlarged since, and to-day it is the best and most modern-equipped beet-sugar factory in the country. One thousand tons is a small day's run in this plant... During the sugar-making season 300 men are employed... The same company constructed a narrow-gauge road from Watsonville to Moss Landing, 6 miles away, where the coast line of

steamers touch, thence to Salinas, a distance of 23 miles...This competing road has brought about low freight rates. The Southern Pacific Company has reduced rates to terminal and Eastern points about one-half...

"The Charles Ford Mercantile Company, which was organized by the late Mr. Ford rather on the co-operative plan, by admitting trusted employees to partnership, is the largest general merchandise firm in the county...

"Madden & Sheehy carry a good stock of fancy and staple dry goods, A. L. Bixby, W. A. Spreckens, P. J. Freiermuth, Martin the jeweler, Burbeck & Co., books and stationery, Baxter, the hardware man, and many other equally enterprising and 'up-to-date' business men, keep things humming in Watsonville.

"The hotels are specially good and well patronized; the Mansion and Lewis lead. Among those who are ever ready for any movement along the line of progress are Charles Polk, J. S. Menasco, Dr. Waters, J. J. Morey, George W. Hurst, A. W. Cox, R. P. Quinn, Robert Eaton, John T. Porter, James Waters, J. A. Linscott, F. A. Kilburn and Dr. Bixby.

"The Pajaronian, under the business management of G. G. Radcliff and edited by W. R. Radcliff, is one of the most progressive and practical papers in the State. The Rustler, edited by Joe Hetherington, is appropriately named. It came into the field at last, but the Rustler has come down the quarterstretch and is under the wire on good time. The little daily Transcript, run by the brothers Peckham, works hard and faithfully for the community and will, no doubt, win reward...

"...The ladies of the W.C.T.U. are trying very hard to build up a good public library and reading-room. They have been given the use of the Odd Fellows' well-selected library and by littles they will see the fruition of their very laudable hopes...

"One of the leading small enterprises is the cider and soda works of S. Martinelli located here. The pure apple juice void of injurious chemicals is put on the market by Mr. Martinelli, who is gaining a wide reputation.

"Many modern houses are seen in this busy town. The new high school building, which has been erected at a cost of about \$30,000, is one of the handsomest in the State. And the schools here are well conducted under L. W. Cushman, the principal, who is a graduate of Harvard. Olin N. Marsh, a graduate of Stanford, is making a success of the history and language department. Miss Rose Ryan, a Berkeley graduate, who is at the head of the mathematics, is a valued teacher. G. E. Morrill has charge of the excellent commercial department, which is so large as to require a separate building...

"On this round globe can we find a rarer spot than this valley of Pajaro?"

Paj; 13 Jun 1895; honor roll: "...additional promotions of the Watsonville schools for the past school year: ...2nd year: Annie Copriviza..." [*1st Slav found in public*

schools in Watsonville; her family moved to San Francisco; see 8 Nov. 1895]

Paj; 27 Jun 1895; item: "J. L. Ivancovich & Co. have made heavy shipments of cherries to San Francisco, but this week they are sending them East. Their Royal Annes from the Tate place are top notch in quality."

Paj; 27 Jun 1895; item: "M. Rilovich has purchased the fruit of the A. W. Condit orchard."

Paj; 27 Jun 1895; item: "Mateo Lettunich has purchased a lot from P. A. Peckham on Union street, and has contracted with Wilcox & Warner to move his Maple avenue residence thereto."

Paj; 27 Jun 1895; item: "Scurich Bros. are shipping the cherries of the R. H. Pearson orchard to San Francisco. They will have a Moorpark apricot crop on the Pearson place that will be immense in yield for this year, and the quality will be high grade."

Paj; 4 Jul 1895; born: "Watsonville, June 30th, to the wife of M. Rilovich, a daughter." [*Katherine; +1996 at age 101; married Tallea*]

Paj; 18 Jul 1895; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. have sued T. J. Horgan et al. for the recovery of \$1,000, forfeit money which the former put up for the purchase of a tract of the Marcus ranch a few years ago. Horgan et al. have brought a counter suit against Lettunich & Co. for \$10,000 damages for not having paid for the said tract of land when the deed was offered them..."

Paj; 18 Jul 1895; item: "M. Lettunich has had his Maple avenue residence moved back onto the lot he recently purchased from P. A. Peckham. He is having plans prepared for a handsome new residence to be built on the Maple avenue lot."

Paj; 18 Jul 1895; item: "M. N. Lettunich is touring through the Western States investigating the fruit market."

Paj; 18 Jul 1895; item: "John Miglias and Sam Rokovich [Rokovich] have gone into the car loading business at the Watsonville depot."

Paj; [date?] 1895; item: "The Slavonic-American Benevolent Society of San Jose had a picnic and barbecue at Camp Sargent last Saturday. Watsonville was represented by a large delegation." [*exact date was not noted; probably in the summer*]

Paj; 1 Aug 1895; item: "John Miglias & Co. found competition too keen in the car loading business at the

Watsonville depot and have thrown up the sponge. Newt Beck & Co. are again masters of the situation.”

Paj; 8 Aug 1895; item: “L. Scurich’s cottage on Alexander street is completed, and is a handsome addition to that section of town. It is a roomy and substantially constructed house. P. M. Andrews was the contractor.”

Paj; 8 Aug 1895; item: “The production of fruit has attained such vast proportions in California that buyers, either for export or for personal consumption, are no longer compelled to take what is offered. With the immensity of production has come the competition of excellence—and the growers who market only their best tree fruits, who pack and box the same in the most attractive forms, are the fortunate ones who receive the best returns and who have a steady call for their orchard products...”

“Care in packing only perfect, unblemished fruit, careful boxing of same in attractive boxes with artistic printed heads, are points which attract buyers. The fruit growers of Pajaro valley should look well to the selection and packing of their fruit for market. Lots of shipments are made each year which find slow sale because of poor quality and equally poor packing and boxes. It would be to the benefit of our orchardists and all fruit handlers if all fruit shipped from this valley had to pass through one or more grading and packing houses. Then there would be a nearer approach to uniformity of quality, and returns would be better. This is the practice pursued in the northern and southern counties, and it is proving successful...”

Paj; 22 Aug 1895; item: “Lettunich & Co. are drying fruit on their Bridge street lot.”

Paj; 22 Aug 1895; item: “Architect Weeks has just finished the plans for two houses which M. Lettunich proposes erecting on his Maple avenue lot. One of the houses will cost about \$3,000, and when completed will be occupied by Mr. Lettunich and family.”



Fig. 1-27. Houses built for Matteo Lettunich in 1895, about one year after his marriage to Rose Farlin. He and his family lived in the larger house, and his widowed mother-in-law and her children lived in the smaller. When Rose died in 1900 they all moved into the larger house and rented out the smaller one. (114 [left] and 110 Maple Avenue, Watsonville) Photo: 2010.

Paj; 12 Sep 1895; item: “**A Subdivision to the City of Watsonville.** R. P. Quinn has had the tract of land back of the Catholic church, being formerly a part of the Rodriguez estate, cut up and subdivided into building lots. This property is well elevated and commands a good view of the city and valley. Seventh, Eighth and Ninth streets have been opened through the tract, as well as several alleys, and Main street has been extended to the top of the hill. This is an excellent location and the price of lots range from \$100 upward. They will be sold on easy terms. Buy now as they are at bargain prices. Suitable for either building or speculation purposes.”

Paj; 26 Sep 1895; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Co. have purchased a lot on Pine street from E. S. Bockius.”

Paj; 26 Sep 1895; item: “For some time past the fruit packers have been annoyed by thieves who nightly steal packed fruit from their orchards. Last Wednesday night an employee of M. Rilovich laid in wait at the Rodgers orchard for the appearance of the thief or thieves. Not long after darkness a gang of Chinese appeared in the orchard and were proceeding to carry away boxes of fruit when the Slavonian watchman suddenly appeared on the scene and caused a hasty flight of the Chinese. One Chinaman was captured, brought to town and fined \$5.40 by Judge Yoacham.”

Paj; 3 Oct 1895; item: “Lettunich & Co. are moving their old Main street packing house to their property on Pine street.”

Paj; 10 Oct 1895; item: “Friday last Lettunich & Co. shipped 200 boxes of apples to Guatemala. They will have to be packed on mules from the Guatemalan sea-coast to destination...”

Paj; 10 Oct 1895; item: “The apple business is one of Pajaro valley’s greatest resources. The numerous packing houses of this city should be presented by exhibits of their best apples. A showing can be made that would outclass anything in that line offered at any Pacific Coast fair this year. If the packing houses will unite to make such an exhibit they will find it most profitable advertising.” [*the Apple Annual is still 15 years away*]

Paj; 24 Oct 1895; item: “Lettunich & Co. placard all their cars with their advertisement of business and location. This practice should be observed by every shipper. Not a carload of fruit goes from the northern or southern part of the State without such tags of the shipper or grower.”

Paj; 24 Oct 1895; item: “The owners of the Logan quarry have formed a corporation to be known as the Granite Rock Co. They have workmen developing the quarry and

loading rock for shipment, and expect to establish a yard in Watsonville where they will store rock for building use..."

Paj. Supplement, 31 Oct 1895; listing: "**Fair Premiums and a List of the Prizes Awarded...** Dried Fruits: Box of apricots, 1st prize, L. Scurich [only Slav listed]"

Paj; 7 Nov 1895; honor roll: 3rd year: Annie Copriviza; 2nd year: Nick Barlovich [Balovich]; 1st year, Class B: Johanna Balovich. [*the first Croatian children to attend public school in Watsonville, but none were born here; first mention of Balovich*]

Paj; 7 Nov 1895; item: "The Lettunich cottages on Maple avenue are taking shape and promise to be handsome homes when completed."

Paj; 7 Nov 1895; item: "N. Banaz has had several girls packing apples at his packing house. They have done well, and there are opportunities for employment of young people in that branch of the apple business for several months."

Rustler; 8 Nov 1895; item: "Mr. and Mrs. J. Copriviza, who intend to locate in San Francisco, were tendered a farewell party by a number of their friends last Saturday evening."

Paj; 14 Nov 1895; item: "Scurich Bros. shipped two carloads of dried apricots to San Francisco this week."

Paj; 28 Nov 1895; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. have shipped quite heavily of their White Pearmain apples to the Mexican market."

Paj; 5 Dec 1895; honor roll: 2nd year: Nick Balovich.

Paj; 12 Dec 1895; item: "Fine building sites on Fifth street (formerly the Bardue property), between Rodriquez and Walker streets, has been surveyed into city lots and will be sold from \$200 up.—R. E. Quinn, Agent."

Paj; 26 Dec 1895; notice: "Certificate of Co-Partnership...We certify that we constitute a partnership transacting business at Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, in this State. Its principal place of business is Watsonville, California. Its name is M. N. Lettunich & Co. The full names and respective places of residence of all its members are signed hereto. Dated at Watsonville, Cal. Dec. 12th, 1895.—M. N. LETTUNICH, MATEO LETTUNICH...[both of Watsonville]"

[2 Jan 1896; Emile Strazicich was born; son of George and Mary Strazicich; no mention in paper]



Fig. 1-28.
The Strazicich boys;
children of George and
Mary Strazicich:
Top: Nick (1891-1959),
Left: Emil (1896-1973),
Right: John (1893-1975),
Bot.: George (1892-1959).

Paj; 16 Jan 1896; item: "M. Lettunich and family are home from a visit to Humboldt county."

Paj; 23 Jan 1896; married: "Watsonville, Jan 22d, by Rev. Marron, Miss Konsou [Konsuo] to Andrew Strasicich."



Fig. 1-29.
Andrew Strazicich
(1872-1968),
Anna Konsuo
(1873-1907).

Paj; 23 Jan 1896; item: "It is estimated that the apple crop of the United States for 1895, if barreled and loaded on cars, would make a train 3000 miles long, and that it would average one barrel for each man, woman and child in the United States. As each barrel contains about four of our boxes it will be seen that lively chewing was required to get away with that crop up on time. The Pajaro valley would have about 3 miles of such a train, or about one thousandth part of the entire crop. This comparison makes our apple crop look light, but we hope to pull those figures up a bit before many moons."

Paj; 30 Jan 1896; item: "Last Friday's Transcript had several pages devoted to semi-biographical notices of citizens. The material was gathered by a traveling combination of writers who make it a business to do that class of work where ever they find a community ripe for the 'write-up.' If the Transcript had turned the work over to members of its force more judgment in the selection of subjects and arrangement of the material would have been shown and the articles would have been as reasonable. These 'boom write-ups' serve no good purpose and are not devoted to a presentation of the productions and worth of the community which they pretend to represent. One Riley broke the ice in this section for that class of work many years ago, and he struck the pocket books of his subjects with a master hand. He did it so well that we thought he would never have a successor." [*a comment on the "vanity biographies" that were common then*]

Paj; 6 Feb 1896; born: "Watsonville, Feb. 3d to the wife of F. P. Marinovich, a son." [*Peter, who became a doctor, and mayor of Watsonville; +1953*]

Fig. 1-30.
Peter Marinovich.



Paj; 13 Feb 1896; item: "The system under which fruit has been sold here by growers has protected them from the losses so common in other districts. They sell their orchards in the blossom and get the coin therefor before the fruit is ready for market. The losses from pests and winds after the sale or from dishonest commission houses after the shipment do not fall on them. The packer who purchased and paid for the orchard in the spring and who waits nearly 12 months before all of his fruit is sold is the party who has to stand all of the losses. Such a system is not general in any other fruit district of the State, and it would be welcomed with a brass band in the orange districts of the south..."

Paj; 5 Mar 1896; item: "J. L. Ivancovich was over from Santa Clara last week looking after orchard interests. He commenced the fruit buying last season but he found he was not to be the pioneer this year.

Paj; 5 Mar 1896; item: "All apple boxes of this district should have a Pajaro valley scene stamped on the head. Advertise the district where the fruit is produced. A view of the valley, with Loma Prieta in the background, would about fill the bill." [*The Pajaronian lobbied hard for fruit labels; the first result for apples was the Dewey label; see 16 Nov 1899.*]

Paj; 5 Mar 1896; item: "L. G. Sresovich has leased ground at the depot and expects to have a packing house thereon before the opening of the apple season."

Paj; 26 Mar 1896; item: "The orchardists and apple handlers of this valley should join in the movement for a uniform apple package. All the boxes should be of the same size, or there should be a size for each grade of the fruit. There is no doubt that the sale of much of our fruit is injured by the variety of packages in which it is sent to market. Our apples should be packed in white wood boxes so long as the box package is retained, and the heads should be neatly printed with attractive designs of our mountain or valley scenes. Just look at the orange boxes from the southern part of the State. Every one of them bears a neat head, with a scene from the district where the fruit is grown. In this district it would be well to give each section credit for the fruit it produces and have the place where grown printed on the box head. The

Pajaro valley apples are among the best produced on this western slope, and with judicious advertising on each package they will get a reputation second to none in the country, and it is reputation that makes a certain market of good prices for any kind of fruit. Poor packing, cheap packages and imperfect fruit will ruin the reputation of the best district in the world. It might not prove a bad idea to have the weight stamped on each box of apples or the number of apples the box contained. This is the course pursued by the orange packers, and is just to the buyer. He is entitled to know the weight of fruit or the number of apples or oranges he gets in a package. These may seem trifling matters but their adoption will not injure the apple business of this valley in any way, and we are confident they would give wider publication of the excellence of our fruit and increase the demand..."

Paj; 2 Apr 1896; item: "P. Lauritzen has sold the fruit from his orchard, in Railroad district, to F. P. Marinovich for the next two seasons at the rate of \$1,425 per season."

Paj; 16 Apr 1896; item: "We are informed that John Miglias and G. W. Sill will manage rival car loading agencies at the Watsonville depot."

Paj; 16 Apr 1896; item: "The Fruit Growers Association of this valley held a meeting...for the purpose of awarding the loading contract and designating commission firms in San Francisco to handle Pajaro fruits. There were 3 bidders for the loading contract—G. W. Sill, John Miglias and Newt Beck...Newt Beck got the contract and will receive one cent per chest for loading berries and a fraction less than a cent per box for loading other varieties of fruit..."

Paj; 16 Apr 1896; item: "The case of Nick Uzavich, prob. Ucovich] charged with beating S. Matalich [Matulich] out of a board bill, was tried by Judge Yoacham and a jury on Tuesday. A disagreement was the result and Matalich is still whistling for the board bill."

Paj; 30 Apr 1896; item: "F. P. Marinovich has commenced suit in the Superior Court against M. N. Lettunich for \$20,000 for alleged defamation of character..."

Paj; 7 May 1896; item: "M. N. Lettunich has filed a notice of intention to move for a dismissal of the slander suit instituted against him by P. Marinovich."

Paj; 14 May 1896; item: "L. Scurich and P. Lubjonovich [Ljubanovich] are the bondsmen for P. Marinovich in his slander suit against M. N. Lettunich."

Paj; 14 May 1896; item: "We would suggest that colored labels be used on the box heads of the choicest grades of apples. An attractive label is a winner."

Paj; 21 May 1896; item: "Lettunich & Co. made the first cherry shipment of the season last week."

Rustler, 12 Jun 1896; item: "Cox & Beck et als of this city, on Monday released various mechanics' liens filed against N.[M.] Lettunich and William Downey on property belonging to Mr. Lettunich on Maple avenue." [*probably Mateo*]

Rustler, 12 Jun 1896; item: "The case of Lettunich vs. Horgan et al has been ordered submitted on briefs."

Paj; 18 Jun 1896; item: "N. Banaz has been using a fancy colored label on his cherry boxes. It is taking, is a good advertisement, is cheap, and is far ahead of the stencil or printed boxhead."

Paj; 8 Jul 1896; notice: "**Adjudication of Insolvency** In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Santa Cruz.—In the matter of NICKOLAS BALOVICH, an Insolvent Debtor—Nicholas Balovich having pled in this Court his petition, schedule and inventory in insolvency, from which it appears that he is an insolvent debtor, the said Nicholas Balovich is hereby declared to be insolvent.

"The Sheriff...is hereby directed to take possession of all the estate, real and personal...and to keep the same safely until the appointment of an assignee of his estate...I. H. Logan, Judge of the Superior Court, Dated this 6th day of July 1896."

Paj; 16 Jul 1896; item: "Lettunich & Co. are handling the immense apricot crop of the James Rich place, Corralitos. They have a train of teams hauling the fruit to town to be dried."

Paj; 27 Aug 1896; item: "Mortizia & Zar have gathered some apples from Judge Storey's orchard that take the local premium for size. This is the verdict of the packers, and they ought to know."

Paj; 27 Aug 1896; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. are using a Burrell picker in handling their prunes for drying."

Paj 10 Sep 1896; item: "George Strasicich has put down a concrete sidewalk in front of his hotel, the Railroad Exchange, on Walker street."

Paj; 24 Sep 1896; item: "F. P. Marinovich was tried on Monday before Judge Smith and a jury for an assault on a Chinaman. The jury acquitted the defendant as soon as it got hold of the case; in fact it came very near doing it before the hearing was finished."

Paj; 8 Oct 1896; item: "M. Rabasa has sent several carloads of Bellefeurs to Eastern points."

Paj; 15 Oct 1896; item: "The Fruit Exchange and P. N. Lettunich & Co. have made some shipments of apples in a box of new form. It is about the shape of the Oregon apple box, nearly square, and holds 60 large Bellefeurs. It is an attractive size and promises to be a popular one."

Paj; 12 Nov 1896; item: "The Fruit Exchange has adopted a system by which each packer is responsible for his work. The piece system of payment has been adopted—so much per box—each packer has a number, and when his box is packed his number is stenciled on the head. If there is any complaint from point of shipment about the quality of the pack it is easy to locate a poor workman. First-class packing is absolutely required."

Paj; 12 Nov 1896; item: "Heretofor orchards have been purchased by packers when the trees were in blossom; but that system is not speedy enough for some of our shippers, and so they are buying next year's crop before all of this year's crop is picked. Several sales of the 1897 crop are reported, and at good figures, and we are informed that bids have been made for the 1898 crop of some orchards. Apples have a value here. All purchases are at least half cash down at time of sale. Just think of it—paying several hundreds or thousands of dollars for an orchard, and then wait 12 months for any return, and take all the chances on crop failure and gutted markets. A man is a sport who will buy orchards on such margin."

Paj; 12 Nov 1896; item: "L. Opusich has a lot of Romanites which he is trying to hold until next spring. He has them packed in dry sand, and he expects to market them next May. The Romanite is a good seller, is about the best of our late apples, is attractive in color, and of right size for market purposes."

Paj; 12 Nov 1896; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. made a shipment this week of 175 half barrels of Newton Pippin apples. They were for the Japan trade, and were on the order of Frank Moran. The apples were packed in sugar barrels, with layers of cork dust. This is the first shipment of apples in barrels made from Watsonville. In the Eastern States apples are packed in no other way. Several shipments of apples for Japan and China have been made from here this season, but former shipments were wrapped and boxed. The result of this shipment is being awaited with much interest by local packers."

Paj; 19 Nov 1896; item: "The case of F. P. Marinovich vs. M. N. Lettunich was on trial before Judge Logan, Monday and Tuesday. Marinovich sued for \$10,000 damages for alleged slander. After the testimony was given the defendant's counsel moved for a non-suit, and the motion was granted and the case came to an end. The costs were charged to the plaintiff." [*these were boyhood friends who were apparently good friends as adults except for this one circumstance*]

Paj; 19 Nov 1896; item: “A northern fruit handler called a Watsonville fruit packer to the telephone a few days ago and told him that he could not handle the last car received—that the fruit had scale. The packer denied the charge and told him he could have the car without charge if he could show a sign of scale on the fruit. It was an effective retort. There was no scale on the fruit, the car was accepted, and it was paid for too. The cries of ‘scale’ and ‘bad condition’ are often used to induce shippers to shade prices. Fruit handlers at central points have no end of schemes to spring on shippers to get them to rebate on prices. Last season a car of apples was shipped from Soquel to a northern point, and a few days later the shipper was wired that the car was rejected and was at his disposal. He was too old a bird to be caught by such a game, and so he took the train and went north to investigate his car. On arrival at destination he found that most of the car had been unloaded and nearly all of the apples had been sold by the firm to which the car had been shipped. Then he dropped in on the firm. He got his coin for the apples, and without rebate...”

Paj; 3 Dec 1896; born: “Watsonville, Nov. 26th, 1896, to the wife of John Balovich, a daughter.” [Ellen; +1974; married Kissich]



Fig. 1-31.
Ellen Balovich.

Paj; 24 Dec 1896; item: “N. Stojanovich is going to move his store into the Thompson block, adjoining Knudsen’s saloon.”

Paj; 4 Feb 1897; item: “John Payne, barkeeper at the Hoffman House, and Paul Cambelich [Cumbelich], barkeeper at the Cosmopolitan Restaurant, were arrested last Thursday on complaint of nightwatchman Alford. They were having their places of business open after midnight. Cambelich pled guilty and paid a fine of \$20...”

Paj; 25 Feb 1897; born: “Watsonville, February 21, 1897, to the wife of F. P. Marinovich, a son.” [William; +1923]



Fig. 1-32.
William Marinovich.

Paj; 25 Feb 1897; born: “Watsonville, February 22, 1897, to the wife of Mateo Lettunich, a son.” [Lewis; +1957; see Fig. 1-25]

Paj; 18 Mar 1897; honor roll: 1st year: Johanna Balovich.

Paj; 25 Mar 1897; item: “M. Rabasa has several hundred boxes of Lawvers at his packing house and they are the only unmarked Pajaro apples. He has kept them in dry sand storage. They will soon move cityward, and as choice apples are bringing as high as \$2.50 per box, they will find a profitable market.”

Paj; 15 Apr 1897; item: “Scurich Bros. have leased the McCarty orchard (in Carlton district) for five years.”

Paj; 15 Apr 1897; item: “V. T. Piskulich, editor of the *Harvatska [sic] Sloga*, of San Francisco, was here several days during the past week, and will soon publish a number devoted to the business of farming and orchard interests of this valley. His paper is the journal of the Austrian population on the Pacific coast, and is the only one published in that language...Mr. Piskulich is a bright young man and able writer, and wields much influence in San Francisco...” [Hrvatska Sloga = Croatia Concord]

Paj; 29 Apr 1897; item: “L. Piskulich, editor of *Hergvesta Sloga*, who visited Watsonville two weeks ago and gave this section a write-up, had his foot badly crushed in San Jose, Monday, while getting off a car.”

Paj; 3 Jun 1897; item: “Rumors have been flying around...that some of the packers were going to default on their summer payments on orchard contracts, and that others are going to sue orchardists for damage done to fruit by spraying with lye solution. Nothing has occurred to verify the default rumors, though there has been some talk of damage suits. The packers with whom we have talked say that it is going to be a losing season with them; that the blossoms this year did not give true promise of the fruit crop to follow; but that they bought in good faith, and if the crop had been immense and prices high they would not expect to increase the sum which they were to pay, and they feel that the remaining payments are due from them and they will meet them like honest men. That is the right kind of talk, and the only kind of talk for men to indulge in who expect to continue in the business. They made bad bargains this year, but they took the chances on the crop and will have to suffer the loss, if any.

“It is yet too early to tell how much they will lose, but it is doubtful if the amounts will run to the figures which have been given. This determination of the packers to meet their contracts is in keeping with their past dealings with our orchardists, and is in accordance with the principles of honorable dealing. That they paid too much for the orchards, even if the season had been a good average, was not due to the orchardists. The packers were in the market to buy, in competition with each other, and they made the prices. The packers who fail to live up to their contracts will not be in it in the future with their contract-honoring rivals—and all the packing firms know

this fact, and we are of the opinion that there will not be a case where the payments to fall due are not met. There has been more scare than reality about this rumor. In case of default in payments orchardists yet have the fruit and they have recourse judicially; but when the season has closed you will find that the packers have taken the fruit and have paid therefor."

Paj; 17 Jun 1897; item: "F. Marinovich has signed an agreement to purchase the fruit from R. Burland's orchard, across the river, for the next three years."

Paj; 15 Jul 1897; item: "N. Banaz is shipping Royal Anne cherries from Wm. McGrath's Casserly district orchard which will rank with the best ever sent from this valley. Their size is remarkable, and their quality is in keeping therewith."

Paj; 12 Aug 1897; item: "W. G. [N. G.] Mortizia is on a biking trip to San Francisco."

Paj; 19 Aug 1897; item: "John Oppusich [Opusich], the Fourth street fruit buyer, received injuries last Saturday from a fall which will lay him up for a week or two."

Paj; 2 Sep 1897; item: "M. Rabasa, the pioneer Pajaro valley fruit packer, is home from a protracted visit to San Jose."

Paj; 2 Sep 1897; item: "John Miglias is back from San Jose and is getting ready for carload shipments of apples."

Paj; 2 Sep 1897; item: "M. Rabasa will commence picking Bellefleurs during this week. It is an unusually early beginning, but he has pressing orders from Eastern agents to be filled."

Paj; 2 Sep 1897; honor roll: 2nd year: John Balovich.

Paj; 16 Sep 1897; item: "Lettunich & Co. made a shipment of apricots (carload lot) last week, bound for Germany."

Paj; 16 Sep 1897; item: "N. Banaz has a shipment of apples for the Australian market on the steamer which left San Francisco on Tuesday, bound for Australian ports."

Paj; 23 Sep 1897; item: "L. Piskulitch, editor of the S.F. Harvatska [Hrvatska] Slaga, was here yesterday."

Paj; 23 Sep 1897; item: "N. Banaz expects to ship Eastward this season about fifty carloads of apples. Each car will have a large placard on each side stating that the fruit was shipped from Watsonville, Cal., by N. Banaz."

Paj; 23 Sep 1897; item: "Puhiera & Co. have purchased the fruit of the Windsor orchard, near Gonzales. It is one of the best orchards in the Salinas valley."

Paj; 30 Sep 1897; item: "Austrians are looking for American apples this year. The principal markets are reached via Rotterdam, Holland.—Cal. Fruit Grower."

Paj; 7 Oct 1897; item: "About 3:30 o'clock this morning the fire bell rang out an alarm for a fire which proved to be one of the most serious which the city has had for several years. The fire broke out in the barn to the rear of Rilovich Bro.'s packing house, near the S.P. depot and between Third and Fourth streets. It spread rapidly to the large two-story barn of A. L. Bixby on the Third street side of the Rilovich apple warehouse on the Fourth street side. When the fire department reached the scene the long line of packing houses and barns, extending over half the distance between Third and Fourth streets was ablaze, and it was impossible to do anything except confine the fire to the burning buildings. Fortunately there was no wind, and the work of keeping the fire confined was not a difficult task with the streams the engine was furnishing. Other packing houses, the three-story Railroad Exchange, the depot buildings and many residences were near, and if there had been a breeze the fire would have swept over a large territory. The home of M. Rilovich on Fourth street, was damaged considerably by fire and water, his packing house and 7000 boxes of apples were destroyed, and he lost his barn, winter's hay, four horses, harness, two large fruit wagons and several thousand boxes. His loss will probably aggregate over \$9500. His home carried insurance that will cover the residence damage, and he had \$3800 on his apples. His net loss will be not less than \$5000...The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have been of an incendiary origin—the work of a firebug."

Paj; 7 Oct 1897; item: "L. P. Lauritzen has sold his apple orchard for 1898 to F. P. Marinovich [for] \$3,000."

Paj; 7 Oct 1897; item: "N. Banaz has a large lot of Red Pearmains in his packing house, from the Ed White orchard, which are choice enough to be in a class by themselves."

Paj; 7 Oct 1897; item: "P. N. Lettunich & Co. have shown some Gloria Mundi apples, from the orchard of T. J. Beck, near the Five-mile House, which for size and weight break the local record."

Paj; 14 Oct 1897; class. ad: "Anyone desiring the services of a fruit tree pruner should employ Vic Puglisevich. Thirty years' experience. Recommended by John Grimmer and Louis Martinelli. Inquire for him at Cooper & Malcom's cigar store."

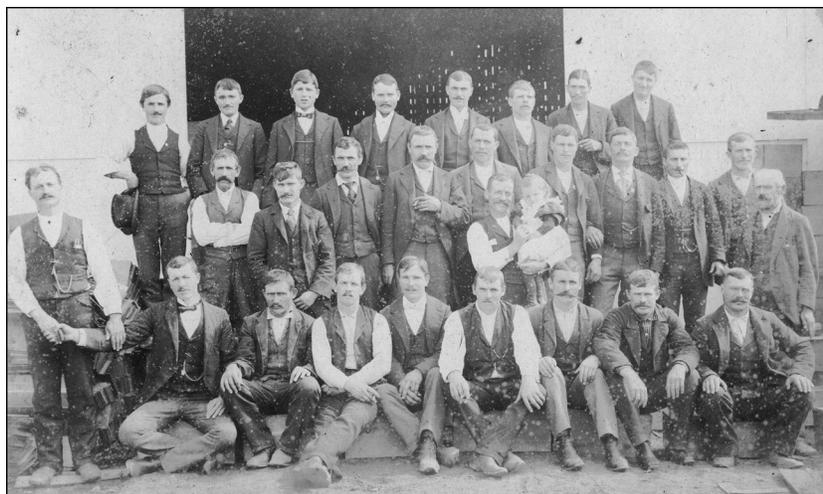


Fig. 1-33. Rilovich Brothers' workers around 1895-98. Oldest known group photo of Slavs in Watsonville. The brothers are lower left, holding hands: George (left; 1862-1951) and Martin (1860-1919). All others are unknown. The girl may be Katherine Rilovich, Martin's daughter.

Paj; 14 Oct 1897; item: "Rilovich Bros. have opened a packing house on upper Rodriguez street."

Paj; 21 Oct 1897; born: "Watsonville, Oct 16th, 1897, to the wife of Andrew Strasicich, a daughter." [Pauline; +1998]



Fig. 1-34. Pauline "Lena" Strasicich.

Paj; 21 Oct 1897; item: "Yesterday M. Rabasa received a carload of Newtown Pippins from Spence switch. They are beauties, and will be ready for market after the holidays."

Paj; 28 Oct 1897; item: "Joe Balanac has purchased the saloon in the Hildreth block."

Paj; 28 Oct 1897; item: "L. G. Sresovich is handling apples at Lompoc. We are informed that he is to have a large packing house here next year."

Paj; 4 Nov 1897; item: "M. Boskovich's apple packing house at Soquel was burned down last Saturday night, and the contents (10,000 boxes of apples, wagons, carts, etc.) were destroyed."

Paj; 4 Nov 1897; item: "On Monday 5,943 boxes of apples were shipped from Watsonville station. The big car of the year was shipped by N. Banaz that day to Los Angeles. It contained 939 boxes."

Paj; 4 Nov 1897; item: "Puhiera & Co., of this city, are shipping apples from Gonzales."

Paj. Supplement; 4 Nov 1897; honor roll: 1st year: Katie Balovich, Marcus Nirich. [Mike Nirich; later became Fire Chief of Watsonville]

Fig. 1-35. Mike Nirich (1890-1944) in his WWI uniform.



Paj; 11 Nov 1897; item: "N. Stojanovich, of the Garden City fruit store, has our thanks for a choice box of Yellow Newtown Pippins, from the Windsor orchard, Gonzales. They are three tier stock, and each apple a perfect specimen of the king of winter apples. Mr. Stojanovich is interested with Puhiera & Strasicich in handling the Windsor orchard."

Paj; 18 Nov 1897; item: "An employee of Marco Rabasa, the pioneer apple packer, came very near furnishing another case for Deputy Coroner Green...He was driving across the railroad track on Walker street when a locomotive came along on the high grade of speed which is usually maintained on that thoroughfare, and the meteor of the rail hit one of the buggy wheels and tore out a lot of spokes. It was one of those hairbreadth escapes, and there have been several of them at the railroad crossings on Walker street."

Paj; 18 Nov 1897; item: "L. G. Sresovich's packing house, near Capitola, was burned last Thursday night. About 8,000 boxes of apples were destroyed. The men barely had time to save themselves, and nearly all of them lost all of their clothing. The fire was of incendiary origin, and is supposed to be the work of the same party who fired two other apple packing houses at Soquel during the past month."

Paj; 18 Nov 1897; marriage: "On Monday morning...[were wed] Miss Kate Caturan [Katuran] and S. Strasicich. The ceremony was witnessed by many friends of the happy couple. After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to the Morning Star Restaurant where a fine wedding breakfast was served... Mrs. Strasicich arrived here lately from Austria to visit her brother. Mr. Strasicich is the popular proprietor of the Morning Star Restaurant. Steve and his bride have the best wishes of his many friends."

Paj; 18 Nov 1897; married: "Watsonville, Nov 15th, 1897, Miss Kate Caturan to Stephen Strasicich."



Paj; 25 Nov 1897; born: "Watsonville, Nov. 21st, 1897, to the wife of M. N. Lettunich, a son." [Prosper; +1983]

Fig. 1-36.
Prosper Lettunich.

Paj; 25 Nov 1897; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. have had a tank of 4,000 gallons capacity made by the Loma Prieta Lumber Co., and will use the same for the storage of vinegar. They are making a large amount of vinegar from apples, and expect to have an article that will not be equaled..."

Paj; 25 Nov 1897; item: "Scurich Bros. have sold their Newtown Pippins to a New York house for Liverpool shipment."

Paj; 25 Nov 1897; item: "Yesterday John Opusich, Wm. Puglisevich [Pulisevich] and W. V. Gaffey got a wagon load of apples from local packing firms as a Thanksgiving offering to the boys of Pajaro Valley Orphan Asylum."

Paj; 2 Dec 1897; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. have purchased three carloads of apples from the vicinity of Santa Cruz."

Paj; 2 Dec 1897; item: "Most of the packing houses are employing nightwatchmen. Lettunich & Co. have two."

Paj; 2 Dec 1897; honor roll: 1st year: Marcus Nivich [Mike Nirich]; Kindergarten: Nellie Nirich.

Wats. Daily Reg; 5 Dec 1897; article: "**Attempted Assassination.** B. Puhera [Puhiera], an Austrian, who is an owner of the packing house on the lot between Kearney and Fourth streets, in this city, had a narrow escape from assassination...Puhera sleeps in a room at his establishment and was aroused at a few minutes after 2 o'clock by a pistol shot. Upon investigation he found that the bullet had been fired from the outside through the window and had lodged in the wall on the other side of the room and in its passage had not missed him more than 4 inches. The shooting was the act of some person who was familiar with the location of every article in the room, as the ball had passed in a direct line over the bed. Up to the present time there is no clew [sic] to the perpetrator of the dastardly act."

Paj; 9 Dec 1897; item: "One of the best packing house sites in the valley is rented by L. G. Sresovich, of San Francisco, and has been for several seasons. It fronts the

railroad track and adjoins the packing house of M. N. Lettunich & Co. It is said he will occupy it next year."

Paj; 9 Dec 1897; item: "Puglisevich [Pulisevich] Bros. have leased the Gamper property on Fourth street for five years, and are building a packing house thereon."

Paj; 9 Dec 1897; item: "Scurich Bros. have purchased five lots from Walker Bros. on Fourth and Kearney streets, and will erect a large apple packing house thereon. They have three lots frontage on Fourth street and two on Kearney street. On the two lots which run from street to street the packing house will be erected. On the other lot will be the barn and sleeping quarters." [prob. shown in Fig. 40]

Paj; 9 Dec 1897; item: "A. N. Judd, Wm. Henderson and C. W. Rowe, a committee from the Pajaro Valley Fruit Exchange, appeared before the Supervisors...and requested an advertising appropriation of \$500 to further the exhibit of California orchard products in Europe. The Board took the matter under advisement. It is hoped that the Board will not let the matter rest with this disposition of the request. At the recent session of the State Fruit Growers' convention it was decided to raise \$10,000 to continue and enlarge California's European fruit exhibit...California has had a fruit exhibit at Hamburg several months..."

Paj; 30 Dec 1897; item: "The time is not far off when every acre of this valley available for apple orchard use will be planted in trees. It is estimated that not less than 5000 acres of this valley are planted to apples, and an increase of probably 1500 acres is expected this year..."

Paj; 6 Jan 1898, item: "For years and years the pioneer packer, Marco Rabasa, has been telling orchardists to plant Newtown Pippins. He has predicted that they would find and hold distant markets—and the success they have had in Europe shows that the old pioneer's judgement was entirely correct."

Paj; 13 Jan 1898, item: "Carpenters are rebuilding the residence of M. Rilovich on Fourth street, which was partially destroyed by fire last October."

Paj; 20 Jan 1898, item: "N. Boskovich, the Soquel packer, lost his new packing house last week. It was burned down, and the loss is placed at \$3,000. This is the second packing house he lost by fire this winter...All circumstances go to show that these fires have been started by...some half crazed person. As we have before suggested the packers of this county should unite and employ first class detectives to run down this firebug."

Paj; 27 Jan 1898; item: "...F. P. Marinovich shipped a

carload of apples through Porter Bros. Company to New York...[He] received the following letter from a gentleman in New Hampshire, who is a stranger to him: Chocorua, N.H., Jan 13th, 1898...Dear Sir: A friend in New Haven has sent me a box of your Red Pearmains, and they gave me so much pleasure that I wish every one that loves fine apples could have them to eat. They are not known in Boston, and I wonder if you could not find a market for them there...A fruit raiser now at my house says that he has never eaten as fine an apple. Very truly yours, T. H. Bartlett"

Paj; 27 Jan 1898; item: "Suit was instituted...by M. Illich to dissolve the partnership between Illich & Novak, fruit packers. T. J. Gaffey is attorney for the plaintiff."

Paj; 3 Feb 1898, item: "A. B. Lettunich is in Los Angeles, and has opened a house for the sale of Pajaro valley apples."

Paj; 3 Feb 1898; item: "The troubles of the fruit packing firm of Illich & Novak, of Soquel, did not end with the payment of the insurance money which they received last week for their first fire. After paying the claims filed against them there was a small balance, and on its division the partners can not agree, so Illich has commenced suit before the Superior Court...for the appointment of a receiver and a dissolution of the partnership. The insurance on the property lost in the second fire has not yet been paid."

Paj; 10 Feb 1898, article: "Last Sunday afternoon, at the Masonic hall, the 'Austrian American Benevolent Society of Watsonville' was organized with a charter membership of 52. As there is a large number of Austrians in this city it is appropriate that they should have a society of their own. The purposes of the society are fraternal and beneficiary. The benefits to be paid sick or disabled members is to be \$8 per week. It is expected that the charter membership roll will soon be swelled to at least 150 members. The society will meet on the first and third Sundays of each month at the Masonic hall. Following are the officers of the society for the ensuing term: President, Luke Scurich; Vice President, Steve Strasicich; Recording Secretary, Martin J. Radovich; Financial Secretary, John Miglias; Treasurer, F. P. Marinovich; Guardian, Blas Puhiera; Conductor, Steve Scurich; Trustees, Mateo Lettunich, Nick Stojanovich, Andrew Strasicich. The members and officers of the new society feel deeply grateful to Dr. Rodgers for professional courtesies extended during the organization of their society." [this organization continues to this day; see list of charter members in appendix]

Paj; 17 Feb 1898; honor roll: 1st year: Marcus Nirich.

Paj; 24 Feb 1898; item: "Sgobel & Day, fruit handlers of New York, write to Luke Opusich, a fruit packer of this valley, that Newtowns sold at auction in the English market this winter at an average from...\$1.90 to \$3.18 per box...[the season average was] \$2.28 per box. From this had to be deducted per box: freight to New York, 52 cents; reshipping expenses at New York, 5 cents; freight to Liverpool, 21 cents; marine insurance, 1 cent; commission, 11 cents—a total of \$1 per box, leaving \$1.28 net. This showing is apt to promote London shipments next fall..."



Paj; 3 Mar 1898; birth: "Watsonville, Feb. 27th, 1898, to the wife of Stephen Knego, a daughter." [Katherine; married Mitchell Pista; +1970]

Fig. 1-37. Katherine Knego.

Paj; 10 Mar 1898; item: "N. Banaz shipped a carload of apples, Monday, to a New York firm."

Paj; 10 Mar 1898; item: "S. Scurich is home from a visit to the southern part of the State."

Paj; 10 Mar 1898; item: "G. W. Peckham, Jr., expects to have his Watsonville directory ready for distribution before the close of next week. It will be the first directory of this city published since Ed Martin's directory appeared 25 years ago. It will have a complete list of the residents of this city over 18 years of age, and will have several pages devoted to Watsonville...It is a needed and valuable little book, and well worth the price...—25 cents." [this directory can be seen at PVHA]

Paj; 17 Mar 1898; honor roll: 4th year: Nick Balovich; 1st year: Marcus Nirich.

Paj; 24 Mar 1898; item: "N. Banaz was advised by wire...that a consigned car of five-tier Newtowns had been sold in New York for \$1.80 per box. He shipped to Sgobel & Day. That price will net about twice as much as San Francisco shipments."

Paj; 24 Mar 1898; item: "V. Puhiera has commenced suit against Sam Mann for \$20,000 for alleged slander."

Paj; 24 Mar 1898; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. have leased the Penniman drier (now owned by James Broadis) and will operate it next fall. They will run it on apples."

Paj; 24 Mar 1898; item: "Articles of incorporation of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society of Watsonville were filed Wednesday in County Clerk Martin's office."

The following named are the Trustees: L. Scurich, M. [Mateo] Lettunich, J. Miglias, A. Strasicich, N. Stojanovich.”

Paj; 24 Mar 1898; item: “The apple packing firm of Miovich & Grizich has been dissolved. John Miovich will continue the business and in a few days M. Grizich will start for Austria to look after property interests. He expects to return.” *[1st mention of Grizich]*



Fig. 1-38. John Miovich, *1866; returned to Dubrovnik in 1908; 1st cousin to F.P. Marinovich.



Fig. 1-39. Mato "Matthew" Grizich (1869-1919)

Paj; 31 Mar 1898, item: “John Krepich [Hrepich] fell under a moving wagon wheel, Tuesday morning, and had his ankle broken.” *[first mention of Hrepich]*

Paj; 31 Mar 1898; item: “Vlaho Puhiera has commenced suit to recover \$20,000 from Samuel Mann for alleged defamation of character. Geo. P. Burke is attorney for Puhiera, who charges that Mann, at different times and in different places, has made most damaging charges against his character. It promises to be a sensational case.”

Paj; 7 Apr 1898, item: “L. G. Sresovich, of San Francisco, was here Monday on a business visit.”

Paj; 7 Apr 1898, item: “The defendant’s demurrer has been filed in the case of Puhiera vs. Mann.”

Paj; 7 Apr 1898; item: “While in San Francisco last week A. N. Judd had a talk with the S.P. Co. freight officials relative to terminal facilities for Watsonville, and after he had massed in evidence in favor of the claim the company ordered that cars for Eastern shipment from this point should be billed direct from Watsonville and not from San Jose—a gain to shippers of at least two days in forwarding bills of lading, and a long step toward giving this valley just credit for her shipments. The freight officials also promised to consider the matter of rates [that] might conform as closely as possible to San Jose rates. Shippers of this valley owe much to Mr. Judd for his work in taking up their cause. He succeeded where many others have failed.”

Paj; 14 Apr 1898, item: “Luke Opusich was called to Los Angeles last week by the sickness of a brother.”

Paj; 14 Apr 1898; item: “Scurich Bros. made their season’s closing apple shipment on Monday.”

Paj; 14 Apr 1898; item: “Representatives from various secret societies met...in the Odd Fellows’ hall for the purpose of taking the preliminary steps towards the building of a good substantial sidewalk from the end of Brennan street along the county road to the Odd Fellows’ cemetery. A. N. Judd was chairman of the meeting...A committee, consisting of G. H. Brewington, E. F. Wyckoff, John Kennaugh, G. A. Trafton and L. Scurich, was appointed to have a survey made for the sidewalk and an estimate made of the cost, etc...”

Paj; 21 Apr 1898; item: “In a runaway yesterday...N. Stojanovich’s horse was cut and the wagon smashed...”

Paj. Supplement; 21 Apr 1898; honor roll: 1st year: Marcus Nirich.

Paj; 28 Apr 1898, item: “M. Rilovich & Bro. have had a large...house built on their Fourth street lot, near the broad guage depot—the scene of their packing house fire last year—and are building a large packing house in the rear.”

Paj; 28 Apr 1898, item: “Scurich Bros have torn down part of their old packing house on Alexander street and are at work on their large new packing house on Fourth street, near the broad guage depot.” *[that part of Fourth St. would be W. Lake today]*

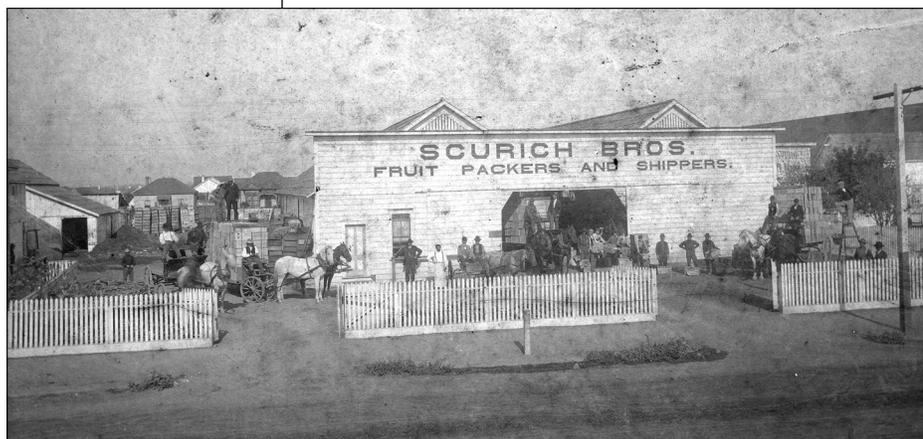


Fig. 1-40. Scurich Bros. packing house in Watsonville. Not sure of location; it’s either on Alexander St. or Fourth (W. Lake) at the depot; probably the latter. Late 1890s.

Paj; 12 May 1898, item: “Hamm & Miglias report shipment by freight of 3,992 chests of strawberries this month.”

Paj; 12 May 1898; item: "L. G. Sresovich, the San Francisco fruit dealer, was looking up Pajaro's apple outlook last Saturday."

Paj; 12 May 1898; item: "The demurrer in the case of V. Puhiera vs. S. Mann has been sustained by Judge Smith and Puhiera has been given ten days to amend."

Paj; 12 May 1898; article: "Horace W. Day, of the firm of Sgobel & Day, New York, spent three days in Watsonville last week, and met all the fruit shippers and many of the leading orchardists. Day's house is in the business of auctioning deciduous and citrus fruits, and controls the sales on the Erie wharf, New York city. The firm has been in business 28 years, and is the pioneer in selling California fruits in New York city. It annually handles the bulk of the New York shipments from the deciduous fruit districts of Northern California and Oregon and the citrus districts of Southern California. It sells fruit only one way—by auction.

"Mr. Day's attention was attracted to this district by the showing made last year by Pajaro valley Newtown Pippins in the Liverpool and London markets, and on his annual trip to California he took the time to visit the section from which those apples were shipped. He says that nearly 90,000 boxes of California Newtown Pippins were shipped to Great Britain during the season now closing, and the average at which they sold was high—while some sales were phenomenal. The English market wants the best apple that can be furnished, and will not take any other kind. Inferior or poorly graded fruit cannot be sold there, and such shipments are sure to return a loss. The Pajaro Newtown is the strong rival in the English market of the Albermatle Pippin, and as the latter is not a regular bearer, and its district in Virginia is very limited, the Pajaro Newtown has a certainty of a good English market, provided the quality and excellence of grading is maintained. The box package has slowly and surely made its way with the English trade, and is now a favored form. It easily permits of thorough inspection from top, bottom or sides. Poor center fillings can be palmed off in barrels but not in boxes.

"Mr. Day recommends that the name of the packer and the district be printed or stamped on every box of apples sent to the English market, and that the word 'Yellow' be dropped from before 'Newtown.' The buyer in that market wants to know where the fruit came from and by whom it was packed. Of the many carloads sent from this valley last year but a few small lots appeared at London with the names of the packers. On the others the names had been scraped off.

"The four-tier Newtown is what the English trade wants, and its quality can't be too good; and bear in mind there is no market for poor quality fruit. Sgobel & Day do business with packing firms, and their only charge is their auction fee, if sold in New York, or their transfer charge

if shipments are made to England. Shipments to the latter country are auctioned by J. Connelly & Son, of Liverpool, or M. Isaacs & Co. of London, and the sale fee goes to either of those firms. They believe that their system guarantees the surest and best net returns to packers, and the shippers will pay only legitimate expenses. Mr. Day left here with the promise of considerable business."

Paj; 19 May 1898; item: "N. Banaz has purchased the fruit crop of Mrs. Adam Martin's orchard. It always sells up among the highest priced orchards."

Paj; 2 Jun 1898, item: "S. Scurich and N. G. Mortizia left here last Sunday, bound for Sacramento. They are traveling on a tandem."

Paj; 2 Jun 1898; item: "To date Hamm & Miglias have handled 976 boxes of cherries."

Paj; 9 Jun 1898; item: "The case of Puhiera vs. Mann has been continued until next Monday before the Superior Court."

Paj; 16 Jun 1898, obit: "Watsonville June 15th, 1898, R. Opusich, a native of Austria aged 47 years."

Paj; 16 Jun 1898, obit: "R. Opusich, of Los Angeles, died at the home of his brother, Luke Opusich, last evening. He was a native of Austria, aged 47 years..."

Paj; 30 Jun 1898; item: "A lot of Pajaro valley cherries sold in New York...from 50 cents per box for M. N. Lettunich & Co. to 69 cents per box for A. W. Tate."

Paj; 30 Jun 1898; item: "Scurich Bros. are shipping Royal Anne cherries from Wm. McGrath's orchard. The crop is immense, and the fruit is of extra large size and quality."

Paj; 30 Jun 1898; item: "The Earl Fruit Co...sold cherries from this valley in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. The shippers were A. N. Judd, L. A. Brewster, W. H. Bowman, A. W. Tate, F. P. Marinovich & Co., and M. N. Lettunich & Co. Averaging the sales as reported Brewster got 95 cents (one lot only), Marinovich & Co. 76 cents, Judd (two lots) 74 cents, Bowman 70 cents, Lettunich & Co. (two lots) 66 cents, Tate (one lot) 62 cents."

Paj; 14 Jul 1898; list: "The following is a total of the season's fruit shipments to date from Watsonville station, as reported for this paper by Hamm & Miglias, car loaders: [a list of strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, apples, cherries and 'other fruits' appeared weekly until the end of the year]" [*Miglias was Croatian*]

Paj; 14 Jul 1898; item: "M. Rabasa was over from San Jose yesterday. His health is much improved."

Paj; 14 Jul 1898; item: "In the case of Puhiera vs. Mann an answer to the amended complaint has been filed."

Paj; 21 Jul 1898, item: "Vlaho Puhiera has sold 27 acres near...San Jose road in Casserly district to Luke Scurich."

Paj; 21 Jul 1898, item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. are going to run the Brodis drier on apples, and the Beck evaporator may handle apples if government contracts for vegetables are closed in time."

Paj; 21 Jul 1898, item: "The telephone company has increased its local service this week. There are now 95 boxes. With the addition of five boxes Watsonville will have a continuous day and night telephone service."

Paj; 4 Aug 1898; item: "Martin J. Radovich was naturalized last Monday."

Paj; 4 Aug 1898, born: "Watsonville, Aug. 1st 1898, to the wife of Daniel Balcovich [Samuel Balovich], a daughter." [*Johanna*]

Paj; 11 Aug 1898, item: "B. Puhiera has sold a lot on Kearney street to S. Strasicich."

Paj; 11 Aug 1898, item: "...N. Banaz, S. [Steve] Scurich, N. Miglias...of this valley, were admitted to citizenship last Monday."

Paj; 11 Aug 1898, item: "One of the leading packing firms of this valley has made box contracts to cover 150 to 200 carloads of apples, and the chances are that the order will have to be increased."

Paj; 11 Aug 1898, item: "The case of Puhiera vs. Mann has been postponed to Sept. 12th."

Paj; 18 Aug 1898, item: "Emil Malmgren is to have charge of Lettunich & Co.'s apple drier."

Paj; 18 Aug 1898, item: "J. Tomasivich [Tomasevich] has purchased the fruit on Chas. T. Romie's orchard, near Soledad."

Paj; 18 Aug 1898, item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. are building another large section as an addition to their double packing house at the depot."

Paj; 18 Aug 1898, item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. opened the season for Eastern apple shipments with a car to Montana, sent out last Wednesday. They were the first shippers last season."

Paj; 18 Aug 1898, item: "L. G. Sresovich, the apple king, was in town Friday. Mr. Sresovich, who has traveled over the State, says that the largest and best fruit crop is in Santa Cruz county. He has purchased practically the entire fruit crop in San Luis Obispo county. In this county he has bought 25,000 boxes of apples and 5,000 boxes of Bartlett pears. He says that apples are worth from 50 cents to \$1.25 per box.—Sentinel

"[in answer to above] A man has to handle more than 25,000 boxes of apples in a season to be an 'apple king' in Santa Cruz county, the leading apple producing county of the Pacific slope. There are two firms in this city each of which expects to handle 150,000 boxes this season, and there are a half dozen firms which will handle over 25,000 boxes each. The 'apple kings' among Pacific coast packers are in Pajaro valley, and each of them will handle several times the amount accredited by the Sentinel to Mr. Sresovich."

Paj; 18 Aug 1898, item: "J. P. Miovich & Co. had a splendid Gravenstein crop on Owen Tuttle's orchard this summer. The Gravenstein is usually a shy bearer, but it hit right this year when prices were up. A carload of those Gravensteins was shipped East this week."

Paj; 1 Sep 1898; item: "N. P. Banaz shipped the first carload of Bellefleurs this season. It went out last Saturday, and was for the Kansas City market."

Paj; 1 Sep 1898; item: "J. Tomasevich has purchased the fruit of the Windsor orchard, near Gonzales."

Paj; 15 Sep 1898, item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. started their evaporator last Monday, and expect before long to run it night and day. They are employing fifteen persons at the present. Emil Malmgren is in charge."

Paj; 15 Sep 1898, item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. are handling the Newtown and White Winter Pearmain crop of the Bullene orchard, near Spreckles...The Salinas Pearmain grows to larger size than its Pajaro brother, but they have equally that spicy flavor which makes the Pearmain such a popular apple at home and in South American and Hawaiian markets."

Paj; 15 Sep 1898, item: "The case of Puhiera vs. Mann was on trial before the Superior Court, Monday and Tuesday. It took the jury only 7 minutes to find a verdict favorable to the defendant, Mann. The plaintiff will have to pay the costs. As Mann was not cross-examined the amusement which the case was expected to produce did not show up."

Paj; 29 Sep 1898, item: "Lettunich & Co.'s apple drier is turning out as fine a lot of dried apples as ever went to market. They are pronounced high grade by experts."

Paj; 6 Oct 1898; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. will have a packing house at Santa Cruz next season."

Paj; 13 Oct 1898, item: "**Pajaro Township Election Officers.** Watsonville No. 4: Polling place Mansion House sample room...Inspectors, Luke Scurich...[only Slav listed]"

Paj; 13 Oct 1898, birth: "Watsonville, Oct 8 1898, to the wife of S. Strasicich, a daughter." [*Pauline; +1919*]

Fig. 1-41.
Pauline Strazicich.
Married Nick Lettunich (Fig. 1-25).



Paj; 13 Oct 1898, item: "Geo. Strasicich is building a large addition to the Railroad Exchange hotel."

Paj; 13 Oct 1898; item: "Luke Scurich has been on the sick list this week, and has been confined to his home with a serious fever."

Paj; 20 Oct 1898; item: "N. Gerliza was convicted yesterday on a charge of disturbing the peace by acting rudely to a young lady."

Paj; 27 Oct 1898; item: "N. Gerliza is serving a term of ninety days in the county jail. He was sent up by Recorder Hawkins."

Paj; 27 Oct 1898, item: "M. Grizich is back from a visit to his old home in Austria."

Paj; 27 Oct 1898, item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. have over 220 persons employed picking, packing and curing apples."

Paj; 10 Nov 1898; obit: "Watsonville, Nov. 5th 1898, Wm. Puglisevich [Pulisevich], a native of Austria aged 56 years."

Paj; 10 Nov 1898, birth: "Watsonville, Nov 1st 1898, to the wife of N. Balovich, a son." [*Samuel; +1978*]

Paj; 17 Nov 1898; item: "Beloch & Pasetta have purchased the fruit of the Blodgett orchard, near Ben Lomond, for a period of five years."

Paj; 17 Nov 1898; item: "We again urge apple handlers that extreme care be taken in grading and packing. The fruit may sell through a short crop season if poorly graded and packed, but such a condition is apt to permanently destroy the chances for an Eastern or European market. The apple crop of Pajaro valley has to find an outside

market. It is too large for the coast trade. To gain and hold a market at any point[,] first quality fruit, carefully packed, must be offered for sale. In a recent number of the California Fruit Grower, John Zucca, a leading fruit handler of Chicago, writes about the poor condition in which Bellefleurs have reached that market. They sold down to \$1.25 per box, a sum not sufficient to cover the local f.o.b. price and freight. A correspondent writes us from Chicago relative to some Pajaro apples he purchased there: 'Pajaro valley apples put up the poorest appearance of any apples in the market here. They are green and dirty, with no labels on the boxes in most cases. If they keep on shipping out such poor stuff in such poor style there will soon be no market here. I bought a box for \$1.50, and I never saw such a fake. They were marked "extra," and the top and bottom looked fair—but the center was filled with little, green wormy stuff, hardly fit to eat.'

"That is a serious report, one which should awaken every orchardist and fruit handler of Pajaro valley. The apple crop is the most valuable produced in this valley. It will probably amount to not less than \$750,000 this season. It is worth keeping up to high grade and value. This valley is largely given over to apple orchards. Any blow or setback to the product thereof not only affects the value of the crop but cuts the value of the orchard and orchard lands..."

Paj; 1 Dec 1898; item: "We are in receipt of another letter from an Eastern city which sharply scores the quality of the Bellefleurs offered from this market. The writer says the top and bottom layers of boxes he saw were good, but the middle layers were made up of trash. That kind of packing will kill the reputation of any fruit district—and on the reputation of our apples depends the orchard investment of our farmers. Your years of labor and the value of your property are involved in this matter of reputation. You are interested in seeing that only good fruit is produced and marketed."

Paj; 22 Dec 1898; item: "The Lettunich drier laid off its night crew."

Paj; 22 Dec 1898; article: "J. Tomasevich's apple packing house and contents were destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. The packing house, which was located at the corner of Third and Locust streets, was owned by Victor Rondot, and was valued at about \$400. The contents were several hundred boxes of apples, a lot of box shooks, and 5 tons of prunes...Tomasevich estimates his loss at over \$2,000. The insurance is \$1,300. The fire was undoubtedly incendiary, but it is going to be difficult to locate the arsonist. The insurance companies should give this fire a close investigation"

Paj; 22 Dec 1898; honor roll: 5th year: George Smith.

[George had recently arrived from Arizona, where he was born; his mother was a Milanovich from Primorje, and she moved her whole family from Arizona to Watsonville in 1898; she was either a widow or divorced; George was the oldest of the US-born Croatian-Americans to go through the local schools; in 1914 he was elected District Attorney of Santa Cruz Co.; see his photo at 29 June 1914]

Paj; 22 Dec 1898; born: "Watsonville, Dec. 18th, 1898, to the wife of Luke Scurich, a son."
[Antone "Tony"; +1959]



Fig. 1-42.
Antone "Tony" Scurich.

Paj; 22 Dec 1898; item: "Visco Nirich, an Austrian apple handler, was found dead at his home in Freedom, last Friday afternoon. A gun, one barrel of which had been discharged, was found by his side, and the circumstances pointed to death from an accidental discharge of the gun while he was handling it, or suicide...[A] jury held an inquest Saturday, and the verdict was accidental death. He was a native of Austria, 32 years of age, and leaves a brother who lives here and relatives in Austria."

Paj; 29 Dec 1898; item: "...V. Puhiera and I. Opusich had some words over a horse sale made to Opusich by the former, and Puhiera assaulted him. Both were arrested for disturbing the peace, and each paid a fine of \$5. Opusich had Puhiera arrested on a charge of battery."

Paj; 29 Dec 1898; article: "Rado Chukovich was tried before Recorder Hawkins and a jury last Friday, on a charge of assault on V. Puhiera. The jury decided that Chukovich was not guilty. It appears that Chukovich, while attending a session of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society, got into a wordy altercation. He left in high temper, and in passing out of the hall attacked the outer guardian, Puhiera. The latter, after recovering from his surprise, gave chase with his official weapon of defense, and Chukovich had to make lively time to escape him. Chukovich had Puhiera arrested for assault."
[then why was Chukovich the one on trial?]

Paj; 29 Dec 1898; item: "Packers are not making any offers for next year's apple crop. They are waiting for rain. If we have another dry season packers will hold back on orchard buying until near the picking season."

Paj; 5 Jan 1899, item: "L. Scurich, W. Pulisevich and F. P. Marinovich have been appointed appraisers of the estate of Visko Nirich. Paul Nirich is the administrator and Julius Lee is the attorney."

Paj; 12 Jan 1899, item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. closed down their apple drier last Monday night. It was in operation four months and four days, and its product was six carloads—about 100 tons—of dried apples...They found the Newtown Pippin the best apple for drying. They have this drier leased and expect to operate it each season. They have found the drier a very satisfactory adjunct of their packing house in working up fruit which would scarcely pay to handle any other way."

Paj; 19 Jan 1899, born: "Watsonville, Jan. 11th 1899, to the wife of F. P. Marinovich, a daughter."
[Anna; married Miladin; +1966]



Fig. 1-43. Anna Marinovich,
in costume for a school play.

Paj; 26 Jan 1899, obit: "John Selenco [Silenco], uncle of John Miglias, of this city, and who was interested here in fruit handling up to a few years ago, died in San Jose last week."

Paj; 2 Feb 1899, obit: "Watsonville, Jan 27th 1899, Nick Zupanovich, a native of Austria, aged 26 years."

Paj; 2 Feb 1899, obit: "Watsonville, Jan. 27th 1899, Anton Kuzmich, native of Austria, aged 32 years."

Paj; 2 Feb 1899, obit: "Watsonville, Jan. 29th 1899, John Seconda [Secondo], a native of Austria, aged 19 years."
[first mention of Secondo]

Paj; 9 Feb 1899, obit: "Watsonville, Feb. 3rd 1899, Peter Ljubanovich, a native of Austria, aged 43 years."

Paj; 9 Feb 1899, item: "M. N. Lettunich has purchased the John B. Brown residence property on the corner of Union and Trafton streets."

Paj; 16 Feb 1899, born: "Watsonville, Feb 10th 1899, to the wife of Andrew Strasicich, a daughter." [Angela; married Cumbelich; +1976]



Fig. 1-44.
Angela Strazicich.

Paj; 16 Feb 1899, item: "The estate of Visco Nirich, deceased, has been appraised at \$830.57."

Paj; 23 Feb 1899, item: "M. N. Lettunich has purchased the old Peck residence on the corner of Union and Peck streets, and is going to move it to his lot on Bridge street."

Paj; 23 Mar 1899, item: "M. Grizich has purchased L. Opusich's interest in the packing firm of Opusich & Balovich. Mr. Opusich is to go back to Austria."

Paj; 13 Apr 1899, item: "Luke Opusich, one of the pioneer apple packers of this valley, left here this morning for his old home in Austria. He does not expect to return."

Paj; 13 Apr 1899, item: "N. Banaz shipped the last carload of apples for the season last Saturday. It went to San Francisco. Alaga & Vuicich shipped the last broken car on the same day."

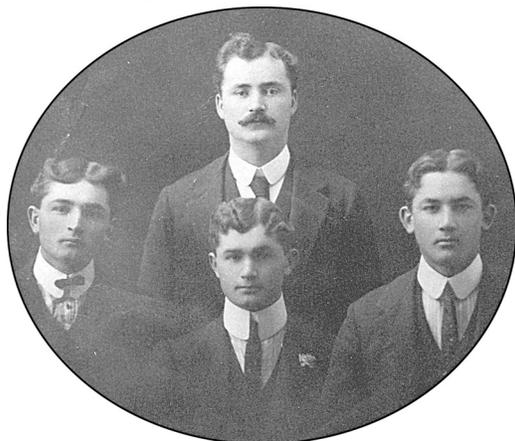


Fig. 1-45. Alaga brothers: Paul (left: 1877-1957), Nick (top; 1874-1935), Mitchell (bottom: 1883-1909), John (1885-1944). They were nephews of Mateo Lettunich.

Fig. 1-46.
Nick Vuicich
(1871-1916)



Paj; 20 Apr 1899, item: "P. N. Lettunich & Co. are building a large packing house on Kearney street."

Paj; 4 May 1899, item: "M. Lettunich and family are at Eureka, Humboldt county, on a visit to relatives."

Paj; 4 May 1899, item: "M. J. Radovich has resigned his position with N. Stojanovich on account of poor health, and is at Monterey for health recuperation."

Paj; 11 May 1899, item: "F. P. Marinovich, James Holohan and Ed Thompson were in Santa Cruz this week on jury duty."

Paj; 18 May 1899, item: "M. J. Radovich has opened a fruit and vegetable store at Monterey."

Paj; 18 May 1899, item: "P. N. Lettunich & Co. have

built a mammoth packing house on their lots in the Walker subdivision."

Paj; 25 May 1899; notice of co-partnership: "State of California, County of Santa Cruz, We the undersigned do hereby certify that we are partners, transacting business as such, in the State of California at the City of Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, under the firm name and style of SCURICH BROS.; that the full names of all members of such partnership are LUKE SCURICH and STEPHEN SCURICH, and that we and each of us reside in said City of Watsonville, in the State of California. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 15th day of May, A.D. 1899. LUKE SCURICH, STEPHEN SCURICH..."

Paj; 25 May 1899, item: "Rilovich Bros. are going to build a large packing house on the Peckham lots on Fourth street."

Paj; 6 Jul 1899, item: "Luke Scurich has purchased from Albert Griesse lot 12 in the Walker subdivision."

Paj; 20 Jul 1899, item: "M. N. Lettunich, L. Scurich and G. W. Sill went to San Francisco, Tuesday, to confer with the freight department of the S.P. Co. relative to freight rates on apples. They advocated a straight rate based on actual weight—a fair proposition for shippers and carriers."

Paj; 27 Jul 1899; article: "Last week Messrs. L. Scurich, M. N. Lettunich and G. W. Sill, the committee representing the fruit growers and shippers of Pajaro valley, conferred with General Freight Agent Shepard, of the S.P. Co., relative to a flat weight rate on Eastern apple shipments. Their showing was strong, and Mr. Shepard agreed with them that their claim was meritorious, and that the facts and figures presented bearing on differences in weight of varieties of apples gave a new phase to the question. He was much impressed with the statements of the committee, and assured them that the matter would be immediately submitted to the connecting transcontinental roads and that a conclusion would be reached before the opening of the Bellefleur shipping season. The committee feels that the promise is good for an acceptance of their propositions..."

Paj; 27 Jul 1899; item: "The project for a large new apple evaporator to be located in this city is well along. Four of the heaviest packing firms—Scurich Bros., F. P. Marinovich & Co., Pulisevich Bros., and N. Banaz—have united to build and operate the evaporator. They expect to run largely on stock from orchards which they have purchased. The drier will be located on the Judd tract at the corner of the Beach road and the P.V.C.R.R. track line, and the lot will have a frontage of 80 feet on the

main road and 180 feet on the railroad track. A Penniman drier has been ordered, and the evaporator will be in operation early this fall...[F]rom the condition of the market we believe that the owners of the new drier will find their investment profitable..."

Paj; 27 Jul 1899, item: "P. N. Lettunich & Co. have had an attractive lithographed label made for their apple boxes. It is a beauty, and a first class advertisement of the firm and of Pajaro valley apples." [see Fig. 1-49]

Paj; 3 Aug 1899, item: "N. Banaz has rented the Stoesser mill property, on lower Main street, for use of an additional apple storage house."

Wats. Trans; 4 Aug 1899; item: "F. P. Marinovich, N. Banaz, Pulesevich Bros. and Scurich Bros., fruit shippers of this valley, have purchased 2 lots in the Judd tract on the Beach road, where they propose to build and operate a fruit drying establishment. Suitable buildings will be constructed at once, and it is expected that the plant will be in operation before Sept. 1st. Apples will be the principal fruit dried..."

Paj; 31 Aug 1899, item: "P. N. Lettunich & Co. are going to use lithographed labels on all their apple boxes and neatly printed paper for inside covers. They propose to give Pajaro valley apples some profitable advertising."

Paj; 31 Aug 1899, item: "Scurich Bros. have dried the prune crop of F. Arano's orchard. They say that most of the prunes ran 14 to the pound green, and that they will average 50-60; and they are rich in sugar too."

Paj; 14 Sep 1899, born: "Watsonville, Sept. 8th 1899, to the wife of Joe Balanac, a son." [Nicholas; +1954]

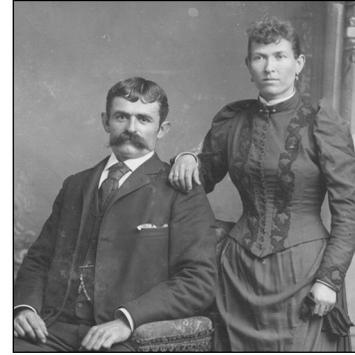
Paj; 14 Sep 1899; item: "The new apple drier near the narrow guage depot, owned by Scurich, Marinovich & Co., will be in full operation before the close of this week."

Paj; 21 Sep 1899; marriage: "Miss Lucia E. Zar and Stephen Scurich, of this city, were married at St. Patrick's church...Miss Kate Scurich was bridesmaid and Anton Scurich was groomsman. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Scurich went to Santa Cruz. Sunday evening they were given a 'welcome home' by the bride's parents and a party of friends. Mr. Scurich is the junior member of the fruit packing firm of Scurich Bros., and is a popular and successful young businessman. During his 10 years residence in this valley he has made many friends, and they wish him and his bride a long and happy life."

Paj; 21 Sep 1899, marriage: "Watsonville, Sept. 16th

1899, by Rev. P. Hassett, Miss Lucia E. Zar to Stephen Scurich, both of this city."

Fig. 1-47.
Steve Scurich
(1868-1944) and wife,
Lucy Zar Scurich
(1882-1958).



Paj; 21 Sep 1899, item:

"V. Piskulich, proprietor of the Trujedna Kraljevina, a Slavonian newspaper published in San Francisco, has been here this week preparing for a special edition of his paper which is to be given over to Watsonville and the Pajaro valley."

SFCall; 24 Sep 1899; item: "GILROY HOT SPRINGS— The following guests have registered at Gilroy Hot Springs during the past week: ...Mateo Lettunich and wife, Watsonville..."

Paj; 28 Sep 1899; item: "Scurich Bros. have a suit against the S.P. Co., before Judge Hawkins, to recover \$299 for damages which they claim to be on account of a loss on a car of apples shipped to St. Louis, Mo., about a year ago, and which was smashed in a collision."

SFCall; 1 Oct 1899; item: "GILROY HOT SPRINGS— The following guests have registered at Gilroy Hot Springs during the past week: ...Miss Mae Farlin, Nick Lettunich, Lewis Lettunich, Watsonville..." [Mateo Lettunich's young sons and their aunt]

Paj; 12 Oct 1899, item: "P. N. Lettunich & Co. will make a shipment this week, direct to London, of a carload of their Dewey brand of Newtown Pippins. They will be of extra choice stock, carefully wrapped, packed in the best quality boxes, and each package will bear the firm's handsome Dewey label."

Paj; 12 Oct 1899; item: "The apple brushing machine made by Wright Bros. of Riverside, Cal., and placed in M. N. Lettunich & Co.'s packing house...is a great success. It is especially useful in cleaning apples grown by the roadside, or fruit which has been picked in the early morning before the fog has dried. We think the brushing machine is going to be a necessity in packing houses."

Paj; 26 Oct 1899, item: "Jovo Trikovich was arrested last Saturday on a charge of having threatened the life of Vedo Mianovich. They are apple packers, and were employed at the Rilovich packing house."

Paj; 26 Oct 1899; item: "Choice apples carefully packed

in clean boxes which bear labels as attractive as those used by P. N. Lettunich & Co. are trade winners. The label of this firm has made a big hit, and traders in California markets now know it and inquire for it. The Pajaro apple deserves attractive packing and labels. It is a good article, and its surroundings should be up to its merit.”

Paj; 2 Nov 1899; item: “We are informed that a car of apples will leave here in a few days for reshipment to Singapore, Asia. The Pajaro apple will soon be a globe trotter. It now reaches more foreign contries than any other American green fruit production.”

Paj; 9 Nov 1899, item: “Geo. Dabelich and J. H. Leonard, of Santa Cruz, were in town Tuesday. Dabelich wanted to find a central location for a restaurant but could not find a vacant room.”



Paj; 9 Nov 1899, birth: “Watsonville, Nov. 6th 1899, to the wife of S. Strasicich, a son.” [John; +1929]

Fig. 1-48. John Strazicich.

Paj; 16 Nov 1899, item: “The Dewey brand of apples is an active advertiser of Pajaro valley’s best fruit. Reports of them have been heard from different Alaskan, Puget-Sound and Eastern points, and London and Manila will soon be heard from. Fruit put up in attractive packages, like grocery shelf goods which have tasty labels and are in neat packages, will always prove the best sellers. There will be a variety of apple brands next season, and each one will be an advertisement of a packing firm and of Pajaro valley. Individual brands and labels are apt to beget a healthy competition in grading and packing.”

Paj; 16 Nov 1899, item: “J. Castrapelli has handled quite a lot of San Miguel apples, and is shipping out a lot of Newtowns from that section which are beautifully colored. The San Miguel Newtown is a leader for color.”

Paj; 23 Nov 1899, item: “P. N. Lettunich & Co. will ship today in a New York car several boxes of specially selected Newtown Pippins, with the Dewey labels on the boxes. They are to be presented through Sgobel & Day, of New York, to Admiral Dewey and wife, and they will go to one of our country’s most honored citizens. When the Admiral and those apples greet each other it will be a meeting of leaders.”

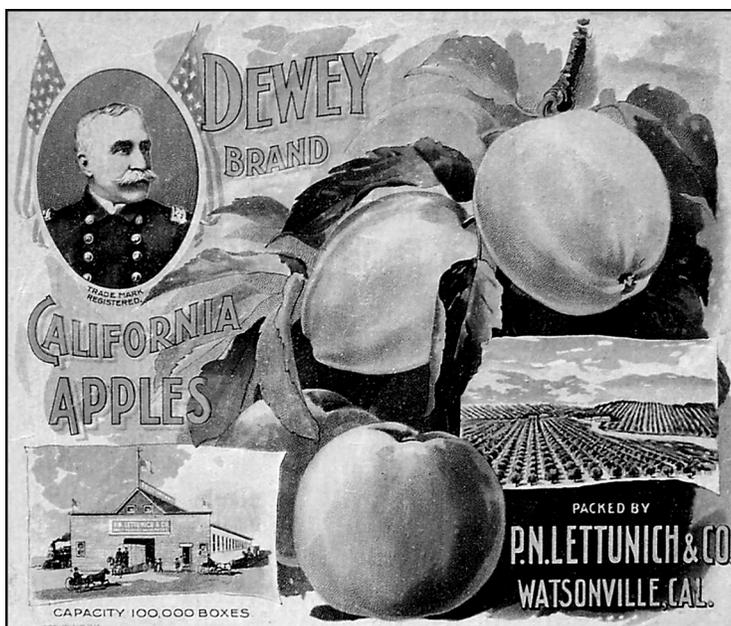


Fig. 1-49. Dewey Brand was the first apple label in the Pajaro Valley. Peter N. Lettunich was a brother of M. N. Lettunich. Peter died in 1904. Also read about this label and packing house under 21 Sept. 1903.

Paj; 28 Dec 1899; obit: “Salinas, Dec. 25th 1899, Johanna Balovich, a native of Syria [sic Austria], aged 10 years, 6 months and 21 days.”

Paj; 28 Dec 1899, item: “Last month P. N. Lettunich & Co. sent a box of Newtown Pippins for Admiral Dewey in a car which was shipped to New York. In due time the box reached the Admiral’s home in Washington, and...he acknowledged its receipt in the following words: ‘Please accept my thanks for...the box of apples which you sent me through your New York agents, and which have just been received. George Dewey.’ There were no ‘strings’ on that offering to the Admiral; they were for himself and family—and having once sampled Pajaro valley apples they will want them again. Like the brave Admiral they are leaders.”

[*Comment on ad on p. 7: “Nothing but White Help Employed.”

At this time in history there was much unrest in Watsonville concerning the “Oriental labor problem.” This had to do with white men complaining that the Orientals were undercutting them in the labor market. Much pressure was put on merchants in town to hire only white help; they would often be boycotted if they didn’t. Many merchants chose to put this phrase in their ads.]

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Newspaper abbreviations.

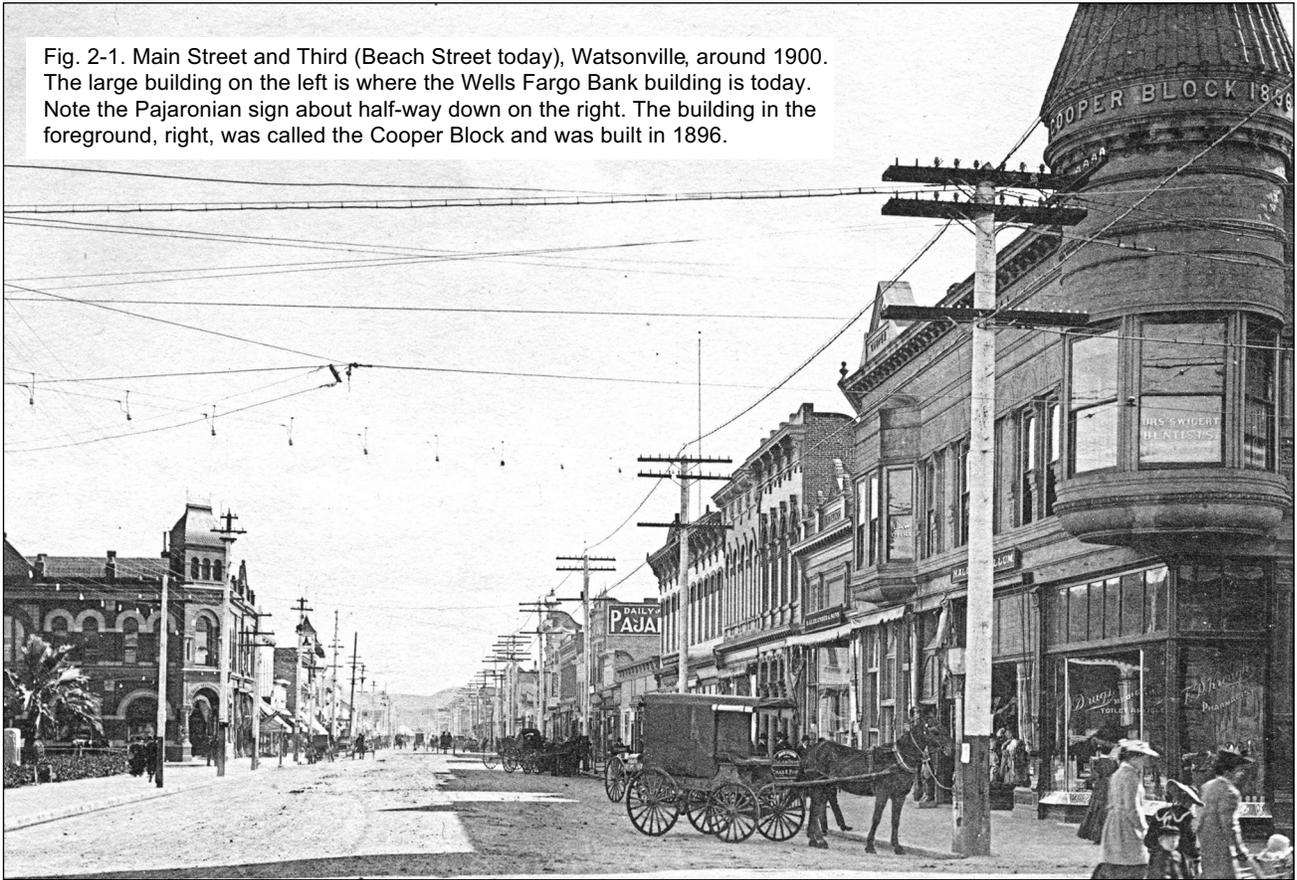
EP = Evening Pajaronian
Paj = Pajaronian
WReg = Watsonville Register
Trans = Transcript (a Watsonville paper)
Wats Trans = Watsonville Transcript
Rustler = Rustler (a Watsonville paper)
SC Sent = Santa Cruz Sentinel
SC Surf = Santa Cruz Surf
SJ Mercury News = San Jose Mercury News

Abbreviations and terms in the main text—

ALL = Advertised Letter List
class. ad = classified ad
disp. ad = display ad
hon. roll = honor roll (school)
hon. prom. = honorary promotion to next grade (no test necessary)
mar. license = marriage license
obit = obituary
prom. by exam = promotion by exam (to next grade)
school prom. = school promotion (to next grade)
sic indicates that the passage (or word) is just as it appears in its original source.
Sometimes the correction is written after *sic*.
UL = Undelivered Letters
Ro. = Rancho
et al. = "and others"
et ux. = "and wife"
et vir. = "and husband"

More information can be found in Appendix A.

Fig. 2-1. Main Street and Third (Beach Street today), Watsonville, around 1900. The large building on the left is where the Wells Fargo Bank building is today. Note the Pajaronian sign about half-way down on the right. The building in the foreground, right, was called the Cooper Block and was built in 1896.



CHAPTER 2 —

1900–1905

Paj; 4 Jan 1900; item: “The State Board of Health has notified the County Recorders of this State that a complete record of deaths must be kept hereafter. There is a law which requires that nurses and doctors shall report each birth to the Recorder of the county in which such birth occurs. The law is always observed in the case of a birth of a child to Chinese parents, but is very seldom observed in the case of the birth of white children. The observance of this law should be strictly enforced.”

Paj; 4 Jan 1900; notice: “**Certificate of Partnership.** We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we constitute a partnership, transacting business as such at the City of Watsonville...under the firm name and style of PULISEVICH BROS.; that the full names of all the members of such partnership are William Pulisevich and George Pulisevich; and that we and each of us reside in said City of Watsonville...In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this third day of January, A.D. 1900.

“— WILLIAM PULISEVICH,
“GEORGE PULISEVICH...”

Paj; 11 Jan 1900; item: “The Austrian-American Benevolent Society installed the following officers last Saturday night: Luke Scurich, Past President; Mark Stolich,

President; William Pulisevich, Vice President; R. Tadich, Rec. Sec.; P. Stolich, Fin. Sec.; N. Alaga, Treasurer; J. Katuran, Conductor; P. Miladin, Sergeant-at-Arms; Luke Cikuth, M. N. Lettunich and N. Stojanovich, Trustees. A banquet and dance followed the installation.” [*first mentions of Stolich and Cikuth*]

Paj; 18 Jan 1900; ALL: Nick Tomich.

SJ Mercury News; 19 Jan 1900; obit: “Marko Rabasa, a pioneer of California, has passed away...He was born in 1827 in Janjina, Dalmatia, Austria, and left there when he was 16 years of age. Nine years were spent on the sea. In 1851 he came to San Francisco. For a short time he worked in the mines, and then took up his residence in San Jose. For several years he engaged in the fruit business, and was an extensive buyer and shipper. Two years ago he was taken ill and sold his business to L. G. Susovich [Sresovich] & Co. His death occurred at the residence of John Jasprizza. He was a member and organizer of the Slavonian Benevolent Society of San Francisco, and the Austrian Benevolent Society of San Jose, and was also an Odd Fellow. The funeral will take place from the Jasprizza residence 121 Santa Teresa street... Services at St. Josephs Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery.” [*Jasprica was Rabasa’s mother’s maiden name; likely John Jasprizza was a cousin*]

SJ Mercury News; 22 Jan 1900; obit: “The funeral of Marko Rabassa, the pioneer citizen who died last Thurs-

day, was conducted under the auspices of the American [*sic* Austrian] Benevolent Society, of which he was a member. There were also present 14 members and officers of the Slavonian Benevolent Society of San Francisco of which organization Rabassa was a charter member. His name was the first on the charter roll at the organization of the society in the Bay City in 1857, forty-three years ago. Mr. Rabassa came to California in 1851, and after successfully engaging in the fruit business as a buyer and shipper, he retired a few years ago with a competence. Besides being a prominent member of the Austrian Benevolent Society of San Jose, he was also an Odd Fellow and a number of his fellow members in the latter order also attended the funeral. It was from the residence of John Jasprizza at 221 Santa Teresa street, where he passed away. The procession was led by the Fifth Regiment Band, President N. Varesich and members of the Austrian Benevolent Society, wearing mourning badges...The pallbearers were M. Miocevich, L. Matusich, J. Miglias, P. Svetinich, A. Sorich, F. Barticevich, M. Drobaz and M. Kresaglia."

Paj; 25 Jan 1900; obit: "San Jose, Jan 18, 1900, Marco Rabasa, a native of Austria, aged 73 years."



Figs. 2-2 and 2-3. The grave of Marco Rabasa, located in the Calvary Cemetery, San Jose, Calif.

Paj; 25 Jan 1900; obit: "Marco Rabasa, the pioneer apple packer of Pajaro valley, died at San Jose last Thursday and was buried on Sunday. He came here about 20 years ago, and was the first buyer of Pajaro apple crops. He was located at the Blackburn orchard for several years. His success in handling fruit, together with the prices he paid for orchards, did very much to promote the rapid growth of apple orchard planting in this valley. Up to the time he took hold of the business of apple marketing apple orchards were considered of such small value in this district that some had been abandoned and the planting of new orchards was infrequent. His success attracted other packing firms to this valley, and now the growing and marketing of apples is the foremost branch of the farming interests of this section. Ill health compelled Mr. Rabassa's retirement from active business two years ago,

and he moved to San Jose. He was a man whose word did not have to be secured by bonds or contracts. He lived up to his agreements, and he took his losses as gamely as if they had been profits. He was proud of the fact that he was a pioneer Californian, and that he had been an effective worker in aiding the growth of California's fruit interests...Marco Rabasa had many friends in Pajaro valley, and his death is very much regretted by them. He was a native of Dalmatia, Austria, and was 73 years old. He came to California 50 years ago...He leaves a nephew, Chris Rabasa."

Paj; 25 Jan 1900; item: "An interesting case, growing out of apricot sales last season, was partially heard by Judge Hawkins...Last summer Scurich Bros. contracted with the Cutting Co., which was succeeded by the California Canneries Co., to deliver a lot of apricots in San Francisco at an agreed price. The cots were sent but the money did not come in return. Scurich Bros. drew for the amount and got nothing except a notice that the fruit was not up to sample and had been turned over to Gould & Jaudin for sale for the account of Scurich Bros., and that the commission firm would settle. As the contract was with the Cutting Co. or its successors, and the fruit was considered by the shippers as being up to grade, and as nothing had been heard from Gould & Jaudin, suit was commenced by Scurich Bros...The testimony showed that the fruit had been turned down by the cannery and had been given to Gould & Jaudin for sale, and then had been sold back to the cannery. It was not considered good enough when received, but was good enough after it had been placed on the market. This was quite a revelation of methods for purchase of produce at depressed prices. Gould & Jaudin did not show a canceled check in favor of Scurich Bros. to cover the transaction, but did introduce a checkbook stub to set up that a check had been sent. The stub is a curio, and would be a good thing for the examination of Kytka or some expert on writing. The stub is not now in its original condition, and looks as if it had been erased and written over. The case is to be submitted on briefs."

Paj; 15 Feb 1900; item: "N. Alaga, A. B. Lettunich and P. Miladin, of this city, were naturalized Tuesday." [see Figs. on next page]

Paj; 15 Feb 1900; honor roll: 2nd year: Katie Stojanovich.

Paj; 22 Feb 1900; item: "N. Banaz has purchased from Geo. W. Peckham the property at the west corner of Rodriguez and Kearney streets, and the lot to the rear which runs through to Fifth street."

Paj; 22 Feb 1900; married: "Watsonville, Feb 19, 1900...Miss Celestin [Stella] Zar to Matthew Grizich." [see Fig. on next page]



Figs. 2-4 & 2-5. Paul Miladin (1877-1967), left, and “___ Lettunich” (as is written on back of the photo); perhaps A.B. Lettunich (1874-1948) or Peter Lettunich (1882-1953). On right, in oval, is Nick Alaga (1874-1935).



Fig. 2-6. Stane “Stella” Zar (1875-1938) and Mato “Matthew” Grizich (1869-1919).

SFCall; 6 Mar 1900; item: “**Banaz Is Bankrupt.** Special Dispatch to The Call. WATSONVILLE, March 5.—Nick Banaz, a prominent fruit shipper of this section, was attached today by Sheriff Besse on behalf of the Pajaro Valley Bank. His liabilities will reach \$20,000, while his assets are but \$7500. Although Banaz has made big money in the fruit business, still for the past few years he has been a good thing in sporting circles.”

Paj; 8 Mar 1900; born: “Watsonville, Feb 23, 1900, to the wife of Nick Puhiarevich [Pecarovich], a son.” [*Nicholas*; +1926]

Paj; 8 Mar 1900; born: “Watsonville, Feb 24, 1900, to the wife of Andrew Strazicich, a son.” [*Nicholas*; died 6 months later]

Paj; 8 Mar 1900; item: “R. T. Grant and wife, of Monterey, have sold to M. Grizich and S. Balovich, the old Grant home on Walker street for \$1450. Grizich & Balovich will erect an apple shed on the lot.”

Paj; 15 Mar 1900; item: “From Hamm & Mortizia we have obtained the following statement of local fruit shipments made from Watsonville during the past season, and which passed through their loading agency: [follows is a list of stone fruits, apples, strawberries and blackberries and their quantities]...” [*this is likely the firm of Hamm & Miglias; Mortizia was probably not involved with loading freight*]

Paj; 15 Mar 1900; notice: “In Bankruptcy. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States, in and for the Northern District of California.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of N. BANAZ, Bankrupt...Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of March, A.D. 1900, the said N. Banaz was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the Referee, Pajaro Valley Bank, in the City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, on the 28th day of March, A.D. 1900...at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. ED MARTIN, Referee for Bankruptcy. Dated Santa Cruz, Cal., March 13th, 1900.”

Paj; 15 Mar 1900; item: “The following are the liabilities of N. Banaz, as set forth in his petition in bankruptcy: [only the Slavs are listed here] A. Koposcish, \$150; M. Zupun [Zupan], \$229.25; J. Gledi [Gledj/Glage], \$118; P. Guras, \$204; M. Milgarai, \$132.25; J. Opusich, \$60; G. Novakovich, \$52.50; S. Novak, \$56.25; M. Pumucina, \$41; G. Monkovich, \$41; S. Miglas, \$188.35; M. Zaput [Caput], \$137; N. Mortiza, \$87; P. Guiras, \$1,326; L. Matinjasevich [Matiashevich], \$1,151; M. Martijia, \$1,055; S. Strazicich, \$25; Stolich Bros, \$5; J. Radin, \$200; J. Jasprizza, \$12; Scurich Bros, \$12...total, \$30,001.42...total assets, \$7,870.” [*first mentions of Zupan, Gledj/Gledj/Glech/Glage, Gurash, Monkovich, Matiashevich, Caput, and Radin*]

Paj; 22 Mar 1900; item: “250 barrels of Pajaro valley apples—about 800 boxes—have been collected by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture at Eastern cold storage points and have been shipped to Paris as a portion of the apple exhibit of the United States. Each apple was carefully selected for color, size and soundness, and was wrapped in wax paper before packing. Those apples will do valuable missionary service at Paris for California and Pajaro valley. They will speak for themselves, and we all know they can successfully stand any comparison or competition. Much praise is due the Dept. of Agriculture for its service to California in hunting up and procuring these apples. Our State Commissioners paid no heed to our apples and the trade they were winning in Europe, and but for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Pajaro valley apples would not be shown at the Paris Exposition.”

Paj; 29 Mar 1900; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Co. have bought 20 acres of J. W. Snyder’s orchard tract at Hunter’s hill, on the San Jose road.”

Paj; 29 Mar 1900; item: “Watsonville is the only city of its size I have ever seen that has no benches in its park. People come from all parts of the surrounding country and would be glad of a place to sit down and rest but

unless making some purchases at some of the stores are compelled to tramp, tramp, tramp all the afternoon. We sincerely hope the time is not far off when we will find a resting place when we come to town.—GROWLER.”

Paj; 5 Apr 1900; obit: “Watsonville April 3, 1900, Peter Ferri, a native of Austria, aged 44 years.”

Paj; 5 Apr 1900; item: “N. Peckiarovich [Pecarovich] has purchased the fruit crop of O. H. Bullene’s orchard, near Spreckles. The orchard covers 20 acres, and the trees are of standard varieties of apples. The purchaser is to pay \$1,000 per year for 5 years.”

Paj; 12 Apr 1900; item: “Ed Martin was here last Thursday, and held day and night sessions as referee in the matter of the Banaz insolvency.”

Paj; 19 Apr 1900; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Co. have purchased from Frank Phillips 14 acres of his Green Valley ranch. It is set out to apples.”

Paj; 19 Apr 1900; article: “**A Farmers’ Institute to Be Held in Watsonville.**...[the chairman] appointed the following committees: ...Committee on Finance and Advertising: ...Luke Scurich...M. N. Lettunich...”

Paj; 26 Apr 1900; item: “Nick Banaz, of Austria, an uncle of N. Banaz, who is going through insolvency, has commenced two suits against Warren R. Porter as receiver of said insolvent’s estate. One suit is to recover personal property valued at \$1,250 and the other is to quit title to lower Main street property.”

Paj; 3 May 1900; list: “The following trial jurors have been summoned to appear in the Superior Court...J. Balanac...”

Paj; 3 May 1900; item: “The Sunset Telephone Co.’s business in this city is increasing at a rapid rate. During the past month over 60 new subscribers were added to the list, making a total of over 200 phones. Two new rural lines will also be put in—one to Green Valley and another to Vega. A line to Chittendens is also contemplated, and with the addition of a few more subscribers, which are promised, the new line will soon be an accomplished fact. The local central office force is kept busy, and two linemen are engaged in transforming the present system of five-phone circuits into what is known as the ‘magneto express’ system, or 10 phones to the circuit, instead of five. Under the new form there will be a red and black side to the circuit, and the subscribers, while being directly connected with nine other phones on the same line, can ring up any number on either of the two sides without disturbing or causing the phones of the opposite color to ring.”

SFCall; 6 May 1900; item: “**Cutting Company Loses.** SANTA CRUZ, May 5.—Judge Smith today decided the case of Scurich Bros. of Watsonville against the Cutting Fruit Packing Company of San Francisco, which is of interest to fruit men all over the State. The defendant contracted for the purchase of apricots from the plaintiff for \$45 a ton, but turned 54 boxes over to a San Francisco commission firm, which sold them for \$20. Defendant claimed they were not of the quality contracted for. Judge Smith in giving judgment to the plaintiff for the entire amount sued for says the defendant had no right to transfer the fruit without giving notice to the plaintiff of rejection of the fruit or its contemplated sale.”

SFCall; 10 May 1900; item: “**A Bankrupt Complication.** Warren R. Porter, trustee of the estate of N. Banaz, bankrupt, brought suit yesterday in the United States District Court against Nick N. Banaz, Luke Scurich, Julius Lee and Hubert C. Wyckoff to rescreen them from prosecuting two actions in the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County against Porter for the recovery of real and personal property of the bankrupt’s estate.”

Paj; 17 May 1900; item: “There are a number of orchards in this district which have not been sold to packers, and the outlook now is that these owners will have to pick, pack and sell their apples. Each orchardist should be prepared to handle his apple crop. The item of labor is going to prove a vexatious one to solve. It offers a good opening for the labor of women and children and the hop field laborers might be diverted to the orchards after the hop season is over. The time is coming, and it is not far off, when the ownership of an orchard in this valley will demand from each owner personal management of the work of picking, packing and marketing. The southern orange growers had to come to it, and the apple growers of Pajaro valley will have a like experience. The apple business here is reaching such a magnitude that it can not be entirely handled in all its phases by packing firms.”

Paj; 17 May 1900; item: “A committee of members of the Catholic church of this city has taken up the work of securing funds for the building of a large new church, one that will hold the large congregations which gather at St. Patrick’s church. The cost of the new building is estimated at \$25,000. Several subscriptions of \$1000 each have been pledged and more are in view.”

Paj; 24 May 1900; item: “A gentleman was in this city last week who at times during the past winter attended the sales of Pajaro valley apples at Covent Garden, London. He witnessed the thorough examination of boxes by the buyers before a sale—the sides of the boxes being taken off, the apples unwrapped, and the fruit closely examined. If the apples show poor grading or decay—in fact if they are not up to a high standard—all of the

boxes bearing a brand of the examined boxes are sold at shaded prices. One box of bad apples spoils the sale of an entire shipment. Then there is a guarantee of quality with each sale, and if the dealers who buy at auction or from jobbers find that the apples are not up to the sample boxes shown they return their purchases to the auction firm and the latter has to refund the money paid. Apples are sold in Great Britain for what they are, and they have to be the best to bring good prices. If we are to retain the English market for our apples the greatest care possible must be taken in grading and packing. It is of utmost interest to orchardists and packers to see that it is done.”

Paj; 31 May 1900; item: “Box labels will be used this fall by all of the big apple packing firms. The labels are in colors, and as attractive as the most fetching orange labels. It is a catching way of advertising Pajaro apples, and a vast improvement over the old stencil advertisement on box ends.”

Paj; 31 May 1900; article: “Horticultural Commissioners Dakin and Rodgers visited the local packing houses... and made an examination of packing boxes and the premises for codlin moth and other fruit pests. They did not find enough pests at any house to warrant a condemnation of boxes. Hereafter they will make the inspection visits earlier in the spring, and in the case of the discovery of pests they will insist upon the most effective methods being used for the destruction of the pests and the disinfection of the packing houses. They did not find the packing houses open, but they found ways to examine all they visited except one place where they were refused admission. The Commissioners are in consultation with the District Attorney in this matter, and it is probable that a test case will be brought against the resisting packer. The penalty for refusal to permit inspection of packing houses...is heavy, and the packer who refused entrance to his place of business committed a serious offense. The Horticultural Commissioners of Santa Cruz county are doing the most praiseworthy work for the improvement of orchard interests and for the maintenance of the highest reputation for our apples, and their efforts should have the earnest co-operation of each packer and fruit grower of this county. Their work is not of a pleasing character, it is a service which demands sound judgment and an inflexible backbone—and the Commissioners have shown that they have these requirements. Encourage and help them; and by so doing you help yourself.”

Paj; 31 May 1900; honorary promotions: 2nd year: Katie Stojanovich; 1st year: Lena Katuran.

Paj; 7 Jun 1900; married: “Watsonville, June 2d, 1900... Miss Lucy Dragich to George Castrapelli.”

Paj; 7 Jun 1900; article: “A meeting having for its object the organization of a Board of Trade to represent and advance the business interests of this city and valley was called to order at the Opera House...[no Slavs as directors; only Slav member was M. N. Lettunich]”

Paj; 14 Jun 1900; item: “V. Opusich shot and killed J. Petrovich in San Francisco last Sunday. Opusich worked for his uncle, L. Opusich, in a packing house on Fourth Street about two years ago...”

Paj; 14 Jun 1900; item: “J. Balovich, the boy who was arrested for the robbery of the Frasier boy, has been sent to the Whittier reform school.”

Paj; 14 Jun 1900; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Co. have purchased the apple crop of J. S. Menasco’s Corralitos apple orchard, the price being over \$4,500.”

Paj; 28 Jun 1900; item: “In Sonoma county a number of apple contracts have been made based on a ton rate. This custom is going to become more general. The packer or shipper, under such a system, pays for what he gets. There is no guesswork about it, no speculation in blossoms.”

Paj; 28 Jun 1900; item: “P. N. Lettunich, a well known apple packer, went to San Francisco...for medical treatment. He had several hemorrhages of the lungs a few days before he left, and his condition became very serious.”

Paj; 28 Jun 1900; item: “At a meeting of the Board of Trade...the following committees were appointed: Statistics: ...Luke Scurich...Commerce and Transportation: M. N. Lettunich...”

Paj; 12 Jul 1900; ALL: Vlaho Arbanasin.

Paj; 12 Jul 1900; item: “G. W. Bird sold the apple crop on his mother’s orchard, in Railroad district...for \$2,457 to Stolich Bros. The orchard contains less than 3,000 trees—mainly Newtowns—7 years old. The fruit was sold to the best bidder after sealed bids had been received. There were 8 bidders, and the offers ran from \$1,625 upward. Last year the apple crop on this place sold for \$600.”

Paj; 12 Jul 1900; item: “The case of the California Lithograph Co. vs. Scurich Bros. was decided in favor of the latter...by a jury in Judge Hawkins’ court.”

Paj; 26 Jul 1900; born: “Watsonville, July 18th, 1900, to the wife of S. Scurich, a daughter.” [*Anna*, +1962; married Dr. Sambuck; see Fig. next page]

Paj; 26 Jul 1900; item: “During the season of 1899-1900 the following export shipments of California apples were

Fig. 2-7.
Anna Scurich.
In costume for a school play.



made—about all being from Pajaro valley: Liverpool, 58,922 boxes; London, 70,724 boxes; Glasgow, 13,118 boxes; Hamburg, 4,826 boxes; other points, 1,925 boxes; total, 149,515 boxes. This State sent out about 3% of the apples shipped to Europe from America last year.”

Paj; 26 Jul 1900; item: “N. Banaz is now the local representative of the L. G. Sresovich Co.”

Paj; 26 Jul 1900; item: “Rilovich Bros. are the leading cot handlers among local packers this year. They have extensive drying grounds on Fourth street.”

Paj; 16 Aug 1900; obit: “Watsonville, Aug. 12th 1900, Nicholas, infant son of Andrew and Annie Strasicich, aged 5 months.”

Paj; 23 Aug 1900; item: “Several sales of cots have been made during the past week. Rilovich Bros., who had 60 tons, closed out at 7 cents. Other big lots were sold at the same price.”

Paj; 16 Aug 1900; ALL: Nick Copriviza, Frank Peco.

Paj; 23 Aug 1900; item: “N. Skocko, who was recently appointed foreman of the Brown Bros. fruit ranch, moved out to his new location this week...The gentleman seems to understand his business and we trust that both parties will be well pleased and that Mr. Skocko and his

family will become permanent residents of this vicinity.”



Fig. 2-8.
Natale Skocko
(1857-1916).

Paj; 30 Aug 1900; obit: “Near Pajaro, Aug 22 1900. Marco Zar, a native of Austria, aged 52 years.”

Paj; 20 Sep 1900; item: “The box is going to be in a short time the only package for European shipments of choice apples. The barrel will be used for inferior stock. California orchardists and packers have taught their Eastern

brethren many new wrinkles during the past 25 years, and the boxed package is one of the latest.”

Paj; 4 Oct 1900; ALL: N. Timovich.

Paj; 11 Oct 1900; ALL: Nicholas Radovich.

Paj; 11 Oct 1900; item: “Grizich & Balovich have our thanks for a fine box of choice mammoth Bellefleurs.”

Paj; 11 Oct 1900; item: “P. N. Lettunich & Co have employed several girls to grade apples. It is a branch of work at which girls excel...”

Paj; 11 Oct 1900; list: “Election Officers...the Supervisors of Santa Cruz county appointed the following election officers for the precincts of the southern end of the county: ...Watsonville Precinct No. 4—Polling Place—Mansion House. Inspectors: ...Luke Scurich...Ballot Clerks, Martin N. Lettunich...”

Paj; 11 Oct 1900; item: “Ed Martin was in town...to act as referee in a hearing of the Banaz insolvency case. Six commission merchants of San Francisco had been summoned to appear and give testimony as to their business dealings with Banaz, but they did not appear, and each one was adjudged in contempt of the Federal Court. These commission merchants did not file claims against Banaz, and the latter has not claimed that they owed him anything. The assignee and leading creditors want to find out if the Banaz estate can not be enriched by these commission merchants...”

Paj; 18 Oct 1900; item: “The Bellefleurs which Scurich Bros. are packing from A. N. Judd’s orchard are running so large that average 3-tier stock boxes need extension tops to hold them...”

Paj; 18 Oct 1900; ALL: John Gospodnotich. [*first mention of Gospodnetich in local papers*]

Paj; 25 Oct 1900; item: “Ed Martin, of Santa Cruz, was in this city last Saturday as a referee in bankruptcy to hear one of the many phases of the Banaz insolvency case. This one involved the claim of Doris to an orchard which Banaz had purchased. The day before[,] Mr. Martin was in San Francisco to hear the testimony of commission merchants who had been handling Banaz’s apples. The purpose of this examination was to learn the amount of business which they had done with Banaz within three months before his application in insolvency was filed, and to ascertain if they had not been treated as preferred creditors. These firms had made advances to him in his business, but they did not file claims as creditors, preferring to lose what might be owing them rather than take a chance on paying back what they had received and then

come in for their share of the dividends of the assets. The Banaz insolvency case is one of the most important which has come before the U. S. District Court of California, and it has so many complications of interests that it is apt to be taken to the U. S. Supreme Court on some of the many points which have arisen. The amount involved is large enough to permit an appeal to the highest court of the country, and it is the first one in this jurisdiction, so we are informed, that is of sufficient value to permit an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court on the vexed point whether a creditor can make a choice of accepting payments made within three months prior to insolvency as full payment of all claims he may have against the insolvent, or whether those payments must be returned and his full claim treated as a debt due from the insolvent's estate. The District and Circuit courts have decided that a creditor can take his option; that if he withdraws his claims against the insolvent's estate he will not have to pay back the sums which he was paid on account within three months prior to the insolvency; but if he files a claim for the balance due he must return the moneys paid him within the period of three months before the date of filing the petition in insolvency. It is claimed that if all the money which Banaz paid out within three months before going into insolvency was paid back[,] the dividend to all the creditors would be much larger than now appears in sight. The Banaz insolvency case promises to become a 'celebrated case' and may be before the courts for many years."

Paj; 1 Nov 1900; item: "What the orchardists and fruit shippers of California most need is an expedited freight service; a schedule service if it is possible. Thirteen and 14 days to Chicago, 15 and 16 days to New York and 18 and 20 days to Boston are absurdly long periods for the transportation to market of fruit. In no other section of the country is fruit grown that could 'stand up' after such a journey. That point, however, is not the question. One of the big sources of revenue for the railroad is found in the movement of fruit and shippers have a right to expect a prompt and reasonably quick service. They are getting anything but that now. They are receiving almost any old freight time that happens along. Cars have arrived in the East this summer and fall, the contents of which have been overripe because of the unnecessary time on the road and in consequence have sold at ridiculously low prices. Scores of thousands of dollars have been lost to California people this season because of the miserably slow service.—California Fruit Grower."

Paj; 15 Nov 1900; ALL: John Perlenda.

Paj; 22 Nov 1900; ALL: S. Knego.

Paj; 29 Nov 1900; item: "Stephen Scurich came in contact with a live electric light wire...at the packing house of Scurich Bros. and was thrown quite a distance by the

shock and struck against a wagon wheel. His head was badly cut."

Paj; 6 Dec 1900; ALL: Geo. Dragsvich, Peter Karaman.

Paj; 6 Dec 1900; article: "**Fifty Per Cent of Banaz Labor Claims Ordered Paid**...Referee Martin gave a decree in the matter of the payment of claims labor filed against the estate of N. Banaz...It is therefore ordered that the Trustee pay forthwith to the following named creditors, to each of them fifty per cent of the amount of their claims, to wit: [only Slavs are named here] Geo. Novakevich, Martin Miljarak, M. Zaput [Caput], John Gldj [Glegj/Glage], Steve Miglias [Miljas/Milias], M. Zupan, Luke Mati Jasevich [Matiasevich], Andrew Kaperich, Nick Mortizia, Paul Mencovich, Stephen Novok [Novak], George Moncovich." [this article was same day as Banaz's wedding]

Paj; 6 Dec 1900; item: "The deposition of N. N. Banaz is to be taken at Dalmatia, Austria, for use in the case of N. N. Banaz vs. Warren R. Porter." [N. N. was the uncle of Nick; it was N. N.'s money that was at stake here]

Paj; 13 Dec 1900; married: "Watsonville, Dec. 6th, 1900...Miss Florence Ready, of San Francisco, to N. Banaz, of this city."

Paj; 20 Dec 1900; item: "Luke Scurich and family will leave here on Jan. 10th for a six months visit to relatives in Austria."

Paj; 20 Dec 1900; item: "The Austrian-American Benevolent Society has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Marco Stolich, Past President; Wm. Pulisevich, President; L. P. Cikuth, Vice President; Luke Scurich, Rec. Sec.; P. Stolich, Fin. Sec.; N. Stojanovich, Treasurer; P. P. Stolich, Sergeant-at-Arms; J. Katuran, Conductor; Stephen Scurich, F. P. Marinovich and P. Milladin, Trustees."

Paj; 20 Dec 1900; born: "Watsonville, Dec 15 1900, to the wife of N. Stojanovich, a daughter." [Amelia]

Paj; 20 Dec 1900; article: "...The experience of Northern and Central California with a small cyclone...will remain in evidence for some time that this coast is not exempt from visits of high winds...This city has never before had such a terrible storm experience...A section of F. J. Bettencourt's barn was lifted high in the air and carried over his two-story house and thrown against the home of M. L. Woody on the opposite side of the street, a distance of nearly 200 feet...The packing house of Pulisevich Bros...was blown down..."

Paj; 23 Dec 1900; born: "Watsonville, Dec. 23d 1900, to the wife of S. Strasicich, a daughter." [*Helen, +1959*]



Fig. 2-9. Helen Strazicich.

Paj; 27 Dec 1900; item: "The Banaz property on lower Main street has been released to its owner, N. Banaz, of Austria. All of the personal property (or its equivalent) excepting boxes, also has been returned to N. Banaz. This gentleman is an uncle of N. Banaz who conducted a packing business there for many years."

Paj; 27 Dec 1900; item: "The business of Vlautin & Co., fruit packers on First street, has been taken in charge of by creditors. They did business in a small way."

Paj; 27 Dec 1900; married: "Watsonville, Dec. 25th, 1900, Miss Emily Rasmussen, of this city, to Andre Balich, of San Jose."

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Paj; 3 Jan 1901; honor roll: 7th year: George Smith; 4th year: Mamie Smith.

Paj; 3 Jan 1901; item: "P. N. Lettunich & Co. have our thanks for a new century remembrance in the shape of a choice box of Dewey Newtown Pippins. The Dewey branch of apples has deservedly gained a high reputation in home and foreign markets."

Paj; 3 Jan 1901; item: "During the year which has just closed the growth of Watsonville and immediate vicinity has been substantial and gratifying. In the year 1900 there were erected in Watsonville and the surrounding country about 30 dwellings and residences ranging in cost from \$800 to \$5000 each, or a total expenditure of \$63,000. Business buildings and new storefronts cost about \$35,000, and schoolhouses and schoolhouse improvements amounted to \$4500. This list does not include small additions and houses, barns and packing houses costing less than \$800. If the latter items were added to the first estimate it would increase the total about \$10,000. By this addition the grand total expenditure for last year would reach \$112,500."

Paj; 3 Jan 1901; item: "The city mail carriers were initiated into their new calling yesterday morning. The lack of numbers on many houses causes some trouble and delay, but it is to be hoped that this inconvenience will soon be remedied. With the inauguration of a free city delivery here Watsonville assumes a metropolitan air. Drop letters at the local office will now require two cents."

Paj; 10 Jan 1901; item: "The practice of piling apples in orchards after picking, loose on the ground or in boxes, is condemned by Eastern apple experts. They claim that such treatment of apples is largely responsible for poor keeping, and early rotting. Orchard storage is common in this valley, and such exposure of picked fruit may be the cause for the complaints of poor keeping qualities which have been frequent during the past two seasons."

Paj; 10 Jan 1901; item: "Last Saturday night the Austrian American Benevolent Society had its installation services and the following were installed by Past President Mike Stolich: President, William Pulisevich; Vice President, Luke Cikuth; Recording Secretary, Luke Scurich; Financial Secretary, Peter Stolich; Treasurer, N. Stojanovich; Conductor, J. Katuran; Inside Guard, Peter P. Stolich; Trustees, Steve Scurich, Philip Marinovich, Paul Miladin. The installation service was followed by a splendid banquet at Odd Fellows' banquet hall and the numerous members of the society were regaled with choice edibles."

Paj; 10 Jan 1901; ALL: Mrs. Mare Smith. [*mother of George Smith*]

Paj; 10 Jan 1901; item: "There is little or no inquiry at present among packers for orchards for 1901. The past two years have not been profitable to packers, and they have a very conservative feeling about the coming crop. European sales have not been very favorable this winter, owing to two causes—the heavy shipments from Canadian and Eastern districts of choice apples, and the condition of our apples on arrival at English markets. The buyer in Great Britain who pays from three to five cents apiece for apples wants first class stock. He can buy trash at home for nearly nothing. It takes select stock, free from all blemishes, and perfectly clean, to meet with ready sale in European markets, and the sooner growers and packers of Pajaro valley recognize these facts the better it will be for them and this section.

"The results of the past two seasons' shipments to Europe have been damaging to the apple growing interests of Pajaro valley. Orchardists should recognize the seriousness of this situation. If Pajaro apples lose a profitable standing in foreign markets the Newtown Pippin orchards of this section will be of poor value. The only profitable market for this variety of apple is in Europe. Our growers will have to take more of a personal interest in every detail of the apple business from the time the tree is planted until the matured fruit is marketed...Pests will have to be fought persistently and continuously if markets are to be retained. The Eastern orchardist has awakened to this fact, and he is fighting for the preservation of his orchard investments and is battling for supremacy in foreign markets. The Oregon apple grower is doing the same things.

"Mr. Olwell, one of the prosperous orchardists of that

State, who was here last week, informed us that he sprayed the trees of his 160-acre orchard six times each year, and saved 98% of his fruit. He also uses fruit brushes when packing, and ships only clean fruit. Because of this care his Newtowns brought him 48 cents per box more than Pajaro Newtowns in England—and yet Pajaro Newtowns have been the market leaders in England up to this season. Apple growing and marketing is a business which, to be successful, must be conducted on legitimate lines marked by fair and square dealing from start to finish. The apples must be right—they must be clean of dirt and dust and free from pests; the boxes must be bright and new, and not soiled and weather-beaten. Anything less than high standard care of orchards and rules in packing will certainly, within a very short time, ‘kill the goose which has laid golden eggs’ for Pajaro valley orchardists. We do not want to seem to be an alarmist, but the situation demands that the truth be told.”

Paj; 10 Jan 1901; item: “P. Milladen [Milladin] has returned from a trip to San Francisco.”

Paj; 10 Jan 1901; item: “Luke Scurich and family started on Monday for a trip to their old home in Austria near the Adriatic Sea.” *[this was Luke’s first trip back since he immigrated in 1883; Vlaho Puhiera, who immigrated on the same ship as Luke, returned with him on this trip]*

Paj; 10 Jan 1901; item: “...having spent a couple of weeks with friends and relatives in this city the following Watsonvillians returned...to their work at the big sugar mill at Spreckles: ...John Zar...John Balovich.”

Paj; 10 Jan 1901; ALL: Mrs. Mare Smith.

Paj; 17 Jan 1901, obit: “Konavle, Austria, Jan 15 1901, Nicholas Didan Lettunich, father of M. N. and P. N. Lettunich of this city, aged 68 years, 2 months, 8 days.” *[same notice was in SF Call of 22 Jan 1901]*

Paj; 31 Jan 1901; ALL: Antone Benko.

Paj; 31 Jan 1901; item: “A. P. Beck has finished putting up a new windmill for M. N. Lettunich & Co. at the latter company’s Aromas ranch. It is constructed of steel throughout and combines good service and durability.”

Paj; 7 Feb 1901, item: “The packing firm of Grizich & Balovich has been dissolved, and S. Balovich has succeeded to the ownership of the firm’s real estate.”

Paj; 7 Feb 1901, born: “Watsonville, Jan 26, 1901, to the wife of Joe Ballanac, a daughter.” *[Anna Balanac; +1986]*

Paj; 14 Feb 1901; ALL: John Perlenda.

Paj; 14 Feb 1901; item: “Mrs. John Balovich, of Salinas, visited Watsonville friends this week.”

Paj; 7 Mar 1901, article: “**Insane Man Attempts Murder.** Martin Gospodnetich, an Austrian who arrived in this country a few months ago, assaulted his cousin’s wife with a hatchet at her home near the Watsonville depot...and dealt the woman several blows about the head and shoulders.

“The man is insane and his muderous assault was unprovoked. The screams of woman attracted several men to the scene and murder was prevented...She was seriously injured.

“Gospodnetich left the house and officers were telephoned for, but before they arrived the frenzied man met Geo. Strazicich’s 3-year-old daughter [*sic* Geo. Strazicich did not have a daughter at that time] at the corner of Fourth and Walker streets and struck her in the face with his clenched fist and would have killed her had it not been for the timely arrival of a number of men, who after a most desperate battle overpowered Gospodnetich, tied him hand and foot, and brought him to the calaboose. The child’s face was bruised and discolored.

“During the fierce struggle the would-be murderer, who weighs over 200 pounds, was thrown to the sidewalk with such force that his left forearm was fractured and his right side was badly bruised...Sunday afternoon the insane man was taken to Santa Cruz by bus...[he] was examined and adjudged insane. He was consigned to the Agnews Insane Asylum.

“It is claimed that some one told Gospodnetich...in a joking way, that he was accused of taking money out of the till at the Railroad Hotel. This evidently preyed on his mind and when he returned to his work on the Jas. Redman ranch he would beat himself upon the chest and strike his head against the ground...[T]he insane man’s brother told...officers that the spell was only temporary, having resulted from sickness, and that he was to be taken to San Jose the next day for the benefit of his health. With this promise the officers left the man, but he was not taken to San Jose, according to the promise, and on Saturday...as above stated, he came near committing two murders.”

Paj; 7 Mar 1901, item: “V. Opusich, formerly of this city, was convicted of murder in the second degree by a San Francisco jury, last week.”

Paj; 14 Mar 1901; list: “The following persons have been appointed on the committee to make arrangements for the Farmers’ Institute which will be held in this city on April 24th and 25th: ...M. N. Lettunich...[of 37]”

Paj; 21 Mar 1901; item: “M. N. Lettunich has returned from Los Angeles, where he has been handling citrus fruits.”

Paj; 21 Mar 1901; item: "A correspondent in yesterday's Santa Cruz Sentinel says, in speaking of the orchards of Pajaro valley: 'The apple crops are sold on the trees in advance of their appearance, for a stipulated number of years, to commission merchants, and probably the most extensive buyer of this kind is a Chinaman.' While apple crops have been sold that way in the past there are not a half score of orchards in this valley contracted for this season; they have not been sold to commission merchants—the buying has been by local firms of fruit packers, some of whom owned orchards; and there has been but one Chinaman in the apple handling business in this valley, and instead of being an extensive buyer he was one of the smallest—and he found his experience so unprofitable last year that he has no intention of expanding his fruit business, and may go out of it this year."

Paj; 28 Mar 1901, item: "Mrs. Lucy Nirich, of this city, was taken to Santa Cruz...and examined as to her sanity, having declared her intention on several occasions to commit suicide. The unfortunate woman was adjudged insane and sent to Agnews Insane Asylum."

Paj; 4 Apr 1901; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. are planting ten acres of their Aromas ranch to grapevines, and if a satisfactory showing is made they will increase the vineyard to 100 acres."

Paj; 4 Apr 1901, item: "Frank Radovan and Sam Balovich have formed a partnership in the fruit packing business under the firm name of Radovan & Balovich. Their packing house is on Walker street."

Paj; 4 Apr 1901; item: "There is a growing feeling among orchardists that they will have to handle the packing, shipping and selling of their fruit hereafter. The orchardist who is prepared for the change, and who will personally guarantee the quality of his pack, as do many Oregon and Humboldt apple growers, will not want for paying markets."

Paj; 11 Apr 1901; item: "Apple shippers, as well as shippers of stone and citrus fruits, are debating about selling on a f.o.b. basis when collections are not made until the point of destination is reached. When a car of fruit reaches a point one or more thousand miles from here, and payment has to be made after inspection of fruit, the condition of the market at the point of arrival at that time quite often governs the action of the buyer, and not the price on which he agreed. If the market has dropped and the supply of fruit on hand is large it is very easy for the consignee to find some flimsy excuse on which to base a rejection. Then the shipper is at his mercy, unless he can find a good market elsewhere—something not easy for a distant shipper to find. The man who bought the car of fruit will then work for a reduction in price, and quite

often he gets it. The fruit is perishable, is expensive to move, the shipper is too far away to personally manage the sale, and the sharp purchaser gets it at a price below the f.o.b. contract. The Eastern and Californian fruit firms which have been represented here by agents have paid genuine f.o.b. prices—cash when the car was loaded and accepted; and that is the Simon-pure and satisfactory way of f.o.b. selling, and with rigid and guaranteed inspection of fruit here straight f.o.b. sales can be assured."

Paj; 11 Apr 1901; item: "Wm. Pulisevich has our thanks for a choice lot of Newtown Pippins out of cold storage. They were firm and of excellent flavor. They were grown on F. D. Baldwin's orchard in Amesti district."

Paj; 11 Apr 1901, item: "On Monday P. N. Lettunich started on a trip to his boyhood home in Ragusa [Dubrovnik], Austria. He was accompanied to San Francisco by his brother, M. N. Lettunich, and cousin, A. B. Lettunich. His health has been poor, and he takes the trip in hope that the change will restore his health."

Paj; 18 Apr 1901; item: "The population bulletins of the U. S. Census Dept. show that Santa Cruz county had a population of 21,512 in 1900—an increase of 2242 over the population of 1890...The city of Watsonville had a population of 3528 in 1900, a gain of 1379 in 10 years. Pajaro township, including the city of Watsonville, had a population of 7058 last year, an increase of 2237 in 10 years..."

Paj; 9 May 1901; item: "L. Scurich is on his return trip from Austria. He is expected here within two weeks."

Paj; 9 May 1901; item: "A cablegram from P. N. Lettunich announced his arrival at Ragusa (on the Adriatic sea), Austria, last Saturday. He will return here next fall."

Paj; 16 May 1901; item: "Pulisevich Bros. are building a large double packing house on Fourth street, fronting lower Rodriguez street."

Paj; 16 May 1901; item: "Joe Goldstone, of Hollister, was in this valley a few days last week, and while here sold the crop of his Corralitos orchard to Rilovich Bros."

Paj; 16 May 1901, item: "Hopkins & Alaga have the contract of loading fruit cars at Watsonville station for the grower's association."

Paj; 16 May 1901; item: "M. Lettunich, A. B. Lettunich and N. Alaga are in San Francisco."

Paj; 23 May 1901; item: "The Scurich & Marinovich fruit dryer, on the Beach road, is rented by W. H. Ames, who

is making tree protectors and refrigerator berry crates.”

Paj; 23 May 1901; item: “The Northwest Fruit Growers’ Association, which held a session at Portland, recently, adopted the following report of a committee that had been appointed to prepare a standard size for apple boxes: Inside measurements, namely 18 inches in length, 11.5 inches width, 10.5 inches deep, containing 2173 cubic inches and to be known as ‘standard.’ The committee recommended the following size to be known as ‘special’: Length 20 inches, width 11 inches, depth 10 inches, and that ends of box be seven-eighths of an inch thick.—Pacific Fruit World.”

Paj; 30 May 1901: “M. N. Lettunich and family will soon move into their house on Union street, next to H. S. Fletcher’s home.”

Paj; 30 May 1901; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Luke Scurich and child returned last evening from an extended visit to their home in Austria. They were accompanied home by Mr. Scurich’s mother [*sic*] and sister.” [*as far as we can tell, Luke’s mother never came to this country; she was not on the ship’s manifest, however, Luke’s sister, Anna, was; around 50 people from the Dubrovnik area were on this ship, many of them with destination of Watsonville; see Appx. G for a list*]

Paj; 13 Jun 1901; article: “**A Day in a California Fruit Orchard. Apples are sold in the San Francisco market from Pajaro valley.** I recently made a trip to that section and got off the train at Gilroy...I next visited Watsonville and the home of Charles Rodgers who grows apples and hops. This is an apple country without any question. I saw more apples to the acre than I ever dreamed of seeing. The growers of this vicinity usually sell their apples on the trees, getting a lump sum for the crop. Mr. Rodgers said he sold his crop one year before the blossoms appeared on the trees and got something more than \$100 per acre, half cash down and the remainder before the purchaser commenced to gather the fruit.

“The apples grown here are confined to a very few varieties. The Yellow Newtown Pippin is leader; the Yellow Bellefleur comes next, with a few others trailing behind. I visited this valley Oct. 22d, and the orchardists were in the midst of gathering their crop of winter apples. The fruit is picked by means of ladders, sorted and put into baskets or buckets with great care. It is then put into apple boxes, which are hauled to the fruit house in spring wagons. When it is to be sold the fruit is sorted and packed, each apple being fitted into its particular place. There is no weather here cold enough to freeze the fruit, so that this trouble does not have to be guarded against.

“California fruits as a rule keep wonderfully well, and our apples are no exception. It was a surprise to me to

know that California apples are sent to the eastern part of the United States and even to Europe. The reason that this valley is such a wonderful apple country results from the fact that the soil has more or less adobe in it and that this in common with the alluvial deposit gives a large amount of plant food and yet permits good drainage. The climate is also very favorable and the trees are very thrifty.—A. L. Bancroft in Orange-Judd Farmer.”

Paj; 13 Jun 1901; item: “Following a custom which he established several years ago, G. M. Bockius has sold his fruit crop to the highest bidder. All bids were sealed, and were opened...in the presence of the eight bidders. The highest bidders were Pulisevich Bros. The highest and lowest bids were over \$800 apart, and the successful bid was at an advance of almost \$500 over the price paid last year.”

Paj; 13 Jun 1901; born: “Watsonville, June 12th, 1901, to the wife of M. Rilovich, a daughter.” [*Katherine, +1915; father was George, not Martin*]

Paj; 13 Jun 1901; item: “S. Scurich has joined the Watsonville colony at Tassajara Springs.”

Paj; 13 Jun 1901; item: “M. N. and Mateo Lettunich have filed a water right claim in the office of the Recorder of Monterey county. They claim 80 inches of water from the Pajaro river, under a four-inch pressure, to be forced through a six-inch pipe. The water is to be used for irrigating their orchard and vineyard at Aromas.”

Paj; 20 Jun 1901; item: “At the assignee’s sale...of the real property of N. Banaz, F. P. Marinovich bought the Kearney street property for \$1,500 and also bid in the interest in the fruit drier and lot near the P. V. Cons. R. R. depot.”

Paj; 20 Jun 1901; ALL: Anton T. Bojanich.

Paj; 27 Jun 1901; school promotions: 2nd year: Lena Katuran; 4th year: Mamie Smith; 5th year: Annie Farlin.

Paj; 4 Jul 1901: “Certificate of Copartnership. We, the undersigned, do hereby certify: That we are partners transacting business at the Town of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, under the firm name and style of N. BANAZ & CO.; that the names in full of all the members of such partnership are, N. Banaz, Luke J. Bradas and Gregory G. Alexich, and that the places of our respective residences are set opposite our respective names hereto subscribed. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this first day of July, 1901. N. BANAZ...LUKE J. BRADAS...GREGORY G. ALEX-ICH...[all residing in Watsonville]”

Paj; 4 Jul 1901; item: "Mrs. Luke Scurich and children are in San Francisco on a visit."

Paj; 4 Jul 1901; item: "W. R. Radcliff, Luke Scurich, Otto D. Stoesser, Jas. Hopkins and W. R. Porter went to San Francisco...to meet President Hays of the Southern Pacific Company in relation to better shipping facilities at Watsonville depot, and also to ask for a terminal rate on fruit. Mr. Radcliff, who was the spokesman for the committee, joined the other members at Pajaro, having come from Los Angeles especially for the meeting."

Pacific Rural Press; Vol. 62, #2, 13 Jul 1901: "**The Codlin Moth and the Warfare Against It.** By Horticultural Commissioner C. H. Rodgers at the Pajaro Valley Orchardist Association Meeting. 'The codlin moth (*Carpocapsa pomonella*) has been a pest probably ever since apples were created, and although Adam registered no "kick," records mention complaint against this insect as far back as 200 years B.C. It was introduced into the United States from Europe soon after the first settlements were founded. In 1874 it appeared in California and was first observed in Pajaro valley about the year 1877. Doubtless it was brought into our valley from San Jose in old fruit boxes by the pioneer fruit packers, Rabasa & Sresovich. This insect is here to stay, and while we cannot hope to exterminate it, there are means by which we may be able to hold it in check. To successfully combat this pest it will require the united action and co-operation of all connected with the fruit industry—the packer as well as the grower. Before we can intelligently proceed to apply the remedy it is necessary that we should know something of the habits of the insect, and it is well to explain these characteristics briefly here...[omitted]"

Paj; 18 Jul 1901; item: "W. N. White, of London, England, is spending this week in Pajaro valley. He is representing the firm of Edward Jacobs & Co., fruit auctioneers, and is looking up consignments of Newtowns and other varieties of apples for the European trade. Mr. White is the pioneer handler of Pajaro valley apples 'across the pond,' and is recognized as one of the foremost men in his line in Europe."

Paj; 18 Jul 1901; item: "A meeting of apple packers was called at one of the local packing houses...to hear a proposition from W. N. White, of London. Mr. White wanted an option on Newtown Pippins for six days, and he gave his views thereon to the packers who attended the meeting."

Paj; 18 Jul 1901; item: "Our Newtown Pippins come out of cold storage with a flavor that is superior to those of the same variety of apples which are kept in boxes in packing houses; and the Newtown which crosses the ocean in cold storage is said to be even better in flavor and more perfect in the coloring developed. Properly sel-

ected Newtowns for cold storage are certain to be strong sellers."

Paj; 18 Jul 1901; item: "Some parties have been dumping cull apples in the Salsipuedes creek. This practice has to be stopped as there is a law which bears directly upon such a practice. Culls and refuse should be taken and dumped in salt water. We believe the P. V. Cons. R. R. Co. would haul all such refuse and dump it in salt water at a less expense than it could be hauled by team to the ocean."

Paj; 18 Jul 1901; item: "The resident packers are falling into line in the new departure in the buying of apples by weight and not by blossom showing. The weight system is fair to both parties and to the apple growing business. The shipper pays for what he gets, and he does not have to invest a small fortune in his business four or six months before there is a chance for returns; and the grower gets a good return for what his orchard produces. The element of chance or 'gamble' is stricken from the business by the weight system of buying."

Paj; 18 Jul 1901; item: "The Pajaro valley is the only apple growing district in the United States which shows up, year after year, with a good crop. This district has never had an apple crop failure. It always has apples for shipment to State, Eastern and foreign markets; and its annual average production of apples per acre is probably the greatest of any section on the globe. Certainty of an apple crop and the choice quality of the fruit make the apple orchards of Pajaro valley as stable income producers as the best orange groves in the choicest citrus districts of Southern California.

"The Pajaro valley export apple business has been conducted almost entirely on a cash basis. The amount of consigned fruit has been very light each year, and the packers know by experience that f.o.b. sales for cash is the only reliable way to do business. They pay cash for the fruit, and they want and should have cash for the fruit when it is delivered in good condition to the railroad company. The buyers who will pay legitimate cash prizes for apples will do the bulk of the local apple buying this year. Apples are good value this year and they will be quick sellers."

Paj; 18 Jul 1901; item: "Mrs. C. L. Fisher of San Francisco is the guest of Mrs. John Ljubabratich [Ljubibratich], at the Mansion House."

Paj; 18 Jul 1901; item: "Radovan & Balovich have bought a lot of early apples in Napa county and they have their pickers there now gathering the crop for the San Francisco market."

Paj; 25 Jul 1901; item: "Rilovich Bros. are drying apri-

cots in their yards on Fourth street.”

Paj; 25 Jul 1901; item: “Prof. A. H. Suzzalo, of the Alameda school department, was in this city last Saturday.” *[born in San Jose in 1875; was president of University of Washington 1915-1926]*

Paj; 25 Jul 1901; article: “**Fumigation Law Upheld.** The recent decision by the Supreme Court sustaining the constitutionality of the fruit inspection law of 1897 in a case brought from Riverside county is one of great importance to the fruit interests of the State. Under this law, which provides that when an orchardist whose trees are infested with scale refuses to fumigate them the Horticultural Commission may do the work and make him pay the costs. The Commissioners fumigated the orchard of Alfred Butcher and rendered him a bill for \$157, which he refused to pay. Suit was brought in the Superior Court to enforce payment and it resulted in a decision by the Judge in favor of the defendant. The case was taken to the Supreme Court on appeal, and now that court has reversed the decision of the lower court and sustained the validity of the law. If the bill and costs of the suit are not paid by the defendant his orchard may be sold to satisfy the judgment.

“This is a very important decision, since it establishes the power of the State to compel orchardists to keep their trees free of pests and sustains the practical confiscation of the orchards if necessary to accomplish this end. Much of the failure to eradicate insect pests from an orchard district is the result of the failure of a few growers to give their trees the necessary attention. This neglect not only causes loss to the neglectful grower himself, but to all his neighbors and to the State as a whole, because of the effect upon fruit both as to quality and quantity. In such cases drastic measures are the only effective ones, and these have always been opposed on the ground that the State has no right to invade the private property of individuals nor to confiscate it. Even the condemnation of infected fruit in the markets or in transit is opposed on the same ground, that a person cannot be deprived of his property without due process of law. The decision of the Supreme Court will do much to promote the strict enforcement of the laws we have and to create a public sentiment in favor of still more effective ones.—San Jose Mercury.”

Paj; 8 Aug 1901; item: “**The Box Is the Favorite Package.** In my opinion the day is near at hand when no more apples will reach the London market in barrels, and I am pleased to note the interest taken in this subject in America. The Tasmania box is 22.5 inches long 11.5 inches wide and 10.25 inches deep, inside measurements. The boxes are usually made of one-half inch stuff for the top, bottom and sides, and thicker stuff for the ends. The size is the proper one for American shippers to adopt for the

English market, as it will hold 56 lbs. net of apples, or one bushel as near as possible. All the best apples in England are sold by the standard hundredweight, which would mean two of these boxes, or 112 lbs. Of course apples are still sold in barrels, but they are always classed as cheaper apples and sold to a poorer class of trade. The past season was a very good one in England, and satisfactory prices were realized by shippers.—A. S. Baker, Managing Director Southampton Cold Storage and Lairage Co., Ltd., England.”

Paj; 15 Aug 1901; item: “The practice of selling apples by weight is going to come into greater prominence in this valley each year. The apple crop of Pajaro valley is fast reaching a size when it cannot be sold under old methods; and the orchardist who prepares himself for this change in methods of buying will be in the front row when it comes to weight sales.”

Paj; 15 Aug 1901; item: “The apple crop is expected to move quickly this fall. The buyers want to get their apples to markets or in cold storage before the holiday season. When the season opens in full swing a few weeks hence it will be rush and bustle until the last carload of this year’s crop is out of the valley. It is going to take a large number of laborers to pick, haul and pack the apple crop. This work will come at a time when the beet, bean and other crops of the Pajaro valley will be calling for a small army of workingmen. There is going to be need of lots of ‘willing hands’ in the orchards and packing sheds of this district this fall, and the outlook at present is not too encouraging for the supply of the demand.”

Paj; 22 Aug 1901, item: “John Miliias, an old-time fruit handler, has returned to this valley and is foreman of Sresovich & Co’s packing house.”

Paj; 22 Aug 1901; item: “Peter Ivancovich and wife, of Hanford, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ljubibratich, of the Mansion House.”

Paj; 22 Aug 1901; item: “Scurich Bros. have a big lot of choice Skinner Seedlings this season. The Skinner is an extra fancy eating apple. They have sold a carload to one firm, and it is probably the first full carload sale of that variety ever made here. This variety is not planted largely as it is an early fall apple and not a long keeper.”

Paj; 22 Aug 1901; item: “Scurich Bros. are feeding their apple waste to a drove of hogs at their ranch in Amesti district. Hogs are selling at fancy prices this year, and apple waste can’t be turned into good money any easier. It would be an excellent thing for Pajaro valley if all of the waste and windfall fruit in its orchards was quickly used up in a similar way.”

Paj; 22 Aug 1901; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. have purchased the apple crop of Silliman Bros.' foothill orchard."

Paj; 29 Aug 1901; item: "Slavonian apple pickers are arriving in considerable numbers from the San Jose and other fruit districts."

Paj; 5 Sep 1901; item: "Pulisevich Bros. sent out this week two cars of Bellefleurs from Spreckels. They were sent to Los Angeles. The Salinas Bellefleur ripens earlier than in this valley, and some of them—notably from Gonzales—are not as good keepers as the Pajaro Bellefleurs."

Paj; 5 Sep 1901; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. are drying prunes on the Broadis hill."

Paj; 5 Sep 1901; article: "**Orchardists' Association Meeting.** The meeting of the Pajaro Valley Orchardists' Association in the Board of Trade rooms, last Saturday afternoon, was the best attended meeting ever held by the organization, and clearly indicates that the orchardists of this valley are awakening to the fact that it is to their financial interest to attend these meetings and discuss with one another everything of interest to this leading industry, so that as a result united action can always be taken on any measure adopted for the improvement of the fruit industry..."

"President Rodgers read a report of his work as Horticultural Commissioner from the date of his appointment up to the present time. It was listened to with rapt attention, and judging from the comments heard after the meeting Mr. Rodgers' able report will result in vast benefit to the orchard industry of this valley..."

"We append Mr. Rodgers' report and would advise that it should be carefully read by everyone who is interested in any way in the orchard industry of this valley:

"In 1899 a number of our orchardists, becoming alarmed at the rapid increase of insect pests which threatened the destruction of our leading industry, petitioned our Supervisors to appoint a Board of Horticultural Commissioners. Pursuant to this petition, and in accordance with law, the Supervisors appointed three Commissioners. The Commission effected an organization in the summer of that year.

"At this meeting after discussing existing conditions, it was decided to proceed in a conservative way; to institute an educational campaign; to use argument and persuasion; to place in the hands of the orchardists available literature bearing on the eradication of pests. It was decided not to use coercion or enforcement of the law, except as a last resort—when all other means had failed.

"One of the first acts of the Board was to publish and mail to every fruit grower in this county a list of formulas for mixing the different sprays and washes recommended

by the State Board of Horticulture and the Agricultural Department of the University of California. Accompanying this was an address to orchardists warning them against the encroachment of pests and the danger of neglect on the part of the grower. This address also stated that the Commissioners had but one object in view—that of the advancement of the interests of the fruit industry. Later bulletins, bearing on the eradication of pests, and issued by the State Board of Horticulture, were distributed. In the meantime our local papers, the Pajaronian and Register, were printing everything that they thought to be of value to the orchardist. Their columns were free to anyone who could give anything that would be of interest to the industry. Great credit is due these papers for the interest they have manifested in the welfare of the industry. I hope their good work has been fully appreciated.

"Next came an inspection of the orchards. Pajaro Supervisory district was found to contain 438 commercial orchards with an aggregate of 626,500 fruit trees, on an area of upward of 9000 acres. Of this amount over 7200 acres are planted to apples, one half of which are in bearing. This estimate does not include that portion of Pajaro Valley which is in Monterey county..."

"While many of the orchardists were found to be well informed and alive to the necessity of clean trees, good pruning and cultivation, a great number were found to be very indifferent as to the care of their orchards and were doing nothing toward pest fighting—depending upon Providence and climate to do it for them. Others were found who were destroying every insect possible—the most beneficial as well as the injurious.

"Your Commissioner received the most courteous treatment from the great majority of growers. A very few felt that it was nobody's business how their orchards were taken care of. Many days were spent in argument, exhortation, explanation and persuasion—pointing out the necessity of keeping our orchards free of pests, aiming to impress upon each grower that he was vitally interested in the welfare of each orchard in the district—that the life of the fruit industry in our valley depended upon sending out clean fruit, honestly packed. Much time was spent in pointing out the injurious and the beneficial insects, explaining how to eradicate the first and how to encourage and protect the latter..."

"The first open hostility of importance shown to the work of the Horticultural Commissioner was on the part of the Slavonian apple buyers. Early in May 1900, the Board sent a polite notice to each packing firm stating that an inspection of its packing house would be made on May 8th, and requesting that a member of the firm be present during the inspection. When the day arrived and the Commissioners started on their tour of inspection they found each enclosed packing house locked, and each one which was not enclosed had a lock placed in a conspicuous place on the front of the building; and most of the places were deserted. The Commissioners learned

that day that a conspiracy had been formed by these people to prevent the inspection and defy the laws of the State. In some instances doors had to be forced. In every instance except one, where anyone was found around these packing houses, we were either met with a challenge or with gruff protests against the inspection.

“Our position has been impressed upon these people, and some of them are beginning to realize that a crusade against pests in their packing houses, as well as in the orchards, is to their advantage. But some of the packing firms continue to show hostility to the Commissioners in their official work, and the instructions of the Commission and the plain provisions of the law are not acquiesced in readily by these protesting packers. The Commissioners are empowered to inspect orchards, nurseries, packing houses, storerooms, or any other place where fruit is grown, and also the fruit grown, stored or on sale, and if found infested with scale insects or codlin moth, or other injurious pests, to have the owner of the property or fruit destroy the pests. All places so infested can be declared a public nuisance and be condemned. If the owner does not destroy the pests and abate the nuisance the Commissioners can do it and the cost thereof will be a lien on the property, and the property can be sold to satisfy it. The Supreme Court has affirmed this law repeatedly. This law is for the protection of the interests of fruit growers, and it must be observed by those who buy and handle our fruits...The Commissioners have no wish to harass the fruit packers. They want to see them prosper and continue to do well. But they do not intend to permit the destruction of the reputation of our orchards and the value of the fruit industry through noncompliance with law. The packers will not be called down by the Commissioners except for good cause...

“Realizing that public sentiment is above and beyond law, also that for any movement toward the public good there must be first of all organization, a few who realized the predicament of our industry met and organized the Orchardists’ Association. This society now numbers about 125 of the leading and most progressive orchardists of this community. Its membership should be 700. The object of this Association is for the discussion of all subjects pertaining to the fruit industry—for the education and enlightenment of the orchardist. It is for the purpose of unionizing and banding together the individual orchardists for the mutual good and protection of all...

“As to packing, every buyer from abroad bitterly complains that it is next to impossible to secure an honest pack of apples in Watsonville. And we have been repeatedly warned that if there is not a reform on the part of our packers our business will suffer. Numerous instances are cited in which our apples have been turned down and we have lost our prestige in some of the leading markets. Since there is such a great demand for apples this year I look for a poorer pack than usual. The law authorizes a Commissioner to appoint Fruit Inspectors. If the charac-

ter of the packing is not up to grade, and the Orchardists’ Association makes a request therefor, Inspectors selected by the association will be appointed to carefully watch the grading and packing in the apple houses, and they will be instructed to rigidly enforce the laws against all infested fruits. The orchardists of Pajaro valley have years of labor and enormous investments of capital at stake each year in the character of the apple pack of this valley—and it must not be depreciated through dishonest methods in packing.

“Gentlemen, these conditions are wrong and are doing the greatest injury not only to us but to the packers themselves. Are we still going to dream on in the face of repeated warnings from every market in the world and from every outside buyer who does business in our town and allow these conditions to continue? Do the people, the intelligence of this community, you who have paid large prices for your land and struggled hard to pay for it—toiled and waited many long years to bring your orchards into a condition whereby you may receive a remuneration—I say do you propose to still sleep on and allow stupidity, ignorance, short-sightedness to take the cream, and when that is all skimmed off see him pack up his grip and move on leaving you the sour milk—an encumbrance on your hands?

“Fellow orchardists what are we going to do about it? Some will say we can do nothing. By following one course we can do anything. Here is the solution. Organize. Bring every orchardist in the valley into our association. Public sentiment alone will do much toward correcting this evil. Start a campaign and clamor for honest packing and never cease clamoring until we get it. By unionizing we could refuse to sell to the dishonest packer.

“Again, as a body let us petition those outside firms who are handling hundreds of carloads of our fruit to come to Watsonville and establish packing houses. They have plenty of capital and plenty of brains. Through intimations from some of them I am confident that they will come if we give them the proper encouragement. As they are the distributors we would then get an honest pack and our industry would flourish in consequence. In the event that those firms should establish packing houses here we might expect higher prices also. Do you know that we received only from 10 cents to 25 cents per box for apples on the tree? These men are satisfied to pay for those apples from 75 cents to \$1.00 per packed box...

“Remember that but one half our trees are in bearing and a large acreage is being added yearly. With our present output our packers have reached their limit in the amount which they can handle. They have neither the business capacity nor can they get the necessary credit with which to handle our fruit five years hence.

“The rapid increase of the production of our orchards will soon cause the apple handling business to be of such a great volume in this valley that orchardists, for their own protection, may have to pick, pack and dispose of

their own crops as do the apple growers of all other states than California. We should be prepared for such a change. The local packing firms cannot handle the increasing business. They are now so cramped for men and facilities for handling the crop there is a large loss of apples each year in the orchards—and that loss falls on the grower as the buyer estimates the value of an orchard on the number of packed boxes it has produced.

“Apples grown in other districts are brought here and packed and sold as Pajaro valley apples. This should cease...

“The codlin moth is the cause of the greatest loss to our packers and orchardists. Last year 25% of our apples were unmarketable. At present we have no remedy for the complete extermination of this insect. I am satisfied that most of the worms pass the winter in the packing and apple drying houses, and in houses where cider and vinegar are made...Each house where apples are kept in quantity should be made moth-tight and kept closed during the months of April, May and June...By energy, agitation, unionization, and co-operation these needed reforms can be brought about.

“At one of our first meetings last year your Commissioner laid before the members the enormity of the problem which confronts the Commissioner and the orchardist. You remember that it was explained that your Commissioner could not and would not attempt to bring about much needed reform without the active, energetic, outspoken support and co-operation of a majority of the leading growers of this valley, explaining also that no law is effectual without popular support, and at the same time promising to use my best efforts along with you in every way possible toward the betterment of our industry.

“You remember the resolution passed and the pledge signed by every member of the association to do all in his power toward the advancement of our industry, to support your Commissioner in the fulfillment of his duties. Acting upon assurances given me by you I have conscientiously at all times put forth my best efforts to fulfill my promise to you...Petty prejudices and jealousies have not and shall not swerve me in the performance of my official duties...

“How many orchardists have shown the least enthusiasm in the movement to protect the industry? How many of them have taken the trouble to raise their voices in warning...? I don't doubt your loyalty, but the support which I have received for some months has seemed to be negative. There are a few who have proven themselves “true as steel” and to those I wish to say that their interest has been fully appreciated. I am willing to work with you and willing also to do more than my share, but don't expect me to carry the whole burden...Although it has not been advertised to the world the work of your Commissioner has on many occasion's been very trying. Dealing with prejudice, ignorance, stupidity, selfishness and mulishness is hard work and has required in numer-

ous instances notices to be served threatening prosecution before such characters would submit to reason. At such times the lack of vigorous outspoken public sentiment is felt by your Commissioner.

“I have no desire to hold office but it is imperative that somebody shall lead in this work. If you will select someone that you can support more heartily than me I will cheerfully resign in favor of the one selected. On the other hand if you feel that my efforts are advancing our interests I am willing to continue, provided that the majority of the leading orchardists put themselves on record in a declaration of determination to stand firm, and never cease clamoring until public sentiment shall whip into line the short-sighted and moss-back. The work of the Commissioner would then be a pleasant duty and the requirements of the law easily executed.

“If I, as Horticultural Commissioner and President of this Association cannot impress upon our orchardists the necessity of standing together for the advancement of their own interests, cannot enthruse them, cannot stimulate them into action, then I shall feel that my efforts are futile and that I am a failure, and shall consider it my duty to step down and out.’

“A. N. Judd moved that a committee of three be appointed to draw up resolutions endorsing the report of the Horticultural Commissioner, that the resolution and report be printed and circulated, and that the orchardists of the valley be requested to endorse the same over their signatures. The motion prevailed, and A. N. Judd, Peter Lauritzen and H. C. Peckham were appointed as such committee.”

Paj; 12 Sep 1901, item: “Through the agency of Joy & Maher, C. C. Churchill has sold a tract of land near Pajaro to Sam and George Hrepich.”

Paj; 12 Sep 1901; item: P. N. Lettunich & Co. are sending out quite a lot of fine Bellefleurs for cold storage at Los Angeles, on purchases of Otto Raphael.”

Paj; 12 Sep 1901; item: “The first car of apples, for this season, for the British trade, went out Monday night. It was a carload of White Pippins, and was shipped by Scurich Bros. to a London firm. It is the earliest shipment of apples ever made from here to the British market.”

Paj; 19 Sep 1901; ALL: Antun Benko.

Paj; 19 Sep 1901, item: “P. N. Lettunich is back from Austria, and he did not come alone. He realized that it is not good for a man to be alone, and so he married while in Austria, and his wife came here with him.”

Paj; 19 Sep 1901; item: “Mrs. Lettunich, mother of M. N. and P. N. Lettunich, has arrived here from Austria.”
[came with her son, P. N.]

Paj; 19 Sep 1901, born: “Watsonville, Sep 18th, 1901, to the wife of N. Banaz, a son.” [Nikola, +1957]

Paj; 26 Sep 1901, item: “P. N. Lettunich has rented the Furlong cottage on Kearney street and will go to house-keeping therein.”

Paj; 26 Sep 1901; item: “...F. P. Marinovich sent out a car of apples consigned to a London (England) firm. The car contained Red Pearmains, Pippins, and a lot of Bellefleurs. Mr. Marinovich will ship another car this week, similarly assorted, to the same place. These are experimental shipments as the varieties named have not been in call from this point for European trade before this year. The result of the Bellefleur shipment is being eagerly awaited, as its success may insure a new market for that favorite apple...”

Paj; 26 Sep 1901, item: “L. Scurich was arrested last week on complaint of Quarantine Inspector L. P. Lauritzen, charged with obstructing him in the performance of his duties. On a visit of Horticultural Commissioner Rodgers and Inspectors Jedd, Peckham and Lauritzen to the packing house of Scurich Bros., one day last week, L. Scurich refused admittance to Lauritzen though willing to have the others enter. He and Lauritzen have not been friends for some time...” [A careful search through subsequent newspapers, including Santa Cruz papers, showed nothing further on this case. It was probably dropped.]

Paj; 3 Oct 1901, item: “F. P. Marinovich & Co. and M. N. Lettunich & Co. have shipped out this week mixed cars of Red Pearmains and Rhode Island Greenings for the London market. They were sent on consignment.”

Paj; 3 Oct 1901; honor roll: 9th year: George Smith.

Paj; 3 Oct 1901, item: “Yesterday M. Rilovich was fined \$5 by Judge Hawkins for maintaining a hog pen within the city limits.”

Paj; 3 Oct 1901, item: “M. Grizich has purchased the Clute property on upper Main street. The sale was effected by W. V. Gaffey & Son.”

Paj; 10 Oct 1901; obit: “Watsonville, Oct 6th, 1901, Joseph Nerich, a native of Austria, aged 43 years.”

Paj; 10 Oct 1901; item: “F. P. Marinovich’s mixed car of Red Pearmains, R. I. Greenings and Bellefleurs is due at Southampton (England) today and should be sold in London tomorrow. Considerable interest is being taken here in that car because of the Bellefleurs in it. If that variety makes a good sale and ‘catches on’ with the British trade there will be lots more...to follow ‘across the pond’ next year.”

Paj; 10 Oct 1901; item: “...at M. N. Lettunich & Co.’s packing house on Third street, Peter Gallaway was severely cut about the face and head by Wm. Brown. Both are employees of Lettunich & Co...”

Paj; 10 Oct 1901; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Co. are operating a packing house at their Del Monte fruit farm at Aromas, and they are using a section of the big warehouse at Pajaro for an apple packing room.”

Paj; 10 Oct 1901; item: “The car of Bellefleurs and Red Pearmains sold in London...by F. P. Marinovich made a poor showing. Either the apples did not arrive in good condition or the London market will not take those varieties. The apples sold for an average of about \$1.30 a box—which means a loss of the cost of the apples to the shipper...this trial is discouraging, and we regret that Mr. Marinovich’s nery trial of the London market was not more successful. He has another car of mixed varieties and several cars of Newtowns on the road to London, and we hope he will even up with them on the trial car.”

Paj; 24 Oct 1901; item: “Pulisevich Bros. have been handling an extra choice lot of White Winter Pearmains from Blanco...this variety of apple is making a very creditable showing in...Pajaro valley and neighboring districts. Usually the White Pearmain bears so heavily in this valley that it runs to small sizes. It is a popular apple...and is our best seller at Mexican and Central American points.”

Paj; 31 Oct 1901; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Co. made a sale of Bellefleurs at Liverpool...for 7 shillings and 6 pence per box, or about 90 cents per box in Watsonville. Another lot, from another firm, sold in England last week, for about bare cost. The prices which have been realized in England this year do not justify further shipments of that variety to Great Britain...”

Paj; 7 Nov 1901; list: “The City Council met in regular session...On recommendation of the Finance Committee the following claims were ordered paid: George Strazich, meals, \$20.50...”

Paj; 14 Nov 1901; item: “Watsonville Grove No. 135, United Ancient Order of Druids, was instituted in this city, at Masonic hall, on Monday evening...The local lodge starts with a good charter membership which will rapidly increase. The following officers were elected and installed: [Slavs were] Inside Guard, J. Balanac; Outside Guard, J. Castrapelli...”

Paj; 14 Nov 1901; item: “Mrs. M. N. Lettunich was called to Oakland this week on account of the death of her uncle.”

Paj; 21 Nov 1901; item: “N. Banaz left yesterday for Los

Angeles, where he will handle Pajaro valley apples for a time.”

Paj; 21 Nov 1901; item: “Scurich Bros. have purchased a lot in the Walker subdivision, on Fourth street, adjoining their packing house property.”

Paj; 28 Nov 1901; item: “P. F. Cassin has purchased a lot from Jero Vojvodich on First street.”

Paj; 12 Dec 1901; item: “John Ljubibratic, of the Mansion House, spent several days of the past week in San Francisco.”

Paj; 19 Dec 1901; item: “Castrapelli Bros. a firm which has been handling apples in this valley in a small way for several years, was attached by creditors on Tuesday.”

Paj; 19 Dec 1901; born: “Watsonville, Dec 8th, 1901, to the wife of A. Strasicich, a son.” [*Andrew; lived 2 mos.*]

SF Call, 25 Dec 1901; item: “John Castropelli and George Castropelli, constituting the firm of Castropelli Brothers, fruit pickers, packers and shippers, of Watsonville, filed a petition in insolvency yesterday in the United States District Court. They owe \$4541.51 and have \$1390 in assets.”

Paj; 26 Dec 1901, item: “Castrapelli Bros. personal property and fixtures of their apple packing plant were sold by Sheriff Besse, last Saturday, to P. N. Lettunich & Co for about \$500. The return to the creditors will be but a fraction of their claims.”

Paj; 26 Dec 1901; item: “Stephen Scurich received a very palatable Christmas gift...a barrel containing 300 lbs. of Berwick bay oysters. They were high grade bivalves, a fitting appetizer for a Christmas dinner.”

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Paj; 2 Jan 1902; legal notice: “In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California...

“Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of the December, 1901, this said John Castrapelli and George Castrapelli were duly adjudicated bankrupts, and that the first meeting of their creditors will be held at the office of Ed Martin, Referee, at No. 4, Cooper street, City of Santa Cruz...on the 13th day of January, 1902...at which time and place the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee, examine the bankrupts and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. —ED MARTIN. Referee in Bankruptcy. Dated, Santa Cruz, Cal., Dec. 30, 1901.”

Paj; 9 Jan 1902; item: “V. Puhiera has purchased a lot in

the Walker subdivision on Kearney street.”

Paj; 9 Jan 1902; item: “Nick Banaz returned to Los Angeles last Saturday night to look after his apple agency in that city.”

Paj; 9 Jan 1902; item: “The Maher property on Main street, occupied by M. Morris’ clothing store, has been purchased by F. P. Marinovich.”

Paj; 9 Jan 1902; item: “Wm. Pulisevich left for Los Angeles last Saturday night on a business and recreation trip. He may continue his trip to the Eastern States.”

Paj; 9 Jan 1902; item: “Chas. Kuhlitz has leased two tracts of land, being a part of the Salsipuedes rancho, to M. P. Gordon and J. Luicich [Lucich].”

Paj; 9 Jan 1902, item: “L. Scurich has purchased from John Burke the business property on Main street occupied by J. P. Knudsen and R. P. Quinn.”

Paj; 9 Jan 1902; article: “...Frequently we [the Pajaronian] are asked concerning the membership of the various committees of the Board of Trade. We herewith append the latest approved list of committees: Traffic: ...L. Scurich...”

Paj; 23 Jan 1902; item: “Paul Alaga and N. Moncovich were naturalized yesterday.”

Paj; 23 Jan 1902; item: “Fred S. Gifford shipped the largest car of Newtowns yesterday sent out this season—900 boxes consigned to D. Crosley & Sons, Liverpool, and they were packed by N. Banaz & Co.”

Paj; 23 Jan 1902; item: “Paul Alaga and N. Moncovich were naturalized yesterday.”

Paj; 30 Jan 1902; article: “The N. Banaz estate was up before Referee Martin...on an application of the creditors to have the estate distributed by its trustee, W. R. Porter. The suit of Yoris to recover on a chattel mortgage given by Banaz is before the U. S. District Court, and has been for a year past. With it out of the way the Banaz estate will be in shape for settlement. This case is to be brought up speedily, and after it is decided a settlement of the Banaz estate (there is over \$3,000 on hand) will follow. Owing to the decision in this case (and which ruling in other cases has been confirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court) that persons having received payments on account within 90 days before the debtor was declared insolvent have the choice of returning the payments made or withdrawing their claims, the list of the Banaz creditors is apt to be cut about 75 per cent. The estate is too small to justify the large creditors in paying back.”

Paj; 30 Jan 1902, item: "The Vienna Social Club was organized in this city last week and elected the following officers: President, S. Scurich; Secretary, N. M. Endich; Treasurer, N. Alaga; The members include: William Pulisevich, M. N. Lettunich, Luke Cikuth, George Coprica [Copriviza], Steve Bulich, Chris Milanovich, P. N. Lettunich, Paul Alaga, Nick Mortizia, M. Alaga, N. M. Lettunich, Chris Lettunich, P. J. Lettunich, A. B. Lettunich, Mike Zar, Jacov Katman and Peter Sers [Sersen]."

Paj; 30 Jan 1902; item: "Each box of apples which goes out of Oregon has stamped on its sides, 'Oregon Apples.' Each box which goes out of Lompoc has 'Packed at Lompoc, Cal.' A similar designation is needed, and along the box sides, for Pajaro valley apples. The Oregon and Lompoc apples bearing the box side brands show that the communities from which such fruit is shipped are proud of their productions. Let the name of 'Watsonville' and 'Pajaro Valley' go on each box of apples shipped from this point. Such publicity will work towards grade improvement."

Paj; 20 Feb 1902; list: "**List of Berry Growers, with Acreage Planted, in Pajaro Valley This Year...**Lettunich, M.N. & Co: 5 acres Loganberries...[only Slav of 41]"

Paj; 20 Feb 1902; item: "The new Catholic church is rapidly assuming shape. The heavy brick and terra-cotta walls are already up to a good height and the large and handsome window frames are in place. Contractor Greene and his force of carpenters and his brick masons are rushing the work of construction."

Paj; 20 Feb 1902, item: "Luke Scurich has obtained estimates on improvements to the front of his block on Main street, near the City Hall, and will have the work done soon."

Paj; 27 Feb 1902; item: "A number of Slavonians, who have been engaged as laborers in the apple handling business in this valley, left here Tuesday for their birthplaces in Austria. Some of them had been employed here from the early days of apple shipping. They do not expect to return to this valley."

Paj; 20 Mar 1902; item: "The Mansion House changed ownership this week. John A. Ljubibratich, who has conducted the house for almost a year past, retired in favor of Wade H. Etter, who for a long time past has been the popular chief clerk and manager of the Yosemite Hotel in Stockton..."

Paj; 20 Mar 1902; item: "John Ljubibratich has sold his lease of the Mansion House to F. J. Bradford, of San Francisco, who took possession of the hotel on Saturday..."

Paj; 27 Mar 1902; item: "Mrs. L. Scurich and family are in San Francisco for a several weeks' visit."

Paj; 27 Mar 1902; item: "Mateo Lettunich and children, and their aunt, Miss Farlin, have been in Los Angeles for the past 2 weeks."

Paj; 27 Mar 1902; item: "P. N. Lettunich and Nick Alaga are home from an extended visit to Los Angeles."



Paj; 27 Mar 1902; born: "Watsonville, March 22d, 1902, to the wife of M. [N.] Skocko, a son." [John, +1995]

Fig. 2-10.
John Skocko.

Paj; 27 Mar 1902; obit: "Watsonville, March 21st, 1902, Peter son of John and Annie Gasponetich [Gospodnetich], aged 11 months."

Paj; 10 Apr 1902; item: "Recent purchases of property along Walker street, are taken as a pointer that local packing firms are going to procure as much as possible of the railroad frontage on that street. If the packing firms could get that frontage including the Roudot corner, it would comfortably locate about all the firms in the business here, and give a chance for switches which would save time and lessen the cost of handling fruit, and at the same time settle the important question of depot facilities. The movement of the fruit packers along Walker street opens a way for the settlement of the question of freight yard enlargement."

Paj; 10 Apr 1902; item: [Wm. Pulisevich is listed as an aide in a parade honoring the dedication of the new Foresters hall in Watsonville.]

Paj; 17 Apr 1902; item: "Mrs. N. M. [M. N.] Lettunich, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jessen, Wm. Palntag, Tom Allen, Ed Reiter, Henry Schroeder, Misses Carrie Thurwachter, Josie Allen, Jennie McGuinny, Lou Thurwachter, Grace English, and Lulu Lawler spent last Sunday in the Santa Cruz mountains."

Paj; 17 Apr 1902; item: "L. Cikuth spent last week visiting places in the Sacramento valley."

Paj; 24 Apr 1902; born: "Watsonville, April 18th, 1902, to the wife of John A. Ljubibratich, a son." [Alex, died 6 months later]

Paj; 24 Apr 1902; item: "Father Bontempo, an Austrian

priest, has been conducting morning and evening services in St. Patrick's church this week in the interest of his countrymen in this valley."

Paj; 24 Apr 1902; item: "...[C]ompleted [was] one of the largest transfers of the year of city property not on Main street. It was an important sale, and will do much to make the district near the local station a fruit packing house section which will be easily reached by railroad spur switches. It is a decisive step in favor of the centralization of shipping interests at Watsonville depot. The property sold was the Jesse C. Wood lot on Third street (47 by 134 feet), the H. J. Wood lot adjoining, at the corner of Third and Locust streets (56 by 134 feet), and the H. Seigmann lot adjoining on Locust street (150 by 150 feet), to J. P. Miovich & Co.; and Wm. Birlem's property, adjoining the forementioned property on Third street (206 by 215 feet), to M. N. Lettunich & Co. The property brought good prices..."

Paj; 24 Apr 1902; article: "**The Cannery Question...** The need of a cannery in Pajaro valley has long been felt and has been thoroughly discussed from time to time, but not until recently did the movement assume tangible form. That the people of this community need and will have a cannery in the near future is a foregone conclusion. The meeting of business men, orchardists and berry growers at the Board of Trade rooms last Saturday afternoon definitely settled that question. Jas. Hopkns, chairman of the cannery committee, called the meeting to order and reviewed its subject...M. N. Lettunich spoke in favor of a cannery by local capital and believed the proposition would prove a financial success. G. W. Rowe and A. N. Judd expressed themselves in similar terms...As canned goods cannot be inspected until the cans are opened, M. N. Lettunich believed in canning only the best quality of fruits, as they must sell according to brand, and a standard brand article would soon merit and establish a standing in the markets. In the matter of selecting a suitable name for the proposed corporation a number of names were suggested, but the one finally decided upon was 'Watsonville Canning Company,' proposed by M. N. Lettunich, and endorsed by A. N. Judd...The name was adopted unanimously...Two styles of forms were drawn up for the purpose of soliciting funds. One was for straight donations. The other was for subscribing for shares of stock. The following committee, which is in itself a guarantee of the success of the undertaking, was appointed to canvass the valley with the documents...: C. O. Silliman, G. W. Rowe, M. N. Lettunich, A. N. Judd, Chas. Smith, Wm. McGowan, Chris Mann, Jas. Waters, J. S. Menasco, S. Scurich, M. B. Tuttle and Jas. Griffin..."

Paj; 24 Apr 1902; item: "On March 31st a sale of 503 boxes of Banaz pack of Watsonville Newtowns was

made in London, Eng....at 12 shillings per box (about \$2.90), and 363 boxes, same pack of Newtowns, were sold at 11 shillings or about \$2.65 per box. Those prices were all right..."

Paj; 24 Apr 1902; article: [regarding the Canning Committee, which was appointed by the Pajaro Valley Board of Trade]: "...The committee consists of the following growers: Jas. Hopkins, M. B. Tuttle, Geo. H. Rowe, M. N. Lettunich, S. Scurich, Geo. H. Brewington and A. N. Judd..."

Paj; 24 Apr 1902; item: "J. A. Ljubibratich, ex-proprietor of the Mansion House, has purchased the grocery stock of N. Stojanovich and assumed charge of the business last Monday..."

Paj; 1 May 1902; married: "Watsonville, April 24th, 1902, by Rev. Father Hassett, Miss Mary Copriva [Copriviza] to M. Gera."



Fig. 2-11.
Martin Gera
(1872-1945),
Mary Copriviza
(1869-1951).

Paj; 8 May 1902; item: "Steve Scurich has added another room to his Sudden street cottage."

Paj; 15 May 1902; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Luke Scurich and family, F. P. Marinovich and son, and Mr. and Mrs. N. Stojanovich attended the picnic of the Austrian-American Benevolent Association in San Jose last Sunday."

Paj; 22 May 1902; item: "W. S. Smith, E. Seeley and M. N. Lettunich, large property owners at Aromas, are circulating petitions in their neighborhood to be presented to the S.P. Co. asking that an agent be appointed at Aromas to handle the rapidly increasing freight business at that point. The petitions are being readily signed. It is [conservatively] estimated that at least 300 carloads of fruit, corn, live stock and other farm products will be shipped from that point this season. With a reasonable season next year the shipments are expected to reach 500 carloads."

Paj; 22 May 1902; item: “The first ripe Loganberries reported in the valley this season were grown on M. N. Lettunich’s Del Monte farm near Aromas. Mr. Lettunich had ripe berries on his table nearly a week ago.”

Paj; 22 May 1902; article: “...There will be pests to cope with and vigilance is the price that must be paid for good fruit. A successful winter spray, consisting of lime, sulphur and salt, has cleared Pajaro valley orchards of San Jose scale and other pests, but the codlin moth, woolly aphis and canker worm have not as yet been mastered. The main excuse to be offered for their presence is the lack of summer spraying, which is apt to be neglected just so long as orchards are sold under the present system. When fruit growers sell their products on the trees for a term of years they are apt to lessen their care of the trees, as they feel sure of receiving good prices for their apples for that period at any rate. Another drawback to proper summer spraying is the opposition given the movement by the men who purchased the orchards. They are afraid that the trees will be burned and their fruit output and reduced.

“The best means of properly meeting the issue that confronts them is for orchardists to pick, grade, pack and market their own apples. By doing so they will be enabled to keep in close touch with their fruit from the time the tree is planted until the matured fruit is in the hands of the consumer. They have everything at stake, consequently all to lose or gain as the case may be. The orchard acreage is rapidly increasing in Pajaro valley and preparations must be made to successfully handle the immense crop of apples that will be produced here within the next five years...”

Paj; 22 May 1902; item: “M. N. Lettunich finds that it pays handsomely to irrigate orchard land. He installed a steam pumping station on the Pajaro river last year and most of his 270-acre Del Monte farm is under irrigation. Mr. Lettunich has 21 acres planted in Loganberries and 5 acres in mammoth blackberries. His apple orchard is doing splendidly under a systematic irrigation plan.”

Paj; 22 May 1902; item: “Last Thursday evening the local Druids elected the following officers for the ensuing term: ...John Castrapelli, Inside Guard...Rodo Chucavich, Outside Guard...Nick Copriviza, Trustee...”

Paj; 22 May 1902; obit: “Watsonville, May 20th, 1902, John Gospodnetich, a native of Austria, aged 39 years.”

Paj; 22 May 1902; item: “J. P. Miovich & Co. are erecting a big packing house on the property they recently purchased from H. J. and Jesse Wood and H. Seigman on the corner of Third and Locust streets. The building is to be 195 feet long and 60 feet wide. The construction work is going forward rapidly and the owners expect to have

their packing house ready to handle an immense amount of fruit during the coming fruit season...”

Paj; 29 May 1902; item: “Geo. Copriviza has commenced suit against Rilovich Bros. to recover \$2,800 money loaned and wages due.”

Paj; 5 Jun 1902; item: “It was the Vienna Social Club that held a picnic at Thompson’s grove on Sunday, May 25th, instead of the Austrian American Benevolent Society.”

Paj; 12 Jun 1902; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Co. have been making daily shipments of Loganberries from Aromas this month, several chests each day. They have been selling up to \$9 per chest.”

Paj; 12 Jun 1902; item: “P. N. Lettunich & Co. say they bought right on cherries this season—and but few firms which have gone in on cherries this year can successfully make such a claim. This firm has a heavy and choice cherry crop in the Wm. McGrath orchard.”

Paj; 12 Jun 1902; item: “J. P. Miovich & Co.’s new packing house near the Watsonville depot is almost completed.”

Paj; 19 Jun 1902; item: “M. N. Lettunich is shipping about 24 chests of Loganberries and mammoth blackberries daily from his Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas to San Francisco. The mammoth blackberries do not ripen so rapidly as the Loganberries but Mr. Lettunich finds them more profitable.”

Paj; 19 Jun 1902; item: “S. Scurich has purchased a house and lot on Rodriguez street, near Fourth, from Grace Barney and Alma J. Hart.”

Paj; 19 Jun 1902; honorary promotions: 9th grade: George Smith; 3rd grade: Lena Katuran; passed on examination [not honorary]: 5th grade: Mamie Smith; 2nd grade: Sydney Smith.

Paj; 19 Jun 1902; item: “A barbecue was given at Wm. McGrath’s place...by A. B. Lettunich. The barbecue was well attended and all present enjoyed the event.”

Paj; 3 Jul 1902; item: “Pulisevich Bros. have purchased the Nugent estate and Mrs. M. E. Tuttle orchard crops.”

Paj; 3 Jul 1902; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Co. will run a drier in connection with the packing house which they recently erected near the Watsonville depot.”

Paj; 3 Jul 1902; born: “Watsonville, June 25th, 1902, to the wife of John Gospodnetich, a child.” [*Nicholas J., +1987; mother: Anna Feri*]

Paj; 3 Jul 1902; item: "J. P. Miovich & Co.'s new packing house has been completed and the front has been painted. It is one of the largest packing houses in the valley, and is capable of holding thousands of boxes of apples. More than 100 wagon loads of sand have been used about the lot and in leveling up the floor of the building."

Paj; 3 Jul 1902; item: "F. P. Marinovich purchased Mrs. A. Bird's orchard crop in Railroad district, having the highest of the bids presented. He pays \$2,426 for the crop, which is a shade less than it brought last year."

Paj; 3 Jul 1902; item: "Judge Bockius sold the fruit of his home and lake orchards...following his usual custom of receiving sealed bids. There were five bidders, and the offers ranged from \$3,735 to \$4,576. The latter bid was from F. P. Marinovich, and he was accepted...The price is the highest by several hundred dollars ever paid for the crop of these orchards, and the crop this year on those trees is a banner one."

Paj; 17 Jul 1902; item: "Steve Scurich and Wm. Pulisevich are going to Tassajara Springs to get a big lot of ladybirds for orchard distribution."

Paj; 17 Jul 1902; item: "Peter Mengol is home from San Francisco, where he had a surgical operation performed on his leg, and is again in the apple handling business." [*first mention of Mengol; brother-in-law of M. N. Lettunich*]



Fig. 2-12.
Peter Mengol (1869-1936)

Paj; 24 Jul 1902; item: "Mike Zar, who had until recently been employed by the J. A. Baxter Co., has accepted a position at Spreckels."

SFCall; 2 Aug 1902; mar. license: "Anton Gluhan, 30, city, and Anne Scurich, 22, city." [*1st mention of Gluhan*]



Fig. 2-13.
Antone Gluhan
(1871-1953) and
Anna Scurich
Gluhan
(1880-1951).

Paj; 14 Aug 1902; disp. ad: "District Fair, Fourteenth Agricultural District, Watsonville. Oct. 8th to 11th Inclusive. Horticulturists, Agricul-

turists, Viticulturists and Manufacturers are urged to prepare and save exhibits. Liberal Premiums. R. S. Tuttle, Secretary."

Paj; 14 Aug 1902; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. shipped a carload of apples East Tuesday. This was the first car of apples to go East from Pajaro valley this season."

Paj; 14 Aug 1902, item: "L. Scurich was in San Francisco this week to attend the wedding of a sister." [*Anna; married Gluhan*]

Paj; 14 Aug 1902; obit: "San Jose, August 10th, 1902, Louis Balich, a native of Austria, aged 21 years."



Fig. 2-14.
Louis Balich (1881-1902)

Paj; 28 Aug 1902; obit: "Near Watsonville, 24 Aug 1902, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kalich [Kulich], aged 2 months." [*Angela*]

Paj; 4 Sep 1902; item: "Select your best fruits, grains and vegetables for exhibition at the district fair in October. It is the first fair in Pajaro valley in several years, and the exhibits should be so comprehensive in character, and of such high grade, as to be thoroughly representative of the best of Pajaro valley's orchard and field productions. With care in selection and keeping, a collection can be made which will make an exhibit of fruits, cereals and vegetables surpassing the showing of any other section in California."

Paj; 4 Sep 1902, item: "G. Alexich & Co. sent out the first car of Bellefleurs this week. It was for Los Angeles."

Paj; 4 Sep 1902; article: "**Labor Day Celebration**...For the first time in the history of Watsonville[,] Labor Day, September 1st, was observed as a general holiday. Businesses closed their doors, the stars and stripes floated from every available flag pole...The Austrian-American Benevolent Society was well represented in the procession..."

[*the following is a long article on the workings of an apple packing house; no Slavs are mentioned*]

Paj; 18 Sep 1902; article: "These are busy days at the Earl Fruit Co.'s packing house in this city. There are about 25 people employed there at present, 18 of whom are young ladies. The force will be doubled by the middle of next week. Messrs. W. H. White and C. H. Baker have everything about the packing house so conveniently and neatly arranged that the business is conducted in a manner that saves steps and accomplishes satisfactory results. Five or six large doors about the

packing house make it possible to unload as many wagons at the same time. The unloading is done with dispatch and in an uninterrupted manner, so thoroughly is the work systematized. The boxes are placed upon the chutes that extend from the wagon to the floor of the grading room and glide gently and smoothly down the incline to the desired spot. It requires but a few minutes to transfer a wagon load of apples to the packing house. After the apples are delivered at the grading room the grower is given a card containing his name and number, the number of boxes of loose apples he brought, etc. The apples are carefully sorted, graded and packed, and accurate record being kept on the original card of the total number of packed apples according to grade. The apples are packed as 4 and 5-tier high-grade stock and also as 4-tier culls. The card method of keeping apple records makes it possible to tell at a glance just what each patron's shipment consisted of. The original card is pigeon-holed under the name or number of the grower and is a ready reference. No unnecessary talking is permitted among the graders, and each is watched very closely in order to prevent the packing of inferior stock under the head of first class fruit. An abundance of light is provided so that the graders and packers can readily detect bad fruit. Each apple is carefully wiped with a cloth and enters the box as bright as if it had been polished. The boxes are all packed with a swell center so that the swell will take up the shrinkage that will naturally occur while the apples are in transit.

"The packing house is provided with a system for moving boxes of apples about the rooms that is a revelation to those who have never before seen such a system in operation. A small car track with iron rails extends through the center of the assorting and grading room, the entire length of the building to the center of the packing and shipping room. There is a turntable at the center of the packing room and the apple car can be turned in either an easterly or westerly direction to convey the boxes of apples to any part of the house. A number of movable car platforms are placed about the building to facilitate the moving of boxes. The platforms are placed over the car track, loaded with as many as 60 boxes of apples at a time, the patent car is shoved under the platform, and by means of an ingenious mechanical device the operator can press the tongue of the car downward and raise with ease the car platform containing the 60 boxes of apples clear of the floor and pull it into the packing room. The platform load of apples is placed at any desired point along the track in the packing room with the same ease that it was moved from the sorting room—simply by raising the tongue of the car. While the boxes are being unloaded the car is taken back for another load. Such a system saves time and labor. The boxes of apples in the packing room are stacked in separate piles, according to grade. The shook room and box making quarters are conveniently located..."

Paj; 18 Sep 1902; item: "Miss Julia Marisch, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Lettunich for the past two months, was given a farewell party...prior to her departure for her home in San Francisco. A large number of the young lady's friends were present and enjoyed a delightful evening which was devoted to many forms of amusement."

Paj; 18 Sep 1902; item: "Peter Mongol [Mengol] shipped a car of Newtowns last week and another yesterday, destined for the English market. These are the earliest shipments of Newtowns ever made from here."

Paj; 2 Oct 1902, item: "Scurich Bros.' car of Fall Pippins sold in Liverpool for seven and eight shillings—an average of about 85 cents per box here."

Paj; 9 Oct 1902; obit: "Santa Cruz, Oct. 6th, 1902, Anton Sorich, a native of Austria, aged 42 years."

Paj; 16 Oct 1902; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. made a shipment of 3 carloads of apples on the steamship Sierra yesterday, for the Australian market. They have made several shipments there this fall."

Paj; 16 Oct 1902; item: "It is estimated that 8 or 10 more carloads will clean up this year's Bellefleur crop in Pajaro valley. M. N. Lettunich & Co. have perhaps more of this stock than any other packers in the valley."

Paj; 16 Oct 1902; item: "A serious altercation, in which 28 men participated, took place in the cook room at M. N. Lettunich & Co.'s packing house, near the narrow-gauge depot...Twenty-five Slavonians and 3 Mexicans were mixed up in the affair. The Mexicans, being greatly outnumbered, were badly used up. Marion Rodriguez' face was beaten beyond recognition, a jagged hole was cut in his head, and he was suffering from a vicious kick in the stomach...Caterino Valdez was struck over the head with an iron bar and received an ugly gash over the left eye. Willie Rodriguez, the third victim, who is only 16 years old, was also badly used up. The cause of the trouble is not known. Several arrests will be made today."

Paj; 16 Oct 1902; article: "...In the Horticultural Department at the fair[,] prizes were awarded as follows: ...Best box, Baldwins: M. Rilovich...[only Slav listed]"

Paj; 16 Oct 1902; item: "Two sales of Pajaro Newtowns were made in England...in each case 4 tier stock selling at 13 shillings and 5 tier stock at 10 shillings. Scurich & Bakich had 100 boxes, and Peter Mengol had a carload at the sale. Those prices will net back here about \$2.10 and \$1.40 per box for 4 and 5 tier stock. The news of the sale caused a flurry in Newtowns, and holders don't show any inclination to sell at less than 90 cents..."

Paj; 16 Oct 1902, obit: "Oakland, 11 Oct 1902, Alex J. A. Ljubibratic, a native of Watsonville, aged 5 months and 23 days."

Paj; 23 Oct 1902; item: "Scurich Bros. have sold their farm in Amesti district to Mr. Bowen, late of Minnesota."

Paj; 23 Oct 1902; item: "The case of Copriviza vs. Rilovich Bros. was closed before the Superior Court last Saturday. The jury brought in a verdict for the full amount (over \$2,700) in favor of Copriviza."



Paj; 13 Nov 1902, born: "Watsonville, Nov. 12th, 1902, to the wife of S. Strasicich, a daughter." [*Kathryn Strazich, +1976*]

Fig. 2-15. Kathryn Strazich. (She spelled her name Strazich as an adult.)

Paj; 20 Nov 1902; item: "D. Pesco, one of the Slavonians arrested a short time ago on suspicion of having participated in the fight between the Slavonians and Mexicans at the Lettunich cook room a few weeks ago, was arraigned before Justice Hawkins...Marion Rodriguez, the complaining witness was present, but stated that Pesco was not the person who had assaulted him. Thereupon District Attorney Knight asked that the case be dismissed and it was so ordered."

Paj; 4 Dec 1902; list: "Court Pajaro Valley Rose, No. 44, Foresters of America, elected the following officers for the ensuing term...: Junior Woodward, Steve Scurich... [only Slav]"

Paj; 4 Dec 1902; article: "**Local Orchardists Are Preparing to Give the Codlin Moth a Hard Battle.** The attendance at the meeting of the Orchardists' Association...was in strict keeping with the importance of the subject under consideration...Acting upon a suggestion of Prof. Woodworth[,] President C. H. Rodgers appointed the following committee...: M. N. Lettunich...[only Slav of 18]"

Paj; 11 Dec 1902; item: "The case of Valako Brinso, charged with battering Marcian Rodriguez, was tried again Saturday...before a jury in Justice Hawkins' court. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty."

Paj; 11 Dec 1902; item: "The sale of the Snodgrass property on Main and Rodriguez streets took place...in the law offices of Lee & Wyckoff...The rooms were well filled with bidders...The first bid was \$36,000, made by

the Bockius Co. Other bids were made by L. Scurich, F. P. Marinovich and M. N. Lettunich & Co...The final bid of \$41,750 was made by the Bockius Co., and the sale was made to that corporation, subject to the approval of the Superior Court. The property was appraised at \$40,000...This is the largest sale of real estate made in this city for several years. The matter of the sale will come before the Superior Court early next month."

Paj; 18 Dec 1902, item: "S. Scurich has purchased H. V. Trafton's property at the east corner of Union street and Maple avenue."

Pacific Rural Press; Vol. 64, #25, 20 Dec 1902: "**Conflicting Interests.**—At a largely attended meeting of union workingmen at Watsonville, after the State fruit growers' meeting, Messrs. A. N. Judd and C. H. Rodgers were denounced for favoring the introduction of Chinese for orchard work, and Slavonians for the former are reported to have quit."

Paj; 25 Dec 1902; item: "Radovan & Balovich have just finished shipping a lot of as richly colored Newtown Pippins as any section can show. 'Yellow as butter' will apply to their color...If such Newtowns do not bring top-of-market prices in England there is little use in trying to grow Newtowns for the British trade..."

Paj; 25 Dec 1902; article: "...I understand that some of my Austrian friends take exception to a preferment I expressed in the Fruit Growers' Convention. This is what I said: 'I prefer the Chinamen or Japanese to the spew of the south of Europe, with its anarchy that murdered our President, and its Mafia that reddened the streets of New Orleans with blood, or its polygamy (with its theft of women and girls sold into a bondage worse than slavery), its lazzaroni and ladrone, and its criminals; yes, Mr. President, I'll take the Chinamen in preference to any of these classes.' What say you, my critics? I know you do not belong to those classes, hence there is no apology necessary from me. If you do, I have none to make. And yet my friends, by your own acts, and it is said they speak louder than words, one would be justified in saying you preferred Chinamen or Japs to even the better classes of your own race, as I notice those of you who employ labor in your packing houses take kindly to a large quantity of the Celestials. Shall I say the reasons are obvious? Respectfully, A. N. Judd, Fruit Grower and Farmer, 263 Fourth St."

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Paj; 1 Jan 1903; article: "In the Pacific Fruit World of Dec. 13th appeared a report of the proceedings of the State Fruit Growers' convention, held in San Francisco during the first week of this month, and as a part of that report was a purported synopsis of remarks of C. H.

Rodgers, of this valley, on the labor question. The Pacific Fruit World is a paper of extensive circulation among fruit growers of this coast and in the fruit trade throughout the United States. It has given more space and has paid more attention to the apple interests of Pajaro valley than has any other publication in its line, and hence any statement appearing in its columns which relates to the apple business of this section is given much credence by the trade. Its report of Mr. Rodgers' remarks had an allusion to Slavonians which was not in terms creditable to that race, and its reading in this city caused much indignation among the apple handlers who are of the Slavonian race—comprising nearly all of the people in that line of business.

“The report as published in the Pacific Fruit World was incorrect and placed Mr. Rodgers in a false position. When he read it he stated that the report was not a correct statement of his talk. Last Saturday the reporter of the Pacific Fruit World, over his signature, stated that his report of Mr. Rodgers' utterance was not a fair index of his talk; that he did not make a denouncement of the Slavonians as a race.

“In the meantime the Slavonian apple packers of this valley, feeling that the publication made by the Pacific Fruit World...was apt to hurt their business standing with the trade throughout the United States, prepared and circulated a document which certified ‘that during a business of social intercourse with the Slavonians, extending over a period of many years, we have found them to be honest, industrious and courteous gentlemen, imbued with an exalted sense of moral obligation and a high regard for the integrity of character.’ This paper was freely signed by businessmen and orchardists. The report of the Pacific Fruit World was not a part of the document signed. There was no criticism or reflection upon Mr. Rodgers intended by anyone who signed the paper. Mr. Rodgers had told his friends that he had been misquoted, and to them that was sufficient. The paper presented by the apple packers was signed to show that they (the apple packers) had a good business standing at home, and that they had the business confidence of the people who knew them in their daily life. There was no intention or thought among the signers of belittling or reflecting upon Mr. Rodgers. As the apple packers felt that their business integrity might be questioned because of the wide publication given by the Fruit World's article it was right that they should have deserved endorsement as businessmen. The Slavonian apple handlers have done business in this valley during the past 15 years. They have bought and sold about all the large apple crop of this valley each year. Their business transactions have aggregated millions of dollars. They do more business each year than is done in any other line in this valley. They annually make contracts for fruit crops calling for the payment in the aggregate of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and they live up to their obligations of payment to our fruit

growers whether crops be good or bad. Usually the contracts are of a form of doubtful enforcement, but cases of change or rejection are infrequent. The writer knows that the apple business in Pajaro valley has not been one of positive profit to the handlers, as a class, for several seasons; yet contracts of payment have been lived up to with positive loss to the buyers. We have seen as high as \$2000 paid for a cherry orchard and the crop ruined by frost—and half of the payment made after crop failure. We have seen a similar record for other cherry orchards. There are orchards in this valley, and not a few of them either, sold for a term of years, which did not return this year the outlay for the fruit; but the contracts of payment were observed faithfully. We doubt if there is a fruit district in California which can show a record of 15 years' business with as little loss to growers on contracts as can the Pajaro valley. If there is one, we have never heard of it. And this is the only fruit district in California where the grower has not had to assume the chances of marketing. Because of this business record, and in no spirit of criticism of Mr. Rodgers or any other individual, the businessmen and orchardists of this place signed the document circulated by the apple handlers.

“The document was intended for publication in the Pacific Fruit World, and it was so stated when being circulated. There is where it should have been published. It appeared in the Register last Saturday, and preceding it was the extract from the Fruit World giving the garbled report of Mr. Rodgers' remarks, and appearing as if it was a part of the document signed by our businessmen and orchardists. It was not a part of the document as signed, and its publication in such a form created considerable feeling. The men who signed the endorsement were not attacking Mr. Rodgers, but the publication gave that phase to their endorsement because of its connection with the Fruit World article.

“On Monday a paper of endorsement of Mr. Rodgers' official acts, and embodying a request for his retention as Horticultural Commissioner was prepared and it is being circulated here and it is being freely signed. It bears the names of the business firms of this city, the orchardists of this valley and the apple handling firms of this place. The Slavonian apple handlers are on the petition in numbers, and they unqualifiedly endorsed the great work Mr. Rodgers has done for the horticultural interests of this valley.

“There is no more capable, zealous and unselfish Horticultural Commissioner in this State. The value of his work in this valley cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. His labor is not all for the present—its influence will reach far beyond present time and its effect and value will be with the fruit growers of Pajaro valley after ‘the span of years’ has run for him.

“We have had ‘a bit of a storm’ here, but through it all there has been no weakening of endorsement of the official acts of Mr. Rodgers, no lessening of the desire to

have him remain as guardian of the fruit interests of this valley; and the denial by him that he ever made the remarks attributed to him by the Fruit World did not need the apology of the reporter to make them convincing to his many friends in Pajaro valley.

“The storm is over, and now let all unite to work together for the advancement of the valuable fruit interests of Pajaro valley.”

Paj; 1 Jan 1903; item: “Wm. Pulisevich was home from Los Angeles over Christmas.”

Paj; 8 Jan 1903; item: “The sale of the Snodgrass estate property in this city came up before Superior Judge Smith, at Santa Cruz, on Monday for confirmation. The highest bid at the sale in this city was \$41,750, by the G. M. Bockius Co. This bid was raised to \$45,925 by Luke Scurich on Monday, and Mateo Lettunich raised that bid to \$45,950. There were no other bids, and the property was sold to Mr. Lettunich. It is understood ‘on the street’ that there are several persons interested with him in the bid, and that the property will be owned by an association or a corporation. Several improvements in the property are contemplated. There is a probability that the wooden block may give place to a large theater with store fronts. The property was sold at a good price, one which should be satisfactory to all the heirs.”

Paj; 15 Jan 1903; item: “Last Sunday was a day replete with joy for the Catholic people of this valley and their rejoicing was shared by friends of all denominations as well as by those who hold to no particular creed. The event was the dedication of the new St. Patrick’s church to the worship of God. It is one of the finest church edifices in California and stands a lasting monument to the enterprise and fidelity of the Catholic people of Pajaro valley. The completion of the splendid structure crowned with success efforts well spent. It required money, time and sacrifice to bring about such a result. The new house of worship is a source of pardonable pride to every citizen of this community.”

Paj; 15 Jan 1903, born: “Watsonville, Jan 8th 1903, to the wife of Steve Scurich, twin sons.” [*Stephen and Charles; both died 5 days later*]

Paj; 15 Jan 1903; obit: “Watsonville, Jan. 13th, 1903, Charles Eugene and Stephen Antone, infant sons of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Scurich, aged 5 days.”

Paj; 29 Jan 1903; list: “The following named citizens of this valley are on the Grand Jury list for 1903...L. Scurich...M. N. Lettunich...”

Paj; 12 Feb 1903; item: “Wm. Pulisevich and A. B. Lettunich returned...from Los Angeles having finished

the apple handling season in the southern metropolis.”

Paj; 12 Mar 1903; item: “The pupils of Moreland Notre Dame Academy will give an entertainment on the 17th of March...in St. Patrick’s hall. Admittance fee (proceeds for the renovation of the hall) 25c. Following is the programme: ‘Floral Greetings to the Shamrock,’ an original play, with the following cast of characters: ...The Shamrock, Miss Katherine Stojanovich...”

Paj; 12 Mar 1903; item: “The interior of the second story of the Lettunich block is being re-papered and the wood work is being given a coat of paint. The improvements will add much to the looks of the rooms and the hallways.”

Paj; 12 Mar 1902; item: “The old apple trees in the Redman orchard on the Salsipuedes road are being rooted up and converted into fire-wood. The orchard, which contains about 20 acres, was planted nearly 40 years ago by Isaac Williams, a pioneer settler, and has never failed to bring forth its share of the apples of the valley. With the exception of the Blackburn orchard it is the oldest apple orchard in the valley. The trees that are being dug up give evidence of age and it can be seen that their day of usefulness was rapidly drawing to a close. The center of the wood had decayed, leaving but a narrow strip of green around the outside to give life and stimulate fruitage. About 35 years ago K. F. Redman, who still owns the orchard, hauled apples from it to Salinas, where they were readily marketed. The reason for removing the old orchard is the fact that it might prove a detriment to the young trees adjoining it by a possible spread of fruit pests. At the time this old orchard was planted it was not expected that Pajaro valley was destined to be one of the greatest apple growing districts, area considered, in the world, but such has proved the case and the industry is still expanding.”

Paj; 19 Mar 1903; item: “Peter Mengol, who has been confined to a hospital in San Francisco for some time past, has returned to Watsonville much improved in health.”

Paj; 19 Mar 1903, born: “Watsonville, March 16th 1903, to the wife of G. Copriviza, a daughter.” [*Anna, +1995; married Niccoli*]



Fig. 2-16. Anna Copriviza.

Paj; 19 Mar 1903; born: “Watsonville, March 18th, 1903, to the wife of M. Gara [Gera], a daughter.” [*Anna, +1976*]

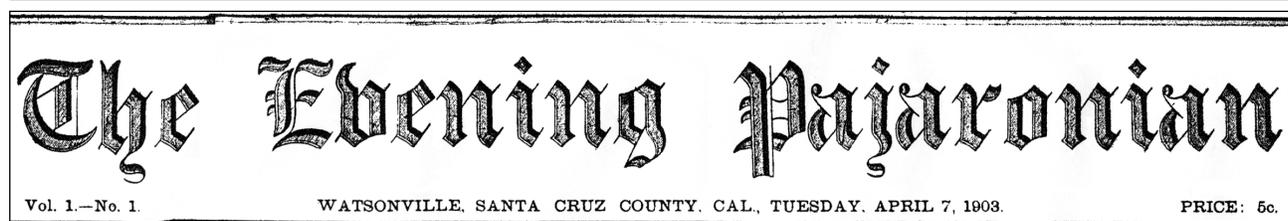


Fig. 2-17. Most of the information in this book, up to this point, has come from the weekly newspaper, *The Pajaronian*. The daily paper, *The Evening Pajaronian*, started publication on 7 April 1903 and continued until 1930. The daily and weekly papers ran concurrently until 1914 when the weekly stopped publication. From here to the end of this book, most excerpts are from the daily, the “EP.” Above is its first-day banner.

Paj; 19 Mar 1903; item: “St. Patrick’s Day was appropriately celebrated at the Catholic church last Tuesday...In the afternoon an entertainment was given in St. Patrick’s hall, which drew forth an audience that packed the building to the doors...Two original numbers in the programme: ‘Floral Greetings to Saint Patrick’ and ‘Erin’s Triumph,’ deserve more than passing comment, as their authors showed an intimate knowledge of what constitutes easy flowing melodious blank verse. The characters in these two pieces were assumed by Katherine Stojanovich...”

Paj; 2 Apr 1903; item: “...M. N. Lettunich & Co. sold a carload of four-tier Newtowns at London, Eng., for 13s 3d—equivalent to about \$2.00 per box here after paying all transportation and cold storage charges. These apples were shipped from a S. F. cold storage house about four weeks ago...This is another bit of evidence that W. N. White was right when he advised storing high grade apples for the February and March markets.”

Paj; 16 Apr 1903; item: “Nick Pupator was examined by Drs. Rodgers and Miller...and was declared to be mentally unbalanced on account of the excessive use of [alcohol]. The man was taken to the county seat, where he was adjudged insane and sentenced to Agnews.”

EP; 23 Apr 1903, item: “To the Public—I am not a candidate for Alderman from the Second ward, and have withdrawn my petition, and I wish to express my hearty thanks to my friends for their interest in the matter. I am theirs truly, Luke Scurich.”

EP; 24 Apr 1903, item: “The firm of Pecoeh, Stolich & Co. is a new organization of fruit handlers in this city.”
[first mention of Pekoeh]

EP; 28 Apr 1903, item: “Mateo Lettunich to Mateo Lettunich Co.—Lot 193x381 feet on northeast side Rodriguez street, Watsonville, 75 feet northwest of Second street; \$10.”

EP; 29 Apr 1903, item: “Miho Vlautin left this morning on a trip to Europe.”

Paj; 30 Apr 1903, item: “G. Alexich, at one time engaged in the fruit packing business in this city, is down from San Francisco looking up business for the American Produce Co. (successors to Porter Bros.)”

Paj; 30 Apr 1903, married: “Hollister, April 20th 1903, by Rev Fr. Donahue, John Gospodnetich of Hollister to Annie Gospodnetich of Watsonville.”

EP; 2 May 1903, item: “**The Austrian Picnic.** A grand excursion and picnic will be held at San Jose tomorrow, May 3. All those who have not yet secured tickets can obtain them from E. E. Harvey, agent S.P. Co. Train will leave Watsonville depot at 9:30 a.m. Round trip tickets \$1.55. Watsonville City Band will escort the members from I.O.O.F. hall to the depot. On arrival at San Jose societies will be escorted to the park by the San Jose City Band, which will also furnish the music for the day.”

EP; 4 May 1903, article: “**A Close Call.** There came near being a serious accident at the Watsonville depot yesterday morning as the Santa Cruz train entered the yard on its return trip to Santa Cruz. About 300 people were at the depot waiting for the departure of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society’s excursion train for San Jose, and many of them were standing upon the main line track. The excursion train...obscur[ed] a view of the incoming passenger train...At the time the Watsonville City Band was playing a piece and the train was not heard. The engine was within 100 feet of the people on the track...and the quick work of Drum Major W. H. P. Hill, who yelled at the top of his voice...and ran along and forced them off with his baton, saved several people from being killed. The engine could not have been reversed in time to prevent a serious accident...The locomotive did not miss some of the people six inches. It was one of those escapes from death that borders on the miraculous...”

EP; 4 May 1903, article: “**Picnic and Reunion.** The excursion train that left this city yesterday morning at 9:30 o’clock for San Jose took a large number of the members of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society and their friends to the sixth annual picnic and reunion at

Scheutzen park in the Garden City...An elaborate programme was very successfully rendered and the sixth picnic and reunion proved to be the best ever held by the society."

EP; 12 May 1903; article: "**HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE. Watsonville is Visited by One of the Worst Conflagrations in Its History.** About 4:50 o'clock this morning one of the worst fires in the history of Watsonville occurred in the packing house section, near the Watsonville depot, causing the total destruction of the Earl Fruit Co.'s packing house and the Pajaro Valley Fruit Exchange building occupied by Geo. W. Rowe as packing and shipping quarters. The fire swept these buildings and their contents out in short order, as the blaze, which started in the Earl Fruit Co.'s packing house, got about 30 minutes' start before the alarm was turned in. A stiff breeze fanned the furious conflagration from building to building and for a time the Loma Prieta Co.'s planing mill and the J. P. Miovich Co.'s packing house were threatened with destruction. The firemen battled faithfully against great odds. The small four-inch water mains in that section of the city were insufficient to furnish the required flow of water and the frame structures burned like tinder.

"The fire was no doubt of incendiary origin, as the Earl Fruit Co.'s building was blazing in three or four different places at the same time, and in connection with this the Stoesser warehouse, at the corner of Main and Ford streets, was set on fire. Wood and shavings saturated with oil, were burning under one corner of the building and some of the firemen were called to the scene and extinguished the blaze before it gained much headway.

"A third attempt was made on a packing house located in Kearney street, but the fire fiends were scared out by approaching daylight, and no loss resulted from their effort...

"Seeing that there was no hope of saving the three packing houses the firemen and others used their best endeavors to save adjoining buildings. The perforated pipe along the ridge pole of the planing mill was started at once showering water down over the roof, and prevented that building from catching fire. The planing mill engine was also used to good advantage in pumping water. Every line of hose in possession of the Watsonville Fire Department was brought to play upon the blaze and the bucket brigade did good service.

"Nearby electric light and telephone poles took fire and wires fell in all directions. The shutting off of the electric current saved serious accidents. In about two hours after the blaze was discovered on the west side of the Earl Fruit Co.'s packing house the three buildings above mentioned, together with their contents were totally destroyed. The fire was a disastrous one and it is fortunate that it was not worse. That it was the work of a 'fire bug' there can be no question. The simultaneous

occurrence of the different fires shows conclusively that an attempt was made to destroy the city.

"The discovery of the fire...was made by Station Agent E. E. Harvey...at 4:45 a.m...Box cars which were standing on the sidetrack, near the burning buildings, were rolled away and thus saved from destruction. The heat from the burning structures was so intense that the freight warehouse at the S. P. depot smoked at times, and the paint on the Miovich Co.'s packing house was badly scorched. Had the fire reached the planing mill every building to the narrow gauge depot would have been wiped out, and it was only through the most heroic efforts that the mail was saved.

"The fire this morning shows the great need of larger water mains in the residence portion of Watsonville. With the present small pressure it is impossible to check a serious conflagration...

"M. N. Lettunich & Co. sustained a heavy loss. Their packing house was well filled with fruit boxes, about 60,000 in number, box shooks, wrapping paper, and tools, and with the building their loss will aggregate nearly \$15,000. Their insurance is nominal...

"In all over 100,000 fruit boxes and sufficient box shooks to manufacture another 100,000 boxes were destroyed.

"The most serious menace to this city at present is the presence of a 'firebug' who is bent upon destruction. Every effort to apprehend him should be made and if found he should be put away for 'safe keeping.' The property of the community is not safe so long as such characters are permitted to run at large."

EP; 12 May 1903; article: "**AFTER THE FIRE. Interesting Items in Interviews...**A. E. Joy, of Joy & Maher—Our firm escaped very luckily so far as losses were concerned. They only insurance loss sustained was about \$50 on J. P. Miovich & Co.'s packing house, right across the street from the fire, on Third street. The paint on the packing house was badly blistered..."

EP; 14 May 1903; item: "**Fire Notes.** M. N. Lettunich & Co. saved four newly painted fruit wagons...N. Banaz lost a buggy and harness, which he had stored in the Lettunich packing house, valued at \$100...J. P. Miovich & Co. had some strenuous exercise in their efforts to prevent the fire spreading across Third street..."

EP; 16 May 1903; item: "The P. W. Morse Co. has purchased the Rilovich packing house on Fourth street and will handle fruit on commission this season. It will be prepared to handle a big share of this valley's apple crop."

EP; 23 May 1903; item: "I. H. Tuttle has sold one of his orchards to Peter Mengol."

EP; 30 May 1903; notice: "Notice is hereby given that

the partnership heretofore carried on in Watsonville, Cal., under the firm name of Scurich Bros. has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons owing debts to said firm are requested to pay them immediately at the packing house heretofore used by said firm on Fourth street, Watsonville. All bills against the firm will be settled at the same place. A fruit packing business will be hereafter carried on at the same place and under the same firm name by Antone Scurich and Peter Scurich, our brothers, and Luke Bakich.—LUKE SCURICH, STEPHEN SCURICH. Dated May 29, 1903.” [*first mention of Peter Scurich, who arrived in 1899*]

EP; 30 May 1903; item: “Luke Scurich has sold his interest in the apple packing business to Stephen Scurich, but will continue in the fruit handling and brokerage business by himself. Stephen Scurich has retired for the present on account of ill health and will leave shortly for the springs.”

EP; 1 Jun 1903; item: “Louis Farlin and Tony Lettunich were down from San Francisco yesterday.”

EP; 2 Jun 1903; item: “L. G. Sresovich of San Francisco was in town today visiting friends and eyeing the fruit crop.”

EP; 4 Jun 1903; list: “A large attendance at the commencement exercises of Moreland Notre Dame Academy...Instruments accompanying vocals: violin: N. Strazicich; mandolin: Lucille Lettunich...An original piece, ‘What Little Girls Can Do,’ was illustrated by...Katherine Stojanovich...Helen Nirich...with Miss Lucille Lettunich, Master Nicholas Lettunich [2 lines of type are scrambled but these are the intended names]...A juvenile musical selection on 3 pianos...was excellently rendered by...Lucille Lettunich, Master Nicholas Lettunich, after which 24 little boys, under the captaincy of Master Nicholas Strazicich, gave a Patriotic Drill and Chorus. The reciters were...George Strazicich...The ‘Snowflake Drill’ was given by the following little Misses: L. Lettunich...L. Radovich...L. Nirich...a vocal selection, ‘Little Gentlemen,’ was given by...N. Strazicich...N. Lettunich, E. Strazicich...Following is a list of awards: Observance of Rules—A gold medal, the gift of Mrs. M. S. Moreland, merited by...Mamie Smith...Domestic Economy—Gold medal, the gift of Miss Lulu Stoesser, merited by...Mamie Smith...Punctuality—Gold medal, the gift of Miss Kerr, merited by Mamie Smith...Choir Singing—Gold medal, the gift of Rev. Father Hassett, merited by M. Smith...K. Stojanovich...”

Paj; 4 Jun 1903, item: “Deed—Luke Scurich and wife to Steve Scurich—Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14, Walker’s subdivision, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 8 Jun 1903; article: “**11,000 Workers Required to Harvest Fruit Crop.** The fruit growers of California are beginning to cast about for a sufficient supply of help to harvest the immense fruit crop which is fast coming on in the various sections of the State. Every fruit district will need a bigger supply of help than at present seems possible to obtain. The fruit industry affords employment not only for men and boys, but also for women and girls. In fact, the canners, dried fruit packers and growers are very much in need of female help.

“The scarcity of labor noticeable during the past few years has so impressed itself upon the canners and packers that the best accommodations are now supplied for the workers in the industry. In the hot valleys canners are particular to have their work rooms well ventilated, often supplying them with fans for changing the air. A supply of cool, fresh water is always available, and comfortable quarters are secured for the help when the day’s work is over. In order to attract people who are not in the habit of working in the industry, half holidays are frequently granted, and in many instances music is furnished for the entertainment of the work people in the evenings.

“In many of the interior cities of the State a large number of young people are often busily engaged in the fruit season earning spending money in the canneries, dried fruit packing houses and orchards. It is not unusual to see high school students, school teachers and the sons and daughters of well-to-do people earning from \$1.50 to \$3.00 a day in this pleasant employment of preparing fruit for the Eastern markets. Many families in our cities take advantage of this opportunity, and in addition to enjoying a pleasant vacation, add materially to their bank account at the close of the season.

“The canners and dried fruit packers have expressed themselves to the California Promotion Committee as being sadly in need of help, and in checking up the applications, it has been found that 8000 people are needed by the canneries and 3500 in the orchards and vineyards.—San Francisco Chronicle.”

“EP; 8 Jun 1903; article: “A NEW SPUR TRACK. A new spur track is to be added to the local yard, which will increase the railroad company’s present loading capacity by 500 to 600 cars annually. It is designed to reach the business now handled by teams from the packing house district between Fourth and Kearney streets. To do this a spur will be run from what is known as the pole track, situated between the S.P. depot building and the yard of the Watsonville Beet Sugar Co., across Walker street to the center of the block, continuing, in a straight line if possible, through the Hihn company’s new lumber yard and piercing the packing houses of Scurich Bros., P. N. Lettunich & Co., and the P. W. Morse Company. An obstacle may be met in securing a right-of-way through one piece of residence property but it is believed that the proposition will receive its due consideration as an

advantageous business move. However, the promoters are prepared with two alternative routes either of which will provide the necessary track, so it is a foregone conclusion that the work will be done as soon as the preliminaries are arranged.

“This move will be a great relief to the congestion of business at the local yard during the fruit shipping season, but the further improvements outlined by the railroad company will, with the opening of business for the new electric road, furnish this valley with first-class facilities for forwarding its immense array of products...”

EP; 15 Jun 1903; class. ad: “WANTED—A competent girl between 18 and 30 years of age to do general housework. Wages, \$15 per month and room. Apply to Geo. Strazicich, Railroad Exchange, Walker St.”

EP; 15 Jun 1903; ALL: Melan Lekovich.

EP; 15 Jun 1903; item: “Deed—George Furlong and wife to Stephen Scurich—Lot 69.2x140 feet at intersection of Fourth and Walker streets, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 18 Jun 1903; disp. ad:

Remember—
JOHN KATURAN

Now at 505 Main St. Boots and shoes made and repaired.
Work guaranteed.

Paj; 18 Jun 1903, article: “This morning while handling timbers Tony Petrusich, a young man in the employ of M. N. Lettunich & Co., had the middle finger of his right hand so badly crushed by a falling timber that amputation was found necessary and Drs. Rodgers and Miller took the member off at the first joint...”

EP; 19 Jun 1903; item: “Luke Scurich went to San Francisco...to join his wife and children, who have been visiting in that city the past week. They will all return here next week.”

EP; 20 Jun 1903; item: “The fruit crop of the G. M. Bockius orchard has been sold to J. P. Miovich & Co.”

EP; 20 Jun 1903; born: “Pajaro, June 20th, 1903, to the wife of N. Banaz, a son.” [*George, +1976*]

EP; 20 Jun 1903; item: “William Williamson sold the fruit of his orchard to Alaga Bros...at a very satisfactory figure.”

SF Call, 24 Jun 1903; obit: “GLUHAN—In this city, June 23, 1903, at 435 Tehama street, Nellie, dearly beloved daughter of Anton and Annie Gluhan, a native of San Francisco, aged 14 days.”

EP; 27 Jun 1903; article: “PACKERS MUST LABEL FRUIT BOXES. Ever since fruit growing became of commercial importance in Pajaro valley the greater portion of the orchard product has been forwarded to market without giving any evidence of where the fruit was grown. Thousands of unlabeled boxes, which should have borne the fame of local orchards abroad, have been shipped to European cities.

“This important matter has been overlooked in the past and the recently enacted law touching upon the subject will no doubt serve as a reminder that radical changes along that line are necessary to properly advance the fruit growing interests of Pajaro valley. A locality should be willing to stand on its own merits and that is what box labeling means. The outside of the box should bear in conspicuous letters the name of the county and town where the fruit was grown and one section cannot then take credit for the product of another. Pajaro valley fruit will stand comparison with that of any other section on earth and its fame should be spread around the world, not alone by reason of superior quality and excellent pack, but by means of attractive box labeling which will tell the passer-by that it came from Watsonville, Santa Cruz county. A fruit box packed or empty with the name of the locality in which the fruit grew is a standing advertisement of such section and is sure to attract attention. Some of the local fruit firms are already making arrangements to label their fruit boxes and those who have not yet taken up the matter should attend to it without delay. Every box of fruit that goes out of Pajaro valley this season should be made to advertise this locality.

“It would be well for fruit handlers who are not acquainted with the law governing the labeling of boxes to read the following Act, which was approved on March 20, 1903, being entitled an act to provide for the marking, branding, or labeling of boxes, barrels, or packages containing fruits, fresh or dried, and fixing a penalty for the violation thereof, and for the appointment of inspectors under its provisions:

“Section 1. All fruit, green or dried, contained in boxes, barrels, or packages, which shall hereafter be shipped or offered for shipment in this State by any person, firm, or corporation, shall have stamped, branded, stenciled, or labeled, in a conspicuous place on the outside of every such box, barrel, or package, in clearly legible letters at least one-quarter of an inch in height, a statement truly and correctly designating the county and immediate locality in which such fruit was grown.

“Sec. 2. Any person, firm or corporation, violating any of the provisions or requirements of section one of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than \$200 nor more than \$500.

“Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of California, after the passage of this act, shall appoint such inspectors as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of this act,

to serve without compensation, who are hereby vested with full authority to enter any car or depot containing fruit for shipment; or any warehouse, packing house, storeroom, or other place or places where any fruit is kept, packed, or prepared for shipment, to inspect the same, or any part thereof. Such inspectors are also vested with full authority to examine such books of any person, firm or corporation engaged in packing or shipping fruit as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this act.

“Sec. 4. This act shall take effect immediately on and after its passage.”

EP; 29 Jun 1903; article: “**Balanac Released on Bonds.** The facts of the arrest of J. Balanac...were as follows: He returned...from San Jose and the next morning while under the influence of liquor made a threatening demonstration toward his wife. He was restrained by his father-in-law and a man named Silva while the wife went to swear out a warrant for his arrest...At 8 o’clock he was released on a bond of \$1,000 furnished by friends, but was arrested at 8:30 on another warrant sworn to by his wife on the ground that she feared for her life. At 10 o’clock yesterday morning he was sufficiently sobered to realize his position and on his promise to refrain from drinking[,] a bond of \$2,000 was readily furnished. Balanac, in his proper mind, is a man of genial disposition and marked kindness to his family, and it is hoped by his friends that in future he may retrieve his reputation, acquired in liquor, of having been a ‘bad actor.’”

EP; 6 Jul 1903; article: “[4th of July parade]...Third Division...The Austria-American Benevolent Society was next in line and made a creditable show of numbers...The day’s contests ended with an exciting tug-of-war between the following teams: Austrians, weight 1060 pounds, against Danes, 1095; won by the Austrians. Time 15 minutes...Americans against Austrians in the finals was declared a draw...”

EP; 11 Jul 1903; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Co. have a fine crop of Loganberries on their Del Monte Fruit Farm, near Aromas...”

EP; 11 Jul 1903; item: “Mrs. Geo. Coperziza [Copriviza] and Mrs. J. Zuzalla [prob. Suzallo] spent the day in Santa Cruz.”

EP; 11 Jul 1903; county supervisors, payments: “...N. Stojanovich, mdse, \$16...P. Mazan, labor, \$4...”

EP; 16 Jul 1903, item: “P. W. Morse, the real estate and insurance agent, has sold the packing house on Walker street formerly used by G. Alexich & Co., to Geo. W. Rowe, Charles Rowe and Jas. Ryason...”

EP; 23 Jul 1903; item: “Lease—Steve Scurich to F. A. Hihn Co.—Lot 176x295 feet on northwest corner of Fourth and Walker streets, Watsonville, for 5 years from June 15, 1903, at monthly rental of \$33.67.”

EP; 23 Jul 1903; item: “Assignment of Lease—Stephen Scurich to F. A. Hihn Co.—Lease executed by Mary Burke to assignor, of lot on east corner of Kearney and Walker streets, Watsonville.”

EP; 23 Jul 1903; item: “Mateo Lettunich is home from a pleasant outing of two weeks at Tassajara Springs. He is warm in his praise of the new vapor baths at these popular springs.”

EP; 25 Jul 1903, item: “Mary Burke to Stephen Scurich—Lot 109x137 feet on East corner of Kearney and Walker Sts., Watsonville, for five years, from June 15, 1903, at annual rental of \$130.”

EP; 29 Jul 1903; item: “Nick Bencovich, a popular restaurateur of Hollister, is here on a visit to Steve Strasicich and family. Over ten years ago Messrs Bencovich and Strasicich were partners in the restaurant and hotel business in this city.”

EP; 3 Aug 1903; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Steve Scurich returned last evening from a two weeks’ stay at Tassajara Springs. Steve is strong in his praise of that resort.”

EP; 7 Aug 1903; article: “...M. N. Lettunich & Co. will have a force of carpenters at work building two big packing houses. The first...is an addition to the old packing house on the south side of Third street, just opposite the site of their recently burned packing house. The new building, including the addition to be added, will be 80x170 feet. The building to be erected in the railroad yard will be 92x150 feet with an eight-foot platform on either side. It will have a substantial tongue and grooved floor four feet from the ground and is to be a modern packing house in every sense of the word...When the work is completed M. N. Lettunich & Co. will have the greatest packing house floor space in Pajaro valley.”

EP; 11 Aug 1903; item: “F. P. Marinovich and N. Vucich [maybe Vuicich] are in Salinas today on business.”

EP; 15 Aug 1903; item: “The new packing sheds belonging to S. Scurich, located on the lot recently purchased by him on Walker street, are finished and the work of preparation for the apple packing season is progressing rapidly.”

EP; 17 Aug 1903; item: “Apples have begun to leave Watsonville in carload lots. The first two full cars left

Thursday. One was packed by J. P. Miovich & Co., for Otto Raphael and the other was shipped by Pulisevich Bros. Both shipments consisted principally of Gravensteins...."

EP; 18 Aug 1903; item: "N. Stojanovich went to San Jose this morning on a business trip."

EP; 19 Aug 1903; item: "The mammoth packing houses of the Earl Fruit Co. and M. N. Lettunich & Co. will occupy the entire space which was devoted to the four or five buildings burned to the ground a few months ago. The two buildings have a floor surface of 25,000 square feet."

EP; 2 Sep 1903; board of aldermen: "...The following claims for street work were laid over: ...M. Tomasovich, \$42..."

EP; 3 Sep 1903; item: "Mrs. J. Balanac, accompanied by her sisters and father, M. P. Roza, were in Santa Cruz today."

EP; 4 Sep 1903; item: "William Pulisevich shipped a carload of red Bellefleur apples...the first of the season... and will forward another today."

EP; 4 Sep 1903; item: "Constable Corr was a witness in the Balanac case at Santa Cruz this morning."

EP; 8 Sep 1903; item: "Antone Marich of San Francisco is visiting the family of M. N. Lettunich in this city."

EP; 8 Sep 1903; item: "Geo. Harris came down from San Francisco on Sunday evening to visit his wife, who has been spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. M. N. Lettunich." [*Mrs. Lettunich is not known to have had a sister; this was probably her cousin*]

EP; 11 Sep 1903; article: "**Balanac Against Balanac.** Yesterday Judge Smith rendered the following decision in the case of Rose Balanac against Joseph N. Balanac: This is an action for divorce upon the ground of cruel treatment. The evidence of the plaintiff and the defendant is directly conflicting upon every material matter in the case, but the testimony of the plaintiff is strongly corroborated by several disinterested witnesses, making the evidence greatly preponderate in favor of the plaintiff. Therefore she will be granted an interlocutory decree, and the custody of the two minor children, and the sum of \$30 per month for the support of said children, and all the household and kitchen furniture and also a buggy belonging to said plaintiff and defendant, and same being community property. Let findings be prepared and judgement entered accordingly."

EP; 11 Sep 1903; item: "N. Stojanovich was in Gilroy on business today."

EP; 14 Sep 1903; obit: "In Redlands, Cal., September 13, 1903, Nikolas Balovich, a native of Austria, aged 51 years and 28 days. The funeral will take place from the home of Sam Balovich, on Walker [St.]..."

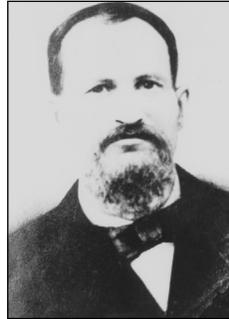


Fig. 2-18.
Nick Balovich (1852-1903).

Salinas Daily Index; 15 Sep 1903; item: "Santa Cruz county is the leading apple-producing county of California, with 688,000 trees. Monterey county is second in acreage, with 380,000 [*sic* comparing trees with acres?]. While in both these counties only about one-third of the trees have reached full bearing, their combined yield last season amounted to 1,700,000 boxes.

"California apples are marketed in boxes measuring 10x11x22 inches, and, when filled, weigh about 50 pounds. For export each apple is neatly wrapped in paper.

"The grade is determined according to the number of rows or tiers required to fill the end of a box. The grades are known as 3, 3½, 4, 4½ and 5-tier. The 4-tier is in greatest demand for export trade, and prices are generally quoted on a 4-tier basis. The size of this grade ranges from 2½ to 2¾ inches in diameter. There is but limited demand for extra large sizes, and price of the 4½ and 5-tier rule low.

"Markets for export apples are found in other States of our Union, in Mexico, several of the European countries, Australia, and, to a slight degree, the countries of eastern Asia.

"The best grades of Santa Cruz and Monterey county apples, after being packed, are mainly bought by outside dealers for Eastern and European markets at prices ranging from 75 cents to \$1.10 per 4-tier box f.o.b. cars at points of shipment. Large quantities of the inferior grades were converted into the dried product and into cider, vinegar, jellies, jams, etc..."

EP; 16 Sep 1903; item: "James H. Luark agrees to sell to Rilovich Brothers for \$1,400, fruit of present season on ten acres formerly belonging to Churchill, (assigned to Otto Raphael)."

Paj; 17 Sep 1903; article: "FRUIT BOX LABELING. A bill was passed by the last session of the Assembly of California which is now being called up for interpretation. The object of the bill was to prevent fraud in the

branding of fruit, that is to say all packed fruit should bear a label showing when it was grown and packed.

“It seems that quite a lot of trouble may arise over the law before the matter is finally settled. For instance, Hollister has no packing establishment and has always sent its fruit to San Jose to be packed. The law says that fruit that is grown in Hollister must be branded ‘Hollister.’ The packers say that they are liable for a heavy fine if they accept fruit from Hollister, and do not put it out under a Hollister brand, yet they say they cannot do this because one grower may send one ton and another ten. All goes into a general lot in the packing house and the house cannot specify which is which.

“It is claimed that under the law fruit grown at Evergreen must be branded Evergreen. Under these conditions it is said that the packers are refusing to accept fruit and pack it. There is notably a ‘kick’ from Hollister, where, it seems the first question arose over the shipment of some fruit (or proposed shipment) to San Jose. The Cured Fruit Association classed Hollister with Santa Clara county district. Practically Hollister is a part of Santa Clara valley. The indications are that some nice questions will arise under this law for interpretation.

“The act referred to was passed by the last Legislature, as already stated, and, receiving the approval of the Governor, became a law.—San Jose Mercury.”

Paj; 17 Sep 1903, item: “The apple packing force at the P. N. Lettunich & Co.’s depot is engaged on a pack for W. R. Keller. In about a week the force will be increased and will begin on the famous Dewey brand.”

EP; 17 Sep 1903; item: “C. W. Slaton has sold his apple crop on the tree and delivers them in the Lettunich warehouse in Aromas. Charley thinks he made a good sale, receiving \$300 for them.—Aromas correspondent in Salinas Index.”

EP; 18 Sep 1903; honor roll: 8th year: Anna Farlin; 6th year: Mamie Smith; 5th year: Lena Katuran; 4th year: Ben Zadielovich.

EP; 19 Sep 1903; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Co.’s commodious packing house in the S.P. railroad yard is nearing completion and a number of employees are engaged in making boxes in the building.”

EP; 19 Sep 1903; item: “Mrs. J. N. Zuzallo [prob. Suzzalo] after having spent nearly 3 months in visiting as the guest of Mrs. Geo. Copriviza returned to her home at Stockton this morning.”

EP; 21 Sep 1903; article [3 photos]: “**Dewey Brand of Apples.** So much has been written of the apple packing industry in this valley that it would seem almost impossible to find anything further to say about it which might

prove of interest to local as well as general readers. We all know that apples are packed here in immense quantities and we are given to taking it for granted that they must be well packed or there would be no market for them, yet few of us take the trouble to see how the work is done, or what pains are taken to send out a pack which will meet with the approval of buyers and at the same time create a demand for more fruit of the same reliable quality. Perhaps a degree of carelessness in the general packing of apples when the industry first began to assume importance is responsible for the local lack of interest. However this may be[,] the time has arrived when each resident of this locality should familiarize himself with the methods in use at the packing houses so that any request for information made by strangers in the valley could be met with a lucid explanation of the system.

“System it is, in the fullest sense of the word, and for its inauguration, and the consistent following of the plans laid down, probably P. N. Lettunich & Co. deserve more credit than any other firm in the city. That firm was the first to adopt a standard grade pack under a label and to use an individual printed wrapper for each apple. It found in time that the care was justified by the reputation established. Nowadays buyers in ordering the Dewey brand of apples never think of specifying ‘3-tier’ or ‘4-tier’—they know that 5-tier apples or smaller are never packed under the famous Dewey brand.

“This pack is mainly of Bellefleurs. In fact nearly 50% of the Dewey brand consists of that prized variety, but Newtowns, Alexanders, Missouri Pippins and Smith Cider also are packed under that label when sufficient apples of the right grade can be secured to warrant its use.

“So it will be understood that while the Dewey brand does not signify any special kind of apple it means that the sort, size and quality are first-class in every respect. Although the firm of P. N. Lettunich & Co. on demand will pack an inferior grade of apples, an offer of \$5000 would not secure the Dewey label on a box of apples packed by that firm unless it were gilt-edge stock of 3-tier or 4-tier grade.

“As to the details of the work of packing[,] the ‘Pajaronian’ is able to furnish a complete account through the courtesy of A. B. Lettunich whose portrait is presented with this article.

“From 30 to 40 men are employed in the outside work of picking and hauling the fruit in open boxes to the packing house where it is passed over to the sorters—some dozen or more young ladies whose quick eyes promptly detect the presence of bruises, blight, moth, or other objectionable features, and who select the sound apples and discard the culls.

“The selected fruit is then carried to the wrappers. Chinamen are employed in this work and are paid by the day. Each apple is wrapped in clean white paper and placed in the box to be used in shipping. A tier across the end of the box contains four wrapped apples fitting snug-

ly, without jamming. The packer sits on a low stool with the box placed at an elevated angle before him. On one side is the fruit, on the other the squares of paper, and the use of both hands necessarily is continuous. Each man packs about 60 boxes a day, although if allowed to pack hurriedly, as one would do on piece work, 100 boxes a day would be the output for each man. Each wrapper is printed with the Dewey label, and on extra fancy stock for export a cartoon is placed between the layers and when the box is packed the top layer is sprinkled with gold and silver gilt to add to the attractive appearance of the box when exposed for sale at its destination. Before the cover is put on a circular, setting forth the merits of the brand and giving information concerning the firm and the Pajaro valley, is laid over the apples. The cover is then nailed on and cleated.

"New shooks exclusively are used in making the boxes and on those having the Dewey brand a request to the consumer to destroy the box when empty, accompanies each box. A number of boys find employment in making the new boxes. When the packing is completed and the filled boxes are placed in long piles, ten boxes in height, the lithographed label, covering the end of each box, makes an attractive showing. It contains a picture of an orchard, one of the packing houses, a splendid likeness of Admiral Dewey, and a cluster of ripe apples, some bright yellow and some a pretty and natural shade of red. The words 'Dewey Brand,' 'California Apple' and 'Packed by P. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, Cal.' all appear prominently on the label.

"Four large fruit wagons, with heavy springs under the bed, and each capable of carrying 260 boxes, take the fruit to the nearby railroad yards where it is shipped in carload lots to all parts of the world.

"During nine years in which Mr. A. B. Lettunich has had almost sole charge of the marketing of the apple pack for his firm he has had invariable success in satisfying buyers. To quote him: 'I have had only one carload 'turned down' (refused) on us in that time, and at forced sale I got \$65 more than the contract price for that car.'

"He keeps the packing house thoroughly clean and cool. Large windows furnish plenty of light and ventilation and there are no offensive odors arising from decayed fruit—the refuse apples are carted away from the premises as soon as culled.

"Thus far in the season P. N. Lettunich & Co. have shipped eight cars of apples and as their season's pack of sound stock is about 80 cars it will be seen that no more than a beginning has been made.

"No special effort has been made to increase the output beyond the 80 cars as Mr. A. B. Lettunich has found that under present conditions an attempt to handle a greater quantity of fruit must result in a sacrifice of quality in the pack. He prefers to maintain the standard of reputation acquired by his firm rather than to make a great showing of business on a basis of smaller profits.

"Every year he places about 10 carloads of choice stock in cold storage at New York and in the spring, when there is an advance in prices on export trade, he reaps the benefit.

"Today P. N. Lettunich & Co. send a car load of Newtowns to London, and another car consisting of an assortment of Alexanders, Fall Pippins, and other varieties to the San Francisco market, while a third car of early Bellefleurs under the famous Dewey brand goes south for cold storage.

"Many visitors to the city find amusement and at the same time secure a fund of information on the apple industry by a sightseeing trip to the packing house of the above firm. All strangers who are in search of novel sights as well as those of our citizens who take interest in such matters find a cordial welcome and the most courteous treatment when they call at the company's packing house on West Fourth street, near the S. P. yards."

EP; 26 Sep 1903; item: "Luke Scurich who purchased the fruit in Chas. Smith's Stony Ford ranch orchard, estimates that he will get 25,000 loose boxes of apples."

EP; 29 Sep 1903; notice: "**Notice to Apple Shippers.** During the last 2 or 3 weeks inquires have been made whether or not N. Banaz was in business this season. Upon being told by some party or parties that N. Banaz was dead to business and did not have a packing house, they have gone away without seeing him. I wish to correct this statement. Though not running a packing house for myself I am managing the packing house for Geo. Rowe & Co., who have been very heavy buyers of apples this season, and who, by my 10 years' experience of business for myself, expect to gain a good reputation as fruit shippers. Anyone wishing to see N. Banaz in regard to buying or selling fruit can call at Geo. Rowe & Co.'s packing house, Second and Walker streets.—N. BANAZ."

EP; 2 Oct 1903; article: "**A Nine-and-One-Half-Hour Day Agreed Upon. Arbitration Committee Makes... Settlement...**The disagreement between members of the Ladies' Union and the firm of M. N. Lettunich & Co., which was referred to a committee composed of three members of the Central Labor Council and three of the Citizens' Alliance, was adjusted last night.

"The agreement reached was that 'nine-and-one-half hours shall constitute a day's work, and one dollar shall be the minimum wage, for women working at sorting apples in packing houses of the Packers' Association of Pajaro Valley, and that no discrimination shall be made against Union Labor. This agreement is to be in force for the season of 1905 and '04.'

"The matter was one requiring the exercise of great judgment on the part of the committees as the questions involved had bearing upon the interests of the whole

community. At this season of the year a general disagreement between packers and employees meant immeasurable damage to one of our most important industries, and to avoid that consequence concessions were necessary from both sides.

“The ladies engaged in the sorting of fruit asked for a 9-hour day and wage of \$1; the packers wanted them to work 10 hours for one dollar, as has been the custom until this season. Some of the packers had already conceded the nine-hour day, but as others insisted on getting 10 hours work for the dollar wage there was dissatisfaction on all sides and recently some members of the Ladies’ Union walked out of the M. N. Lettunich & Co. packing house in order to secure a settlement of the differences...With the good start now made this season’s work will go ahead without interruption...”

EP; 3 Oct 1903; honor roll: Lindley school for the month ending October 2nd: Jack Hrepich.

EP; 10 Oct 1903; honor roll: 4th year: Ben Zadielovich, Lena Katuran.

EP; 14 Oct 1903; article: “APPLES TO ST LOUIS. Commissioner A. N. Judd was busy...getting ready for the loading of a car of apples to go forward to St. Louis...where they will be placed in cold storage until the opening of the World’s Exposition next year...The car is made up of assorted lots of the finest fruit in the valley, and was purchased by the Pajaro Valley Board of Trade from various packers and growers. Only gilt-edge stock was selected and the pack is the very best to be obtained of 3-tier and 4-tier apples in boxes...Banners covering the whole of either side of the car will be lettered ‘Exhibition Apples From Watsonville, California, to the St. Louis Exposition.’

“The various lots included in the shipment were purchased from the following firms: ...Pulisevich Bros...Radovan & Balovich...J. P. Milovich & Co., P. N. Lettunich & Co. [of 10 firms].”

EP; 14 Oct 1903; article: “P. N. Lettunich & Co. have purchased the apple crop of the Hihn orchard above Aptos, and today we were shown apples from that orchard which measured 14 inches in circumference. The fruit is of the Newtown Pippin variety and Mr. Lettunich informs us that the apples are of a very uniform size all over the orchard...”

EP; 15 Oct 1903; item: “Joe V. Simas and wife to L. P. Cikuth—Lot 50x113.8 feet on southeast side of Fourth street, Watsonville, 100 feet northeast of Alexander street; \$10.”

EP; 17 Oct 1903; article: “**Difference In Winesaps. Scurich Bros. Get Judgment in Case of Five Years**

Standing. A decision has been rendered in the Supreme Court of New York in the case of Peter W. and James A. Duncan, plaintiffs, against Luke and Stephen Scurich, defendants, giving Scurich Bros. \$627 and costs, and denying plaintiff all relief.

“The case was one in which, in November, 1898, the plaintiff, Peter Duncan, purchased of Scurich Bros. in this city, F.O.B., a carload of apples called winesaps. When the apples arrived in New York they were rejected by plaintiffs on the ground that they were not winesaps.

“The Duncans sued Scurich Bros. for the return of \$100 paid by them as advances, and \$150 damages. Scurich Bros. entered a cross suit for \$627, the value of the carload less the \$100 advance received by them.

“In effect the decision is as follows: ‘It is proved by abundant testimony that the apples in question were not the winesap apple that is known in the New York market. But it is also proved by even more abundant testimony that they were the apple raised and known as winesaps in California, where they were sold and delivered to the plaintiffs.

“Witnesses for the plaintiffs testified that winesaps come to the New York market from various States, including California, although in limited quantities from that State, and that all are of the same quality and appearance. On the other hand there is testimony that seems to me to be convincing that what is known as the winesap in California is an apple of inferior quality and different in appearance from the winesap produced in Eastern States, corresponding in appearance with those which are the subject of this action.

“My conclusions are that the defendants shipped the apples which Mr. Duncan saw and purchased, and that the defendants are entitled to judgment for the amount due on the contract price.’...”

EP; 19 Oct 1903; ALL: Foreign: Tony M. Americh [prob. Arnerich], Gussippi Perovich.

EP; 20 Oct 1903; item: “Abandonment of Homestead—Geo. Rilovich and wife of lot on northwest side of Third street, Watsonville.”

“Declaration of Homestead—George Rilovich of lot on northwest side of Third street, Watsonville; estimated value, \$3,000.”

EP; 20 Oct 1903; item: “Lease—John Gampper to William Pulisevich—House at 34 Main street, Watsonville, 6 years from April 4, 1901, at \$12 per month.”

EP; 23 Oct 1903; article: “...M. Grizich, fruit packer and shipper, with packing house quarters on Upper Main street, has...filed a petition in the U. S. District Court to be declared insolvent. An informal meeting of his creditors...was held...at the request of Mr. Grizich. According to Mr. Grizich’s schedule of liabilities he owes

\$5,272 and his schedule of assets shows property to the value of \$7,075. Out of this sum he claims \$4,525 as exempt property. M. Grizich says that his financial embarrassment is due to the fact that fruit in some of the orchards purchased by him failed to come up to expectations. He said that he was willing to turn over to his creditors all of his property which is not exempt from execution. His assets consist of fruit in packing house, fruit in transit, fruit boxes, wagons and other property. The creditors nominated James Waters as receiver of the property until a trustee is appointed and he will assume control forthwith."

EP; 24 Oct 1903; item: "Joe Balanac, formerly in business in this city, is now located in Reno, Nevada."

EP; 24 Oct 1903; item: "P. N. Lettunich & Co. have kept their Dewey brand of apples up to its usual standard of excellence this year and have received good prices for their pack..."

EP; 26 Oct 1903; ALL: Michel Becejerich.

EP; 30 Oct 1903; item: "A notice appears in another column calling attention to a receiver's sale of property belonging to M. Grizich, an insolvent debtor. The sale will take place at the law office of Wyckoff & Gardner, on November 3rd.—Santa Cruz Surf"

EP; 31 Oct 1903; article: "...The Pajaro Valley Board of Trade was organized in June, 1900, but its birth was in May, 1900, when the citizens of Pajaro valley who had in charge the sessions of the Farmers' Institute held in Watsonville that month decided to organize a Board of Trade, the purposes of which...were to work for a cannery, secure better railroad facilities for Watsonville, and lower freight rates for export shipments of apples, and to labor for any industry beneficial to Pajaro valley...[a list of its first directors follows; no Slavs]"

Paj; 5 Nov 1903, item: "Luke Scurich...purchased at auction from James Waters, receiver, in the matter of M. Grizich, bankrupt, for the sum of \$1,327.50, the highest bid, all of the personal property consisting of apples and boxes containing them belonging to the firm of M. Grizich."

Paj; 5 Nov 1903, article: "Nick Marinovich, a native of Austria, aged 67 years, dropped dead yesterday afternoon on Harry Aitken's ranch in the Calabasas district. Deceased had been employed by Mr. Aitken as a wood-chopper and went to his work as usual yesterday morning...The deceased has been subject to fits for a long time and it is believed that he was seized with a severe attack of the disease and passed away. There was no help near where he was working and being advanced in years

he was unable to rally. So far as known Nick Marinovich had no relatives in California...the verdict of the Coroner's jury was that the deceased came to his death through natural causes."

EP; 5 Nov 1903, item: "The assets and liabilities of M. Grizich, a bankrupt apple packer of this city have been filed with E. Martin, referee in bankruptcy....[list of all liabilities and assets follows; total liabilities: \$5,272.52; assets: \$7,075]."

EP; 7 Nov 1903; honor roll: Lindley school for the month ending November 6th: Jack Hrepich.

EP; 10 Nov 1903, item: "On Saturday the following grand jurors were drawn in the Superior Court of this county, and will meet Nov. 30th, at 10 a.m.: ...M. N. Lettunich...[only Slav of of 30]."

EP; 16 Nov 1903; obit: "In Santa Cruz, Nov. 14, 1903, Martin Radisich, a native of Lissa [island of Vis], Dalmatia, Austria, aged 39 years."

EP; 17 Nov 1903; article: "**Board of Trade Fair.** The fair given under the auspices of the Pajaro Valley Board of Trade opened in Odd Fellows' block this morning and during the entire day products that bear eloquent testimony to the productiveness of Pajaro valley soil have been coming in. Notwithstanding the short time given to preparation for the fair a most creditable showing has been made...The thing that strikes all visitors most forcibly is the most excellent display of apples. When one looks at the many varieties he can readily see why this locality leads the world in the production of choice apples. Their size, freedom from blemish, rich color and splendid flavor win for them unstinted praise..."

"There will be no admission to the fair and there will be no collection taken. The Pajaro Valley Board of Trade bears all expenses and extends a cordial welcome to the public to call and inspect the products. The various products and the names of the exhibitors are as follows:

"Choice Apples: ...Geo. W. Sill exhibited in the following varieties, packed by Radovan & Balovich: [list of four packed varieties; no Slavs out of 61 exhibitors]... Miscellaneous Exhibits: ...P. N. Lettunich: Exhibit of Apples [only Slav]..."

EP; 20 Nov 1903; item: "...bids were opened for the sale of a portion of the apple stock of Chong Wo, the bankrupt Chinese fruit packer...[a list of the fruit upon which bids were made follows]...The lot was sold to Luke Scurich for \$675."

EP; 23 Nov 1903; ALL: Mato Miccervich.

Paj; 26 Nov 1903; summons: "In the Justice's Court of

Watsonville Township...Frank Schain, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph Balanac, Defendant: The People of the State of California send Greeting to Joseph Balanac, Defendant: You are hereby directed to appear before me at my office at Watsonville, in said Township, and answer the Complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Justice's Court of Watsonville...within five days after the service on you of this summons...A. B. Hawkins, Justice of the Peace."

Paj; 26 Nov 1903, item: "Wm. Pulisevich leaves this evening for Los Angeles, where he expects to spend the next few months selling products of the Pajaro valley, principally apples. 'Billy' has spent several winter seasons in Los Angeles handling Pajaro valley products...."

Paj; 3 Dec 1903, item: "Last evening Watsonville Grove, No. 135, U.A.O.D., installed the following officers for the ensuing term: [Slavs listed were] ...P. Moncovich, Outside Guard...C. Parobich, Right Hand Bard to Vice Arch; N. Koprivica, Left Hand Bard to Vice Arch."

EP; 7 Dec 1903; article: "**Prominent Apple Packer and Sister of Stephen Scurich United in Marriage.** The wedding of Luke P. Cikuth and Miss Katie Scurich took place at St. Patrick's church in this city yesterday afternoon...Miss Zar acted as bridesmaid with Peter Kralcy [prob. Kralj] of San Francisco as best man...At the conclusion of the ceremony a wedding feast was served at the home of the bride's brother, Stephen Scurich, on Brennan street. With feasting and merrymaking the hours were speeded until time for the happy couple to take the train for San Francisco which they did amidst showers of rice and good wishes. After the honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Cikuth will return to take up



Fig. 2-19. Louis Cikuth (1873-1970) and Katie Scurich Cikuth (1885-1981).

their residence at their home on Fourth street in Watsonville. The groom is a prominent member of the apple packing firm of P. Miovich & Co. in this city, and the bride a sister of Stephen Scurich. The latter is one of Watsonville's most substantial business men, prominently identified with several of its most important business institutions, as well as holding honorable positions in many fraternal and social organizations. The "Pajaronian" joins their many friends in wishing the newly wedding couple and long, happy and prosperous life."

EP; 11 Dec 1903; item: "Mr. and Mrs. L. Cikuth have returned from their San Francisco honeymoon trip and will take up their residence on Fourth street in this city."

EP; 12 Dec 1903; list: "The Board of Supervisors... allowed the following claims...County Fund: W. Pulisevich, labor: \$4..."

EP; 21 Dec 1903, born: "Near Watsonville, Dec. 20, 1903, to the wife of Peter Jurkovich, a son." [George, +1910]

EP; 22 Dec 1903; ALL: John Pincitich.

EP; 28 Dec 1903; item: "**Steve Knego Injured.** Yesterday, while the Knego brothers were driving along Rodriguez street, near the Methodist church, in a single buggy, their horse became frightened at an automobile and ran away. The horse ran along Rodriguez street to Fourth and the buggy struck a hitching post in front of Edward White's residence with sufficient force to throw the occupants out and cause a general smashup. Steve Knego fell upon the sidewalk. His face and side were both considerably bruised and Dr. Green was called and dressed the injuries. Mr. Knego was badly shaken up and is confined to his bed. The brother escaped injury." [no way to know which brother was injured; they were both named Steve]

EP; 29 Dec 1903; item: "A warrant was issued...for the arrest of John Gledj, on a charge of cruelty to animals preferred by F. W. Johnson. It is alleged that Gledj drove a team belonging to Johnson until the horses could not stand."

EP; 31 Dec 1903; item: "Mrs. K. Balovich left this morning for an extended visit in San Francisco and Los Angeles."

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EP; 18 Jan 1904; ALL: Mickelle Illich.

EP; 20 Jan 1904; item: "Peter Stolich, of the firm of Stolich Bros., and A. A. Scurich, of the firm of Scurich Bros., will leave tomorrow for a three months' visit to

their old homes in Austria. Upon their return they may be accompanied by their parents.”

Paj; 21 Jan 1904; married: “In Watsonville, Jan. 13, 1904, by Judge A. B. Hawkins, Miss Anica Betar [Slav?] and Charles Anderson.”

Paj; 28 Jan 1904; honor roll: 2nd year: Pete Marinovich; 4th year: Ben Zadielovich; 5th year: Lena Katuran; 6th year: Mamie Smith; 8th year: Anna Farlin.

Paj; 28 Jan 1904; ALL: foreign: Marke Salamunovich.

EP; 28 Jan 1904; article: “The L. G. Sresovich packing Company shut down for the season Thursday with 35,000 boxes of apples to its credit, says the Arroyo Grande Herald, the greater part of which goes to Australia, Mexico and Manila...”

EP; 29 Jan 1904; item: “J. Igzia obtained a license yesterday to wed Mary Igzia. Both are from this place.”

EP; 1 Feb 1904; ALL: Foreign: Antonio Crespic.

EP; 1 Feb 1904; item: “A. B. Lettunich, who is in the fruit and produce business at 619 East Third street, Los Angeles, arrived here Saturday evening for a few days’ visit and to look after his packing house business in this city. ‘Tony’ makes a specialty of handling Watsonville apples in Los Angeles. He reports that the Watsonville colony in the southern capital is happy and prosperous.”

EP; 3 Feb 1904; married: “At St. Patrick’s church, Watsonville, Feb. 3, 1904, by Rev. Fr. Hassett, Mrs. Mary Iggia to John Iggia, both of Watsonville.” *[she was widowed from John’s brother, Peter; the original of this name was Hidža; it was spelled many different ways in the U.S., such as Egga, Iggie, Iggia, Igia, etc.]*

EP; 6 Feb 1904; list: “The following is the list of trial jurors from Pajaro Township who will serve in the Superior Court for the ensuing term...Mateo Lettunich...Nicola Stojanovich...[the only Slavs listed]”

EP; 6 Feb 1904; item: “At the last meeting of the Board of Supervisors the following claims from this end of the county were allowed: ...N. Stojanovich, mdse, \$24...”

EP; 9 Feb 1904; item: “Nick Zivorich, of this city, was taken to Santa Cruz yesterday to be examined as regards his sanity.”

EP; 23 Feb 1904; item: “A. Meoscivich and Sam Marquitch the two gentlemen of Slavonian extraction who clawed each other in an undignified manner...appeared in Judge Sans’ court...and pleaded guilty

to a charge of disturbing the peace. Judge Sans thought a fine of \$10 apiece wuld be about the right sort of salve to apply to their wounds. They paid it.”

EP; 23 Feb 1904; article: “**Just Boys—That’s All.** Yesterday was the seventh anniversary of the birth of Louis Washington Lettunich, and his home in Maple Avenue was made the scene of a gay gathering of his little friends in honor of the event. Games were indulged in and a feast of dainty refreshments spread for the approval of the youngsters. It was a boys’ party—girls being no fun, were not invited. The following little fellows enjoyed the afternoon with their host: Louis Lettunich, John Sheehy, Tony Scurich, Vincent Anderson, Otto Weinhold, Prosper Lettunich, John Roza, Ben Osborn, Will and Peter Marinovich, Ernest Rappe, Nicholas Balanac, Tony Stojanovich, Freddie Kane, Joseph Waite, Sydney Shein, Will Roza, Nicholas Strazicich, Stanley Bixby, Harold Mundhenk and Nickolas Lettunich.”

EP; 24 Feb 1904; item: “Wm. Pulisevich arrived from Los Angeles...to visit his mother and look after his business interests in this city. ‘Billy’ is now a business fixture of the southern metropolis, having a fruit store in the Los Angeles Market. He reports business booming in that city.”

EP; 26 Feb 1904; honor roll: 8th year: Anna Farlin; 6th year: Mamie Smith.

EP; 29 Feb 1904; item: “On Saturday a marriage license was granted to J. Caria of Salinas and Nicolete Strazicich, of Watsonville.”

EP; 29 Feb 1904; married: “Watsonville, Feb. 29, 1904...G. Caria and Miss Nike Strazicich.” *[she was sister of Steve S. of Watsonville]*

EP; 4 Mar 1904; item: “M. N. Lettunich of this city has received some very attractive apples known as the Arkansas Blacks. The apples were grown in the Hood River section of Oregon and are not only beautiful, but possess an excellent flavor. They are free from blemish or other defects and resemble to a very great extent in color the well known Ben Davis apple.”

Paj; 10 Mar 1904; ALL: L. Lurich [prob. Lucich].

EP; 12 Mar 1904; board of supervisors, payments: “County Fund: ...Lettunich, M. N., grand jury fees, \$12...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Scurich, Stephen, labor, \$5.50...”

Paj; 17 Mar 1904; ALL: foreign mail: Paul Giovarcovich.

EP, 17 Mar 1904; item: “John Lacrabere to Frank Saverija—Lot 25, Quinn’s add, Watsonville, \$10.” [*first mention of Saveria*]

EP; 18 Mar 1904; honor roll: 6th year: Mamie Smith, Lena Katuran; 4th year: Ben Zadielovich.

EP; 21 Mar 1904; item: “N. D. Barry and wife to Luke Scurich—Lot 100x167 feet on west corner of Ford and Walker streets, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 22 Mar 1904; notice: “Members of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society are requested to assemble at Odd Fellows’ hall...for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Nikola Lucich. By order of Martin Kulich, Pres. By Nick Stolich, Sec’y.”

Paj; 24 Mar 1904; list: “Confirmation, received by nearly one hundred boys and girls. Boys: N. Strazicich...N. Zar; Girls: ...K. Stojanovich...N. Nerich [only Slavs listed]”.

Paj; 24 Mar 1904; list: “**Reception. Tendered to Rt. Rev. Bishop Conaty at Moreland Notre Dame Academy**...Violins—Master Nicholas Strazicich [only Slav child in the program]”

Paj; 24 Mar 1904; article: “Word was received here...of the death in San Francisco of Nikola Lucich formerly of this city. He was 21 years of age, a native of Austria, whence he came here about 10 years ago...He was a victim of consumption. Having been a member of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society his funeral...will be under the auspices of that order.”

Paj; 24 Mar 1904; obit: “San Francisco, March 21, 1904, Nikola Lucich, native of Austria, aged 21 years.”

Paj; 31 Mar 1904; item: “...County clerk Miller issued a marriage license to J. Biskup [Biskup] and Nellie Dragich, both of Watsonville.” [*first mention of Biskup*]

Paj; 7 Apr 1904; item: “A. B. Lettunich of Los Angeles is in town on a visit to relatives and friends and looking after his business interests...‘Tony’ reports business as first-class in the sunny south, and that the Watsonville colony located there is getting its share of it.”

Paj; 7 Apr 1904; list: “The following orchardists have pledged financial assistance to the codlin moth investigation: ...M. W. [N.] Lettunich...Stephen Scurich...”

SF Call; 9 Apr 1904; item: “Mrs. Caroline Sresovich died yesterday at her residence, 2117 California street, of injuries received in a streetcar accident on March 15. On that date she boarded a California streetcar in front of her home with her daughter, Evelyn. The young woman got

on the front dummy and Mrs. Sresovich caught a hold of a stanchion with her left hand and swung herself upon the dummy. Before she had fairly taken her seat the car started and she was thrown to the ground, receiving fatal injuries. She was 47 years old and the wife of Luke G. Sresovich, commission merchant at 519 Sansome street. Conductor William E. Cook, who had charge of the car from which Mrs. Sresovich was thrown, was arrested last evening and charged with manslaughter.”

SF Call; 9 Apr 1904; obit: “...In this city, April 8, 1904, Caroline, beloved wife of Luke G. Sresovich and mother of Evelyn, George, Byron, Rudolph, Camille and Clarisse Sresovich, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Christenson of Brentwood, Cal., a native of California [*sic Nebraska?*], aged 47 years 1 month and 4 days...late residence, 2117 California street...Interment Holy Cross Cemetery...”

EP; 9 Apr 1904; item: “A few weeks ago Mrs. L. G. Sresovich, wife of the well known San Francisco wholesale fruit dealer, who has had in time past large interests in this valley, was severely injured in a street car accident in San Francisco. Yesterday the lady died at her home in that city. Mrs. Sresovich frequently accompanied her husband on his visits to this place.”

EP; 11 Apr 1904; ALL: Tomo K. Pavisha; foreign: M. Kilavonach. [*first mention of Pavisha*]

EP; 16 Apr 1904; item: “F. P. Marinovich vs. W. R. Porter—Decree reforming and correcting deed.”

EP; 18 Apr 1904; item: “Paul Alaga is home from a few weeks’ visit to friends in Jackson, Amador county.”

EP; 21 Apr 1904; item: “Marinovich vs. Porter—Certified copy of decree reforming deed to lot on corner of Kearney and Rodriguez streets, Watsonville.”

EP; 21 Apr 1904; item: “George Harlan to Steve M. Miloslavich—Lot 50x137.6 feet on southwest side of Walker street, Watsonville, adjoining French; \$10.”

EP; 21 Apr 1904; article: “...The committee...appointed by the Board of Trade to raise funds by public subscription for the purpose of engaging the Watsonville City Band to furnish open air concerts on the plaza each Saturday evening from May 1st to October 1st, has completed its work. The sum pledged is \$735 for the season...The monthly subscription list to date stands as follows: ...M. N. Lettunich: \$1.00...[only Slav listed]”

EP; 22 Apr 1904; item: “The dwelling house next to the Watsonville Laundry on Main street has been sold to Luke Scurich who will move it to a lot fronting on Fifth

street. The building was erected for O. Stoesser in the 60's and has seen constant service since then, but is in very good condition and will make a valuable addition to the Fifth street residence section, which is rapidly coming forward in the line of building improvements..."

EP; 25 Apr 1904; item: "F. P. Marinovich and wife to Peter Scurich—Undivided hf of lot 45x165.7 feet on north side of Kearney street, Watsonville."

EP; 25 Apr 1904; ALL: Mitchell Marcovich.

EP; 25 Apr 1904; obit: "In this city, April 24, 1904, Pearl Lettunich, infant daughter of P. N. and Cathryn Lettunich, aged 8 months and 8 days."

EP; 26 Apr 1904; item: "Lois M. Grove to M. and M. N. Lettunich—Lot 55x100 feet on south side of Ford street, Watsonville, 55 ft. west of Rodriguez street; \$10."

EP; 29 Apr 1904; honor roll: 6th year: Mamie Smith; 5th year: Lena Katuran; 4th year: Ben Zadielovich.

EP; 30 Apr 1904; item: "Wood, Curtis & Company, a corporation vs. Luke Scurich—Answer filed."

EP; 7 May 1904; county supervisors, payments: "...N. Stonjanovich [Stojanovich], mdse: \$12..."

EP; 11 May 1904; item: "Wm. Pulisevich arrived from Los Angeles last evening and expects to remain here for several months looking after his apple business."

EP; 12 May 1904; item: "Francisco Jose Perereira to Mitchell Krilanovich—Lots 20 and 21, Trescony tract, Santa Cruz, \$10."

EP; 16 May 1904; item: "Stephen Scurich agrees to sell to A. O. Winnison, for \$600, lot 7, Scurich subdivision, Watsonville; \$600."

EP; 20 May 1904; item: "...Having decided to retire from business, we desire to get all accounts straightened out, and persons knowing themselves indebted to us will please call and settle at once. All bills against us will be paid upon presentation. PULISEVICH BROS."

EP; 21 May 1904; article: "From interviews with a few of the leading fruit packers we get the following estimates on the coming fruit crop of Pajaro valley:

"Luke Scurich—I cannot speak authoritatively on the subject at this time, as my investigations have been limited. From what I have seen I would say that there will be a full quarter of a crop of apples in the valley this season. Beginning today I shall make a thorough examination of orchards and will then be in a position to go into details concerning the outlook.

"F. P. Marinovich of F. P. Marinovich & Co.—I have not examined very many orchards yet but judging from those I have seen I believe there will not be a quarter of the crop of apples...this season. All varieties are light. I look for apples to drop from the trees badly later.

"Nick Alaga of Alaga Bros.—I have not investigated the apple crop very extensively, but from what I have seen would say that there will be about one-quarter of the crop. Bellefleurs and Newtowns will be light. There will be a fair crop of red apples. Young trees are doing better than old ones.

"M. N. Lettunich of M. N. Lettunich & Co.—Taking into consideration all varieties of apples in the valley I should say that there will be from 22 to 23% of the crop...Some trees have a good crop while others have scarcely any apples on them. Young trees are showing up better than the older ones..."

EP; 23 May 1904; ALL: Foreign: Bozo Byeel.

EP; 24 May 1904; item: "F. P. Marinovich, M. N. Lettunich and family and Peter Mengol will leave in a few days on a three months' visit to their old homes in Austria. Mr. Marinovich goes on a visit to his parents, both of whom are hale and hearty notwithstanding the fact that they are over 90 years old." [*they were 81 and 80*]

EP; 26 May 1904; article: "The meeting called by Mayor Quinn for the purpose of discussing plans for the celebration of July 4th, was called to order by the Mayor...last evening..."

"The motion for a celebration, amended to include the appointment of the executive and finance committees, and setting the time for their meeting next Wednesday, was carried unanimously, and one of the most successful preliminary meetings ever held in Watsonville was adjourned. The Mayor later appointed the following excellent committees:

"Executive Committee—W. R. Porter (chairman), Dr. S. C. Rodgers (secretary), T. J. Horgan, O. S. Tuttle, Geo. G. Radcliff, L. H. Davis, G. M. Martin, P. J. Thompson, J. L. Mann, Jas. B. Holohan, Frank Berry, Henry Struve, W. A. Speckens, F. P. Krough, Dr. P. K. Watters, R. P. Quinn, Luke Scurich, J. A. Linscott and A. M. Martin..."

EP; 27 May 1904; article: "**After Absence of Many Years Prominent Fruit Packer is Going Back.** F. P. Marinovich leaves this evening by the steamer Kilburn for San Francisco, whence he goes for a visit to his old home in Austria. He intends to be absent about 3 months, but will return in time to attend to business in the apple packing line. Mr. Marinovich anticipates that his return to the land of his birth will be signalized by an attempt on the part of his former government rulers to impress him into the army service. He is an American citizen, and

fortified with a passport, but while these facts may assist him out of trouble they will not prevent him from getting into it. The law in Austria as to military service is very strict, and an absence from the country does not bar its action in case one returns there.”

EP; 30 May 1904; item: **“Have Returned From Austria.** Peter Stolich and Antone Scurich returned to Watsonville...after a visit of 3 months at their old homes in Austria. They left this city single men, but each returned with a bride. Mr. Stolich was also accompanied on his return to the United States by his mother, and a younger brother and sister [*sic*, his nephew and niece]. Miss Lucy Scurich came out from the old country with her brother Antone Scurich.” [*Lucy Scurich was the 7th of the Scurich siblings to immigrate to Watsonville; she married John Franich in 1906; the oldest sibling, Nike Skurić Bakich, will immigrate in the 1920s as a widow, bringing the total of Scurich siblings to immigrate to 8*]



Fig. 2-21.
Antone Scurich (1875-1939),
Maria Baule Scurich
(1884-1909).
Married in Čilipi 18 April 1904.

Fig. 2-20.
Peter Stolich (1873-1952),
Ellen Hidža Stolich
(1883-1911).
Married in Čilipi 24 April 1904.

Peter and Antun, below, were 1st cousins. Ellen's 2 sisters married Resetar brothers.



EP; 30 May 1904; article: **“The Apple Prospects.** Luke Scurich has completed a tour of inspection of the orchards of the valley and reports that the outlook for apples is anything but flattering. He estimates Newtowns at one-quarter of a crop; Bellefleurs, very light; White Winter Pearmains, about 20 per cent of a crop; Red Pearmains, average crop; Missouri Pippins, below the average. All varieties considered Mr. Scurich doubts if there will be a quarter of a crop of apples in Pajaro valley this season. In some orchards the crop is virtually a failure.”

EP; 31 May 1904; list: “...[A] report of the Lindley school...for the year ending May 27, 1904: Receiving Class: Steve Kulich...2nd Grade: Jack Hrepich...”

EP; 1 Jun 1904; article: “...The long unused fruit evapo-



Fig. 2-22. [see entry of 30 May]. The 2 standing are siblings and grandchildren of the woman. They are Mitchell Stolich (1893-1948), Kate Stolich (1891-1939; married Diklich). The woman is Kate Stolich (1836-1919). They all immigrated when Peter Stolich returned from his trip to Konavle. The man (sitting) is Nick Stolich (1882-1966), brother of Peter, son of Kate (sitting) and uncle of the 2 standing.

rator at the corner of Main and Sudden Sts. is being converted into a fruit dryer by Ming Lee, an enterprising Chinese resident of this place. The building was erected by the Penniman Fruit Company and was in use for one or two seasons. Subsequently it was operated by M. N. Lettunich & Co., as lessees from Jas. Brodis. When seen this morning the face of Ming Lee, the new lessee, was glowing with enthusiasm. Asked if he would not consider a year of short apple crop a bad one in which to launch his dryer, he replied in effect, that when there is a good crop growers will not bother with windfalls, etc., but if the yield is short they will save all they can, and their enforced economy will provide him with fruit. It is Chinese reasoning, but it sounds all right.”

EP; 4 Jun 1904; item: “A. B. Lettunich, who is in the fruit commission business at Los Angeles, is here looking into the cherry business and incidentally greeting old friends.”

EP; 6 Jun 1904; delinquent tax list: “...Following are the delinquents in...Watsonville: ...M. Secondo, \$10.35...”

EP; 6 Jun 1904; item: [excerpt from SC Surf] “Frank Zamlich is to take charge of the Capitola restaurant this season, and with his family is to remove there to reside.”

EP; 8 Jun 1904; honorable promotions: 6th yr: Mamie Smith; 5th year: Lena Katuran; 4th yr: Ben Zadielovich.

EP; 8 Jun 1904; board of aldermen, payments: “...Martin

Tomasovich, labor: \$32...S. Strazicich, meals: \$9.25... Paul Alaga, labor: \$3.50..."

EP; 8 Jun 1904; article: "...Alderman Green, Chairman of the Board of Health, stated that several property owners had not complied with the order to connect their premises with the sewer, and he was instructed to give the names to the City Attorney, who will institute legal proceeding against said property owners at once, as well as against the following persons against whom the Chief of Police has made complaint for not cleaning their sidewalks: ...S. Strazicich, Fourth, Fifth and Union streets; ...L. Scurich, Ford and Rodriguez streets; ...Mr. Lettunich, Bridge and Union streets..."

EP; 9 Jun 1904; item: "Bill of Sale—Andrew Cumzovich [prob. Cuzmovich or Kuzmovich] to Antone Cumzovich—Undivided one-half of 5,000 gallons of wine on Bon Air Vineyard, Aptos."

EP; 9 Jun 1904; born: "Watsonville, June 8, 1904, to the wife of Stephen Scurich, a daughter." [Ruth, +1935]



Fig. 2-23.
Ruth Scurich.

EP; 10 Jun 1904; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children left yesterday on an extended visit to Europe."

EP; 18 Jun 1904; item: "E. E. Cothran to Paul J. Arnerich—Lot 108 Camp Fair View; \$10."

EP; 18 Jun 1904; article: "...An entertainment consisting of music, songs and recitations was given as a prelude to the dance arranged by the pupils of the High School...at Opera House hall...Many invited guests were present as well as the following students from the various classes: Commercial Department: ...George Smith..."

EP; 18 Jun 1904; Board of Aldermen meeting: "...Upon request of S. Scurich, City Engineer Lewis was instructed to establish a grade along Second street in the Scurich division in order that the Watsonville Water Company can lay mains to furnish water to the residents of that portion of the city."

EP; 22 Jun 1904; item: "M. N. Lettunich, of the firm of M. N. Lettunich & Co., informed a representative of the 'Pajaronian'...that his company had found a new market for Loganberries. It has contracted 20 tons of these choice berries to a wholesale liquor firm of San Francisco and the price obtained is very satisfactory—in fact better

than has been obtained for the product sold to other buyers. Mr. Lettunich does not know what the liquor firm uses the berries for.

"M. N. Lettunich & Co. are leaders among the Loganberry growers of this vicinity, having a large acreage of land on their Del Monte Fruit Farm near Aromas devoted to their culture. The daily shipments at present average 100 chests..."

"[They] successfully grow mammoth blackberries as well as Logans, and have received very satisfactory returns this season for each variety. In connection with their berries the company also has a promising young vineyard on the Del Monte Fruit Farm.

"This is the busy season with them and they have a large force of pickers employed to harvest their berry crop, which is one of the finest they have ever grown."

EP; 22 Jun 1904; item: "M. N. Lettunich is in receipt of a letter from his wife which states that she and the children are enjoying good health and will sail from Baltimore today on the steamer Neckar of the North German Lloyd line for Bremen, Germany. Mrs. Lettunich and children will be absent from Watsonville about a year and during that time will travel extensively in Europe."

EP; 23 Jun 1904; item: "The Mateo Lettunich Co. block (formerly Snodgrass block) is receiving a new coat of paint and will be much improved in appearance when the work is completed. Painters are at present working on the brick block, but when the work on it is finished the frame building adjoining will be painted. Such improvements add much to the appearance of the city and are commendable."

EP; 24 Jun 1904; item: "Luke Scurich was called to Sacramento yesterday."

EP; 24 Jun 1904; notice: "**Notice to Fruit Buyers.** Sealed bids will be received at Stolich Bros. packing house up to Tuesday, 10 o'clock a.m., June 28th, 1904, for the apples in the Bird orchard in Railroad school district. I reserve the right to reject any and all bids. G. W. Bird."

EP; 25 Jun 1904; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. have a large force of employees on their Del Monte Fruit Farm near Aromas harvesting Loganberries, which are going marketward at the rate of about 100 chests a day. The company is getting very satisfactory returns for its crop."

EP; 27 Jun 1904; item: "We call attention to the display ad in this issue offering lots for sale in the Scurich subdivision. This property is located in a most promising part of the city and the rate at which the lots are being sold shows that the fact is appreciated. The early buyers will have choice bargains."

EP; 27 Jun 1904; school promotions: 4th year: Sydney Smith; 2nd year: Pete Marinovich.

EP; 29 Jun 1904; item: "Stephen Scurich and wife to Louise Elizabeth Shearin—Lot 10, Scurich's subdivision, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 29 Jun 1904; item: "The crop of the Geo. Bird apple orchard was sold...to the highest bidder, the Zar Bros. of this place. The price has not been made public, but it is rumored that it was in the neighborhood of \$1500. Twelve bids were put in and there was \$800 difference between the highest and lowest bids..."

EP; 2 Jul 1904; item: "A. Balich and wife of San Jose are guests at Hotel Johnson."

EP; 5 Jul 1904; article: "At 8:55 o'clock last evening when Main street was thronged with people who were enjoying the band concert and watching the display of fireworks, an alarm of fire was turned in and there was a rush for the Garden City Store, which proved to be the scene of the fire. The firemen responded promptly to the call and did good service in holding the blaze in check. The fire is believed to have been caused by the dropping of a skyrocket between the buildings owned by Mrs. P. J. Thompson and occupied by N. Stojanovich as a store and that of Luke Scurich occupied by R. P. Quinn and J. P. Knudsen as a real estate office and saloon respectively. The buildings, both frame structures, are about a foot apart and the fire, starting near the ground between them, got under good headway before it was discovered... When the firemen reached the scene the buildings were both in a sheet of flame and everyone expected a serious conflagration. The absence of wind and excellent work on the part of the fire companies prevented the fire from spreading to adjoining frame structures..."

"The lower portions of the two buildings were not damaged except by water. J. P. Knudsen's fixtures, drapings, etc., were damaged to the extent of about \$200. R. P. Quinn also sustained considerable damage in his office from the same source. This building, owned by Luke Scurich, was damaged to the extent of about \$250. The insurance on the building will about cover the damage."

"N. Stojanovich and family and E. Cohen and wife occupied lodging quarters upstairs, above the Garden City Store, in Mrs. Thompson's building and their furniture and bedding were badly damaged by the water..."

EP; 5 Jul 1904; item: "A cablegram received by M. N. Letunich of this city states that Mrs. Letunich and

You can buy a City Lot and

BUILD A HOME

On Easy Payments

In Steve Scurich's Subdivision.

We have sold 19 of the original 28 lots put on sale six weeks ago. Lots No. 2, 3, 8, 12, 17, 19, 20, 21 and 22 are still unsold, so if you intend to get one of these choice properties in the healthiest part of town, half block from the car line, you'd better start about it now. Water mains and sewer connections are going in right away and four new homes building.

If you need it, I will help you build on easy terms.

STEPHEN SCURICH.

22 Sudden st, or Packing House, Foot of Fourth St., Phone Black 205.

Fig. 2-24. Display ad in *Evening Pajaronian* of 8 July 1904.

children reached Bremen, Germany, safely yesterday morning at 8 o'clock and were enjoying good health."

EP; 6 Jul 1904; board of aldermen, payments: "...M. Tomasovich, labor: \$42..."

EP; 7 Jul 1904; item: "Mrs. Luke Scurich, with her son and sister-in-law, Miss Lucy Scurich, left on the noon train for a few weeks' visit to relatives in San Francisco and Oakland."

EP; 7 Jul 1904; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Co. will commence drying apricots at Aromas next week. The crop is ripening fast and the quality of the fruit is first-class..."

EP; 7 Jul 1904; item: "G. Alexich, representing J. Ivanovich & Company of San Francisco, is in this valley buying up apricots by the ton. He has made heavy purchases in the Green valley section. The 'cot crop in the orchards of the section named is very fine. Mr. Alexich expects to make further purchases in this valley."

EP; 8 Jul 1904; "Notice to Fruit Buyers. Sealed bids will be received at Alaga Bros.' Packing House Fourth street, Watsonville, up to Monday, July 11, 1904, at 2 p.m. for the apples on my orchard on the San Juan road. For particulars call on me. I reserve the right to reject any and all bids. J. H. THOMPSON."

EP; 9 Jul 1904; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Company are making preparations to dry apricots at their Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas next week."

EP; 9 Jul 1904; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Company are shipping from 60 to 70 chests of Loganberries daily from their Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas, and expect to be

making shipments for 2 or 3 weeks yet. The fact that Logans have ripened very slowly this season is an important factor in their successful marketing. The crop can thus be handled with small loss.”

EP; 9 Jul 1904; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company have purchased the apples in the C. H. Cornell orchard in Green Valley by the ton.”

EP; 9 Jul 1904; item: “All the lots in Steve Scurich’s subdivision have been sold, and we have received orders to discontinue the ad. Mr. Scurich’s methods brought good results. He had good offerings, and he let the people know it through the mediumship of printers’ ink. He deserves credit for his enterprise.”

EP; 9 Jul 1904; item: “The following letters, each enclosing a check, were received by Chief Engineer Charles M. Buckhart this afternoon: ‘Watsonville, Cal., July 9, 1904—Mr. C. M. Buckhart, Chief Fire Department, Watsonville, Cal, Dear Sir: Enclosed please find my check on the Bank of Watsonville for the sum of \$25.00, this amount to be distributed among the boys who faithfully fought the fire on the evening of July 4th and lost their clothes, saving my building from total destruction. With my best regards to you and boys. Respectfully yours, LUKE SCURICH.’” [also an almost identical letter from N. Stojanovich & Co.]

EP; 9 Jul 1904; county supervisors, payments: “...N. Stojanovich, mdse: \$16...”

EP; 12 Jul 1904; item: “In this issue N. Stojanovich & Co. announce that they are selling goods, slightly damaged by the recent fire, at greatly reduced prices. They would call special attention to their fine stock of tobacco which they are selling very cheap.”

EP; 15 Jul 1904; item: “Martin Secondo, Jr., to Joseph, Luke and Mitchell Secondo—Undivided $\frac{1}{4}$ of 51 acres on Brown Valley road, adjoining Groves, \$10.” [see next Fig.]

EP; 18 Jul 1904; item: “Stephen Scurich and wife to Ella May Martin—Lot 11, Scurich addition, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 19 Jul 1904; item: “Thomas Gospodnetich left yesterday for a visit to his home in Delmatia [sic], Austria.”

EP; 19 Jul 1904; article: “A team belonging to Luicich Bros. and driven by Blas Luicich [Luicich], became frightened on West Third street...when the horses took opposite sides of a pole, stopping with a suddenness that jarred things up considerably. The wagon was loaded with boxes of early apples, which had been prepared for shipment by



Fig. 2-25. The Secondo siblings. Top. l. to r.: Joe (1877-1967), Martin (1880-1967), Louis (1882-1930), Mitchell (1884-1946). Bottom: Kate (1886-1977), Lucy (1888-1941), Peter (1890-1976).

the steamer Kilburn to San Francisco. The driver was thrown from his seat so swiftly that he did not have time to select a soft place to alight, so he struck on the sidewalk with four or five boxes of apples on top of him. He was put completely out of commission for a time, but finally succeeded in navigating slowly. Aside from a few bruises Luicich was soon as good as new. Many of the apples were turned into cider and the others which struck the sidewalk were appropriated by spectators.”

EP; 21 Jul 1904; disp. ad: “Our 4th of July Fire! Damaged some of our stock and we are offering it—Tobacco, for instance—almost for nothing. Call early. New stock to arrive soon. N. STOJANOVICH & CO.”

EP; 21 Jul 1904; item: “The floor committee for the dance at the Eagles’ picnic at Port Rogers next Sunday comprises...William Pulisevich...[only Slav of 8]

EP; 23 Jul 1904; item: “Mrs. L. Scurich and son, accompanied by Mrs. Scurich’s sister-in-law, Miss Lucy Scurich, returned last evening from a two weeks’ visit in San Francisco and Oakland.”

EP; 23 Jul 1904; item: “Anton Gluhan and wife of San Francisco are visiting the family of Luke Scurich in this city.”

EP; 25 Jul 1904; married: “Watsonville, July, 24, 1904, by Rev. Fr. Enright, John Miljanich and Miss Katie Gluhan, both of Watsonville.” [see next Fig.]

EP; 27 Jul 1904; item: “Stephen Scurich and wife to Nicholas Zar—Lot 26, Scurich Add., Watsonville, \$10.”

“Same to John Nemanich and wife—Lots 24 and 25, same tract, \$10.” [“Nemanich and wife” were Steve’s wife’s mother and step-father]

Fig. 2-26.
John Miljanich
(1866-1948),
Katie Gluhan
(1870-1944).



EP; 29 Jul 1904; item: “Nick N. Banaz to Nicholas Stojanovich—Lot 50x200 on southwest side of Main street, Watsonville, adjoining McAdam lot; \$10.”

EP; 30 Jul 1904; article: “At 1:15 this afternoon an alarm from the northwest quarter of the city called the fire department to a warm blaze in a barn located in the packing house district between West Fourth and Kearney streets, which was controlled after the barn was pretty thoroughly burned.

“The fire started in a small shed in the yard of G. W. Dempsey. It was attached to the barn and for a time the fire was in danger of communicating to several packing sheds. Its origin is unknown, but is believed to have been the result of carelessness on the part of smokers. Prompt assistance of many hands removed some 3000 apple boxes to a place of safety and made room for the firemen to work, but when they turned a stream on the fire its force was not more than enough to sprinkle a flower garden. Arrangements were made to couple at Main street hydrant when on uncoupling the engine a whiskey bottle was found in the lead pipe. Without stopping to inquire how it got there the bottle was removed, the pipe was recoupled and a stream went through it that soon put the fire under control.

“The burned building belonged to Steve Strazichich of the Morning Star hotel and was not insured. The adjoining packing sheds were being used by M. Kukocich & Co. [prob. M. Kukuliza] The entire loss was nominal.”

EP; 1 Aug 1904; ALL: G. Arbanas.

EP; 1 Aug 1904; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company have purchased the Newtown Pippin apple crop in H. P. Brassel’s Casserly district orchard. The crop is one of the finest in the valley.”

EP; 1 Aug 1904; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company have purchased the apricot crop in Smith Bros.’ orchard on the Stony Ford ranch near Aromas. The orchard was irrigated and the fruit is of very large size and excellent quality.”

EP; 1 Aug 1904; item: “F. P. Marinovich, who has been visiting his old home in Austria for some time, has written relatives in this city that he expects to arrive home about the middle of this month. While away Mr. Marinovich has made a study of the apple situation in Europe and the Eastern States.”

EP; 2 Aug 1904; item: “D. C. Shearin and family have moved from West Fifth street to their new cottage in the Scurich addition.”

EP; 4 Aug 1904; list: “The Finance Committee reported favorably upon the following claims against the city and warrants were ordered drawn for the several amounts: ...M. Tomasovich, labor: \$10.75...”

EP; 5 Aug 1904; obit: “Peter N. Lettunich, senior member of the well known fruit packing firm of P. N. Lettunich & Company, died at his home on Fifth street this morning...[D]eceased had not been in good health for more than two years and recently had been failing rapidly.

“He was born in Austria 31 years ago and came to Pajaro valley about 14 years ago. Since his arrival here he had been engaged in the fruit business and to him much credit was due for bringing Pajaro valley apples into fame in Europe. His firm was the one that originated the celebrated ‘Dewey Brand’ and caused it to become famous all over the country by reason of superior quality and excellent pack. On the date of the marriage of Admiral Dewey in Washington P. N. Lettunich & Company forwarded to him a box of the valley’s choicest apples. In a courteous letter, published in the ‘Pajaronian’ at the time, the great admiral expressed his high appreciation of the fruit and commented upon its excellent quality. At that time the ‘Dewey Brand’ was adopted.

“P. N. Lettunich was a man of strict honesty and integrity, his word being as good as his bond. In business dealings he displayed good judgment. He possessed a kindly nature which readily won him friends.

“About four years ago he returned to Austria and was married. His wife and one child born to the union survive him. He was a good husband and kind father and his death breaks up a happy home.

“Deceased was a brother of M. N. Lettunich and Edwin B. Lettunich. The bereaved wife and other relatives have the sympathy of the people of this community...”

EP; 5 Aug 1904; item: “A. B. Lettunich and Chester J. Lettunich of Los Angeles and P. J. Lettunich of St. Catalina Island will arrive here tonight to attend the funeral of Peter N. Lettunich. A number of fruit men of San Francisco will also come down.”

EP; 5 Aug 1904; item: “M. N. Lettunich brought to the Board of Trade rooms...some mammoth apricots grown

on the Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas. The fruit is the largest of the kind ever placed on exhibition in this city and will be processed. The apricots are from 3-year old trees."

EP; 5 Aug 1904; obit: "In Watsonville, August 5, 1904, Peter N. Lettunich, beloved husband of Catherine Lettunich, and brother of Martin N. and Edwin B. Lettunich, a native of Austria, aged 31 years, 3 months and 22 days..."

EP; 6 Aug 1904; item: "Nicholas Stojanovich vs. Nick W. [N.] Banaz et al—Answer, judgement."

EP; 6 Aug 1904; obit: "The funeral of P. N. Lettunich took place this morning and was accompanied by many friends of the family including the Austrian-American Benevolent Society in a body...The pallbearers were N. Alaga, M. Alaga, N. V. Lettunich, W. Pulisevich, L. Cikuth, and M. Buteer [Butier]." *[1st mention of Butier]*

EP; 10 Aug 1904; married: "Santa Clara, Aug. 10—Andrew Ivancovich of this place was united in marriage at 9 o'clock yesterday morning to Miss Ann Steta of Cupertino. The ceremony was performed in Saint Claires church by Rev. A. V. Raggio. Lucas Ivancovich was best man and Miss Catherine Gogga was bridesmaid. The happy couple left on the morning train for Watsonville, where they will spend their honeymoon, and on their return they will locate here." *[written from Santa Clara]*

EP; 11 Aug 1904; item: "The following passengers from San Francisco arrived on the steamer F. A. Kilburn this afternoon: ...F. Radovan..."

EP; 15 Aug 1904; item: "Wm. Pulisevich took the steamer Kilburn for San Francisco last evening."

EP; 17 Aug 1904; item: "Stephen Scurich appeared before the Board of Aldermen and asked that grade stakes be set on Second street in the Scurich subdivision, so that property owners can put in curbs and sidewalks. The petition was granted and the City Engineer was instructed to set the stakes. The Street Committee will see to grading up the street."

EP; 18 Aug 1904; item: "A. B. Lettunich, who is now in the fruit and produce business at Los Angeles, returned to that city today after a week's business visit in this section. He reports that the demand for Watsonville fruit of all kinds, particularly apples, comes first with the Los Angeles people, and that the fruit from this valley brings the top prices. 'Tony' has a large sign over his place of business containing the words, 'Watsonville Apple Depot,' and he says it is a winner for business. During the past season he sold over \$10,000 worth of Watson-

ville cherries in Los Angeles. At present he is receiving large apple and potato shipments from here."

EP; 19 Aug 1904; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Company have finished drying apricots at the Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas. They had about 25 tons of cured fruit. The pits, amounting to more than six tons, were sold to James Sheehy at the rate of \$8 a ton."

EP; 19 Aug 1904; item: "F. P. Marinovich returned today from his trip to Austria. He reports having had a fine trip and would have stayed longer but was forced to return on account of his business interests in this city."

EP; 24 Aug 1904; item: "Upon application accompanied by the necessary amounts liquor licenses were granted to the following persons who are in business regularly in the city: J. P. Bobo, Strazicich Bros., Frank Hennecke, J. P. Knudsen, A. Binsacca, P. Mazan, John A. Anderson, A. Raboni, Pereira & Costa, E. Fritz, J. M. Ryason, M. E. Nevis, M. Machado, Harlan Bros. and Chas. Spencer."

EP; 31 Aug 1904; item: "Papers have been filed in the Superior Court of this county in an injunction suit whereas F. P. Marinovich seeks to restrain M. Zar & Co. from picking the apples of the G. H. Brewington orchard on Lake avenue, at the outskirts of this city. Mr. Marinovich alleges that prior to his departure for a visit to Austria about three months ago he made an agreement with G. H. Brewington whereby the latter was to transfer to him the crop of apples in his orchard for the sum of \$1100, said amount being deposited in the bank to bind the contract. Mr. Marinovich further alleges that upon his return to Pajaro valley recently he found that Mr. Brewington had sold the crop of apples to M. Zar & Company, who had offered him \$2250. In order to restrain the latter purchasers from harvesting the crop, which is now ripe, Mr. Marinovich has filed the injunction suit above mentioned.

"Mr. Brewington says that he did not make an agreement of the nature claimed by Mr. Marinovich and that he had a right to dispose of the crop to Zar & Co..."

EP; 3 Sep 1904; item: "Rilovich Bros. are picking apples in the Hall district of Monterey county."

EP; 3 Sep 1904; item: "Radovan & Balovich are picking and hauling to town the apples from what was until recently the Crossley orchard in San Miguel canyon."

EP; 3 Sep 1904; item: "Radovan & Balovich are packing Geo. W. Sill's apples for him this season. The company is hauling the fruit in from the Hall district of Monterey county and packing it in this city."

EP; 6 Sep 1904; item: "Nicholas Stojanovich vs. Nick N.

Banaz and Luke Scurich—Certified copy of judgment quieting title of plaintiff to lands on southwest side of Main street, Watsonville.”

EP; 7 Sep 1904; list: “The Finance Committee reported favorably upon the following claims against the city and the same were ordered paid out of the General Fund: ...M. Tomasovich, labor: \$14.75...”

EP; 8 Sep 1904; item: “F. P. Marinovich vs. M. Zar et al—The parties hereto being present in court and the jury in attendance the hearing of this case is resumed. F. P. Marinovich is further examined. Edward Kelly sworn.”

EP; 8 Sep 1904; ALL: Foreign: Hephro Brantoric [prob. Stepho Brautovic].

EP; 8 Sep 1904; county supervisors, payments: “...N. Stojanovich & Co., mdse: \$16...”

EP; 12 Sep 1904; item: “Santa Cruz, September 12—The jury in the case of Marinovich vs. Zar, on trial in the Superior Court...rendered a verdict for plaintiff, has contained in their answers to the following issues presented to them:

“1st—Did Geo. H. Brewington on or about May 27, 1904, sell to F. P. Marinovich his apple crop in the Pajaro valley? Answer, yes.

“2d—Did the plaintiff, Marinovich, pay to Geo. H. Brewington the purchase price of said crop by a check on the Pajaro Valley Bank? Answer, yes.

“3d—Has the defendant, Zar, sufficient tangible property out of which a judgment recovered against him by plaintiff, could be satisfied? Answer, no.

“4th—Was there any memorandum of contract between Marinovich and Brewington? Answer, yes.”

EP; 12 Sep 1904; item: “John Bacich, who robbed a roommate in this city of \$100 about two months ago and made his escape, is in jail in San Diego, charged with grand larceny. After the officers in that county get through with him he will be brought back to Watsonville.”

EP; 13 Sep 1904; honor roll: 6th year: Lena Katuran.

EP; 13 Sep 1904; item: “Marinovich vs. Zar et al—Instructions by request of plaintiff and defendant.”

EP; 16 Sep 1904; item: “The case of F. P. Marinovich vs. Zar & Company has been compromised on terms that are satisfactory to all concerned. Those interested in the suit were the above named persons and Geo. H. Brewington.”

EP; 19 Sep 1904; Item: “Two Slavonians were arrested in Monterey county...because they had quail in their possession during the close season. The offenders were

arraigned...and one of them, who acknowledged killing all of the birds they had with them, was fined \$35 and the other was allowed to go free.”

EP; 28 Sep 1904; item: “Upon application, accompanied by the required sum, retail liquor licenses were granted to the following persons: ...N. Stojanovich...[of 12]”

EP; 5 Oct 1904; list: “Following is the complete list of donations: [to the Public Library Fund] ...M. N. Lettunich: \$35...Stephen Scurich: \$5...[only Slavs listed]”

6 Oct 1904; item: “The Austrian Department of Finance has just published a report showing the amount of money which Austrian and Hungarian emigrants have sent home during the last 10 years. The sums sent through Austrian banks amounted to 200,000,000 crowns, those sent through American banks to 195,000,000 crowns and those sent Hungarian banks to 155,000,000 crowns—in all, about 552,000,000 crowns, about \$110,400,000.”

EP; 7 Oct 1904; item: “Laura L. Buckman and husband file homestead on lot 9, Scurich Addition, Watsonville; estimated value, \$1,600.”

EP; 7 Oct 1904; article: “**Handsome Returns for ‘Cots.** M. N. Lettunich of the M. N. Lettunich Company left Geo. W. Sill’s office on Upper Main street...with a broad smile on his face, the result of having received a check for an amount which was considerably above \$4000, a sum representing the returns on two carloads of dried apricots grown and prepared for market on the Del Monte Fruit Farm near Aromas. The ‘cots were as fine as any ever forwarded from this section and will help to further establish the excellent reputation this locality is gaining of its apricots...”

EP; 8 Oct 1904; item: “Mrs. M. N. Lettunich who has spent several months in her old home in Dalmatia, Europe, is on her way home to this city. She is now in Paris, France, and will soon embark for New York and Watsonville.”

EP; 8 Oct 1904; item: “A. [sic Louis] Arbanasin and Miss Kate Secondo left this city a few days ago for the purpose of being wedded in Stockton. Word was received here last evening that the wedding was to take place today. Paul Alaga, the well known local fruit packer, will officiate as groomsman. The prospective groom came here recently from the Shawmut mine in Toulumne county, where he held a responsible position.” [see next Fig.]

EP; 12 Oct 1904; item: “Stephen Scurich and wife to Laura L. Buckman—Lot 9, Scurich addition Watsonville, \$10.”



Fig. 2-27. Louis Arbanas (1872-1965) and Kate Secondo (1886-1977). This photo was a composite (as found), made up of 2 different photographs.

EP; 14 Oct 1904; item: "Stephen Scurich et al to Fred H. Gould—Lot 18, Scurich Addition, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 24 Oct 1904; item: "Cosmos Gospodnetich to Katy Gospodnetich—Lot 237x—feet on northwest side of Fifth st., Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 27 Oct 1904; item: "In the case of Wood, Curtis & Co. vs. Scurich, it was re-set from October 28 to December 1, 1904...at the request of C. M. Cassin, attorney."

EP; 29 Oct 1904; item: "Mark Cosulich, the insurance solicitor, well-known in this city, has opened a tamale factory on Sixth street, in San Francisco and has built up a large trade with the fashionable cafes of the metropolis."

EP; 31 Oct 1904; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children are expected home the first part of December from a six months' tour of Europe."

EP; 9 Nov 1904; born: "In Watsonville, Nov. 7, 1904, to the wife of Paul Cumbelich, a daughter." [Edna; lived one month]

EP; 9 Nov 1904; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children arrived in this city last evening after an extended trip in Europe."



Fig. 2-28. Prosper Lettunich (1897-1983) and his sister, Lucille (1894-1919), feeding pigeons in front of St. Blaise church in Old Town, Dubrovnik, in 1904.

EP; 12 Nov 1904; honor roll: 7th year: Mamie Smith; 6th year: Lena Katuran.

EP; 12 Nov 1904; board of supervisors, payments: "Indigent Sick Fund: N. Stojanovich & Co., mdse: \$16..."

EP; 21 Nov 1904; ALL: Foreign: Jack Bielich.

EP; 28 Nov 1904; born: "In Watsonville, Nov. 22, 1904, to the wife of John Aggia, a son." [Nick Iggie; +1964]

EP; 30 Nov 1904; item: "A. B. Lettunich reports the receipt...from Watsonville of one of the largest carloads of California-grown apples on record—1023 boxes, mixed varieties. An average car carries 500 boxes. The fruit struck a slightly dull market, but...nearly all of the shipments had been bought up by local wholesalers.—Los Angeles Times."

EP; 6 Dec 1904; item: "An interlocutory decree of divorce was granted on Monday, by Judge Smith, to Kate Gospodnetich from Cosmos Gospodnetich."

EP; 8 Dec 1904; article: "The pioneer fruit commission house of L. G. Sresovich & Co., is in trouble and has called its creditors together and asked for an extension of time in which to meet its obligations. A meeting of the creditors was held and a committee was appointed to examine the affairs of the firm before deciding what to do. The liabilities are stated to be only \$17,000, and L. G. Sresovich says he thinks he can pay dollar for dollar if given a reasonable time. He conducted one of the first packing houses in Watsonville and was most prominently interested in the fruit packing industry in Soquel. Recently he placed a homestead on his property at the latter place."

EP; 12 Dec 1904; ALL: Pete Millich.

EP; 13 Dec 1904; honor roll: 7th year: Mamie Smith; 6th year: Lena Katuran.

EP; 14 Dec 1904; item: "Agreement of sale of real estate—Stephen Scurich to Ben C. Bellamy—Lot 6, Scurich subdivision, Watsonville, \$1,720."

EP; 22 Dec. 1904; item: "Stephen Scurich and wife to Richard Dixie—Lot 12, Scurich addition, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 23 Dec 1904; obit: "The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cumbelich passed away this morning after a very short but severe illness during which everything possible was done to save the child, but without avail. They have the sympathy of many friends." [Edna]

EP; 23 Dec 1904; obit: “Watsonville, Dec. 23, 1904, Edna Cumbelich, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cumbelich, aged 1 month and 15 days.”

EP; 23 Dec 1904; item: “M. N. Lettunich, accompanied by his wife and children, went to San Francisco yesterday, for a few days visit.”

EP; 27 Dec 1904; ALL: Foreign: Peter Mlincevic.

EP; 28 Dec 1904; item: “Stephen Scurich and wife to Geo. Strazicich—Lot 13, Scurich subdivision, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 28 Dec 1904; item: “Ella T. Chalmers and husband to Stephen Scurich—20 acres on Watsonville and Pajaro Landing road; \$10.”

EP; 29 Dec 1904; item: “Mrs. Stephen Scurich, who underwent a surgical operation at the Watsonville Sanitarium about a week ago, is getting along so nicely that she was able to leave that institution yesterday for her home. Her many friends are pleased at her progress toward complete recovery.”

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EP; 6 Jan 1905; item: “John Nemanich, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Steve Scurich, returned to Salinas today.” [*Nemanich was Mrs. Scurich’s step-father*]

EP; 13 Jan 1905; article: “**May Mend His Ways.** D. Salatich, the Austrian youth of short residence in this country and who forged a check and presented it at the Bank of Watsonville, but was refused payment and afterwards destroyed the check, had placed before him yesterday a strong example of the paternal leniency of the American courts. After having been kept in jail for a few weeks, in order to give him time to realize the gravity of his offense, he was taken before Justice Blas in Santa Cruz and by him was given one day in which to get out of this section of the country. The technical charge against him was vagrancy, it having been found impossible to convict him of forgery without the evidence he had destroyed. It is to be hoped that the youngster will appreciate the fact that his punishment is not commensurate to the crime of which undoubtedly he was guilty.”

EP; 14 Jan 1905; item: “Following are the committees that have charge of the arrangements for the reception of the Knights of Columbus tomorrow: ...Reception Committee: Mateo Lettunich...” [*the only Slav listed*]

EP; 16 Jan 1905; article: “**Masquerade Surprise. Little Folks Enjoy an Afternoon at Costume Party.** At her home on Union street...Louise Graham was the recipient

of a pleasant surprise party tendered her by a number of her little friends...Among the costumers were: ...Anna Farlin, Folly...Kate Stojanovich, Dancing Girl...Lucille Lettunich, Minnehaha; Nellie Nirich, Turkish Maiden... Nicholas Strazicich, Liberty; George Strazicich, Irishman...”

EP; 16 Jan 1905; born: “In Watsonville, Jan. 14, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. George Copriviza, a son.” [*Peter; +1989*]



Fig. 2-29.
Peter Copriviza.

EP; 18 Jan 1905; obit: “In this city Jan. 18, 1905, J. J. Katuran, a native of Austria, aged 38 years, 3 months and 8 days.”

EP; 18 Jan 1905; obit: “John J. Katuran, a native of Austria, aged 38 years, died at his home in Quinn’s addition...after a lingering illness. Deceased, who was a shoemaker by trade, had lived in Watsonville about 10 years. He had a shop in the Zmudowski building on Lower Main street, but was burned about 18 months ago. Shortly thereafter his health began to fail and he was unable to work again. His long sickness made slow, but sure inroads upon his constitution and this morning the brittle thread of life was severed. John Katuran was a good citizen and made a host of friends during his residence here. He was a prominent member of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society, Court Pajaro Valley Rose, No. 44, Foresters of America, and Pajaro Council, No. 13, I.D.E.S., in which latter organization he carried \$750 life insurance...leaves a wife, a daughter about 12 years of age; an aged father, John Katuran, residing on the Island of Lissa [Vis], Austrian Dalmatia, and 2 sisters, Mrs. Marie Alexander, also residing at the above place, and Mrs. Katrina S. Strazicich, of this city...”

EP; 20 Jan 1905; obit: “The funeral of the late J. J. Katuran took place from the family residence in Quinn’s addition...A requiem high mass was celebrated at St. Patrick’s church and the interment took place at the Catholic cemetery. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Nicholas Stojanovich, F. P. Marinovich, John Allegrati [Allegretti], Mitchell Tomasovich, J. S. Martin and John Oliver.”

EP; 23 Jan 1905; obit: “In Watsonville, Jan. 22, 1905, Peter Mazan, a native of Austria.”

EP; 23 Jan 1905; obit: “Peter Mazan...passed from life...the result of liver trouble. He had been complaining

for about 6 weeks, but was confined to his bed only a few days. Deceased had been in Watsonville about 4 years... came to California first in 1874 and settled in Eureka. For a time he was engaged in farming, but subsequently he purchased a sailing schooner and acted as captain of the same. He handled lumber and all kinds of produce with the vessel and did a lucrative business. He remained in Europe [*sic* Eureka] until 1880 and then returned to the old country, where he was married. After living in Austria a number of years he decided to return to California and came to Watsonville about 4 years ago, leaving his wife and one child in Austria. About a year and a half ago he purchased a lot on Walker street, near Third, and erected thereon a building in which he conducted a saloon to the day of his death under the name of the 'American Club.' Deceased expected to bring his family here soon, but poor health prevented him from making the trip to Austria...Deceased left a will in which he names Mateo Lettunich and M. S. Lopes as administrators."

EP; 24 Jan 1905; item: "Luke Scurich and Peter Stolich went to San Francisco today."

EP; 24 Jan 1905; obit: "The funeral of the late Peter Mazan took place from his late residence on Walker street...The body was interred at the Catholic cemetery and the Druids, of which deceased was a member, attended in a body. The pallbearers were Nick Alaga, N. Vuisich, M. Moncovih [Moncovich], B. Arbanasin and B. Pista."

EP; 27 Jan 1905; list: "The Santa Cruz County grand jury for the ensuing year will be taken from the following: ...Geo. Dabelich...L. Scurich...M. N. Lettunich..."

EP; 30 Jan 1905; item: "Mrs. Stephen Scurich and daughter, Anna, are visiting Mrs. Scurich's mother, Mrs. Nemanich, in Salinas."

EP; 31 Jan 1905; item: "The petition of Mateo Lettunich and Manuel S. Lopes for the probate of the will of Peter Mazan, and an order fixing February 13th as the day for hearing the same was issued."

EP; 10 Feb 1905; list: "**Money for Library Site. People of the City Display Public Spiritedness...**The following article republished from the 'Pajaronian' of September 23d, 1904, is corrected to include subscriptions inadvertently left out of the original article: ...The subscriptions to date...are as follows: ...M. N. Lettunich, \$35...Stephen Scurich, \$5..." [*the total was \$1,530; these are the only Slavs who donated*]

EP; 10 Feb 1905; item: "N. Stojanovich sold his interest in the firm of N. Stojanovich & Co...to N. Alaga, and the

business will be carried on by Messrs. Copriviza and Alaga. Mr. Alaga is a member of Alaga Bros., fruit packers, and is favorably known to the public. Mr. Copriviza has long been known as a member of the firm of N. Stojanovich & Co."

EP; 15 Feb 1905; item: "Luke Secondo to Joseph and Mitchell Secondo—51 acres on Brown's valley road; \$10."

EP; 17 Feb 1905; honor roll: 7th year: Mamie Smith.

EP; 21 Feb 1905; item: "L. G. Sresovich, Jr., of San Francisco is in town."

EP; 1 Mar 1905; item: "Affidavit of publication of notice to creditors—Estate of Nikola Didon Lettunich, deceased."

EP; 2 Mar 1905; born: "In Watsonville, Feb. 27, 1905, to the wife of P. Stolich, a daughter." [*Catherine; +1953; married Lutich*]



Fig. 2-30. Catherine Stolich.

EP; 2 Mar 1905; item: "W. H. Meadowcroft has just completed a five-room cottage in Scurich's subdivision, and will shortly commence the erection of another six-room cottage in the same vicinity."

EP; 3 Mar 1905; item: "Estate of Peter Mazan [Mazan], deceased—Order appointing J. E. Ostrander, Joseph L. Enos and R. P. Quinn appraisers; order of publication of notice to creditors."

EP; 4 Mar 1905; notice: "In the Superior Court of Santa Cruz county, State of California. In the matter of the estate of Peter Mazan, sometimes called Peter Macan, deceased. Notice to Creditors: Notice is hereby given by the undersigned executors of the last will and testament and of the estate of Peter Mazan, sometimes called Peter Macan, deceased, to the creditors and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, made on the 4th day of March, 1905, to the said executors at the law offices of James A. Hall, in the Foresters' building in the City of Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of the said estate.—M. S. LOPES, MATEO LETTUNICH, Executors of the Estate of Peter Mazan, sometimes called Peter Macan, deceased..."

EP; 4 Mar 1905; item: “Mrs. N. Stojanovich went to San Jose today for a short visit.”

EP; 6 Mar 1905; obit: “Nick Sambuck, formerly of this valley, died in San Francisco Friday last at the age of 41 years. Deceased, who was a native of Austria, resided in Pajaro valley for two years and was well and favorably known here. He rented the Huddleston place at Corralitos and raised fruit there. During his residence here he was injured in a railroad accident between here and Santa Cruz and sued the S. P. Company, receiving judgment for damages. A little over two years ago he was married. He and his wife took up their residence near Irvington, where he purchased a twenty-acre fruit ranch and erected a nice residence. It is said that he was doing well there when affliction came upon him and ended his earthly career.”

EP; 6 Mar 1905; obit: “San Francisco, March 3, 1905, Nick Sambuck, son of Antone and Mandalina Sambuck, brother of John, Prosper, Anthony and Jenny Sambuck, a native of Lesina [Hvar], Dalmatia, Austria, aged 41 years and 3 months. (Mr. Sambuck was formerly of Watsonville.)” [*prob. an uncle of Dr. Sambuck*]

EP; 6 Mar 1905; ALL: Frank Ljubieli.

EP; 7 Mar 1905; item: “Frank Farlon [Farlin] has accepted a position in the Banc Exchange, and under the expert tutelage of D. Maheu no doubt he will become a first-class mixologist. He is well connected and has many friends in the valley and should succeed in his new position.”



Fig. 2-31.
Frank Farlin (1882-1955).
Brother-in-law of Mateo Lettunich.

EP; 11 Mar 1905; item: “Agreement—James Brodis and wife with Nat Green and Stephen Scurich—To sell Brodis homestead tract, Watsonville for \$50,000.”

EP; 15 Mar 1905; item: “Frank Marich is down from San Francisco on a visit to M. N. Lettunich.”

EP; 20 Mar 1905; ALL: John Arkunlin [Arkulin].

EP; 25 Mar 1905; item: “Nat Green and Stephen Scurich to Watsonville Realty Co.—(1.) Lot 160x282 feet in westerly corner of lot 80, Pajaro Rancho; (2.) 20 acres adjoining same; (3.) 26½ acres of lot 107 of said rancho; (4.) lot on Sudden St. and Santa Cruz road, Watsonville;

(5.) lot on corner of Sudden St. and Santa Cruz road, Watsonville, \$10.

“James Brodis and wife to Nat Green and Stephen Scurich—All of above property, \$10.”

EP; 27 Mar 1905; ALL: Martin Sikubovich.

EP; 29 Mar 1905; born: “In Santa Cruz, March 28, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. George Dabelich, a daughter.” [*Edna; +1983*]

EP; 30 Mar 1905; item: “Augustus Noble to Martin Colandich [Colendich]—Lot 66.5x140 feet on southwest corner of Rosedale Av. and Pine St., Rosedale, \$10.”

EP; 4 Apr 1905; article: “**Sresovich Company Insolvent.** San Francisco, April 4—The L. G. Sresovich wholesale fruit company suspended business yesterday and went into insolvency with liabilities placed at more than \$20,000 and assets about half that sum. The principal losers are growers and laborers. The largest single claim is that of the Merchants’ Ice and Cold Storage Company for \$6,250. The house has been in financial difficulties before and attempted to start anew and make good former losses. Judge Kerrigan declared the firm insolvent, and appointed Thursday, April 13th, for a meeting of creditors to discuss a basis of settling their affairs.”

EP; 5 Apr 1905; born: “In Watsonville, March 29, 1905, to the wife of Antone A. Scurich, a daughter.” [*sic, a son, Tony; +1984*]



Fig. 2-32. Tony Scurich.

EP; 5 Apr 1905; born: “In Watsonville, March 31, 1905, to the wife of L. P. Cikuth, a daughter.” [*Rachel; +1975*]



Fig. 2-33. Rachel Cikuth.

EP; 6 Apr 1905; article: “**Based on an Old Mortgage on Home. Suit to Recover Property Based on An Alleged Invalid Security.** Suit has been brought in the Superior Court of this county by Joseph M. Dorsey against Ellen M. Brodis, Stephen Scurich, Nat Green and tenants of the

land known as the Brodis property. The suit is based on a mortgage given 15 years ago by Mrs. Brodis to P. Dorsey on property which had been homesteaded by herself and husband...Members of the Watsonville Realty Company state that the suit will have no bearing on the titles to Watsonville Heights property. Warranty deeds will be given to all purchasers of lots in the new subdivision."

EP; 7 Apr 1905; item: "Answer of F. A. Burland, E. Scrivani, Watsonville Realty Co., Nat Green, Steven Scurich, Ellen Brodis, James Brodis and Joy Fung—Jos. M. Dorsey, plaintiff, vs. Maria Brodis et al, defendants."

EP; 8 Apr 1905; item: "Estate of John J. Katuran, deceased—Letters granted with bonds of \$400."

EP; 8 Apr 1905; item: "Heirs of A. W. Billings, deceased to Martin N. Lettunich—Lot 66x245 feet on southwest side of Main street, Watsonville, adjoining Palmtag; \$1 (quitclaim.)"

EP; 8 Apr 1905; item: "Order appointing Katie Katuran as administratrix—Estate of John Jacob Katuran, deceased."

EP; 10 Apr 1905; class. ad: "FOR SALE. The property of the late Peter Mazan situated on Walker St. near the Watsonville depot, and consisting of a lot 50x112, two story house, including a good stock of liquors and cigars, and a saloon license paid up to Jan. 1, 1906. Any one desiring information concerning this property should apply to Mateo Lettunich or M. S. Lopes."

EP; 10 Apr 1905; item: "William Pulisevich is up from Los Angeles for a two weeks' visit to his folks. 'Billy' reports business as first-class in the south."

EP; 10 Apr 1905; ALL: J. Nemanic.

EP; 10 Apr 1905; item: "A. Binsacca gives notice of intended sale to Strazicich & Serson [Sersen] of Cosmopolitan Hotel, restaurant and bar, Watsonville."

EP; 11 Apr 1905; text ad: "First-class liquors for family and bar trade. Copriviza & Alaga."

EP; 11 Apr 1905; item: "Stephen Scurich and wife to Laura B. Mead—Lot 23, Scurich subdivision, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 12 Apr 1905; item: "Messrs. Peckham & Peckham of the Watsonville Realty Company today announce the platting and opening to sale of 162 residence lots in the Watsonville Heights Tract. As an example of the eagerness with which building sites will be taken up, it may be interesting to know that 11 lots were sold this forenoon, and in each instance the purchaser was a home builder. This is rather sudden, but not surprising when it

is noted that the location of the subdivision makes it the most desirable building site in the valley, while the prospects for immediate and permanent improvement in that direction act as an encouragement to the small investor. Land clearing and work preparatory to street grading are in progress. Guaranteed deeds are given to each purchaser."

EP; 12 Apr 1905; item: "Stephen Scurich has cleared the Watsonville Heights Tract of all buildings and fences and the same is now ready for the extensive building operations that are sure to be in progress there in the very near future, judging from the rapid sale of lots. The tract is one of the finest in this section from a home-building standpoint and buyers are not slow in realizing that fact."

EP; 12 Apr 1905; item: "Order fixing day of hearing on application for letters of administration—Estate of J. J. Katuran [Katuran], deceased."

Paj; 13 Apr 1905; article: "...A. Strazicich and P. Sarsen [Sersen]...purchased from A. Binsacca the Cosmopolitan restaurant of this city. The new proprietors will take possession at once. They will renovate and rent the place and conduct it as a first-class restaurant, with rooms in connection. Of the new proprietors Mr. Strazicich has been associated with his brother George in the Railroad Exchange hotel for the past nine years. Mr. Sarsen, his partner, is making his first business venture in Watsonville but is familiar with the restaurant business. A. Binsacca...conducted the Cosmopolitan for the past eleven years...He retires from business...and will take a trip to his old home in Europe..."

Paj; 13 Apr 1905; item: "Answer and disclaimer of George R. Billings, Mary Ann Billings and Elita Cooper—M. N. Lettunich, plaintiff, vs. Mary Ann Billings, defendant."

EP; 13 Apr 1905; item: "The sales reported today show that five more homebuilders will locate on Watsonville Heights. The engineers will finish taking street grades tonight and a force of teams and graders will at once commence breaking ground for streets and sidewalks. It seems that early predictions on this tract becoming the select residence section of town will soon prove true."

EP; 13 Apr 1905; article: "**Road Will Shorten the Way to San Jose.** The F. A. Hihn Company of Santa Cruz and Watsonville have started on an undertaking which promises to result in great benefit to this end of the county.

"They are to build a road from Meyer's ranch at Wright's station, where the broad and narrow gauge lines of the S.P. meet, to the Soquel creek and thence up the creek to connect with the Rider grade, formerly used for lumbering. From the Rider grade the road will extend

through Grizzly Flat down to the Corralitos creek road, at or near the former site of the Eureka shingle mill...

“The entire road will be constructed on a trotting grade, affording easy and perfectly safe travel. It will place Watsonville within 20 miles of Wright’s station, on the S.P., and will bring San Jose within 38 miles of Watsonville instead of 50 miles as the distance is traveled over the present roads...”

EP; 17 Apr 1905; item: “The great interest existing in regard to the new Watsonville Heights subdivision was demonstrated by the visit of a throng of people to the grounds yesterday. Several sales were consummated during the day and a number of others were made this morning. It seems a safe thing to prophesy that fully a quarter of the subdivision now on the market will be sold within the first ten days of the sale.”

EP; 17 Apr 1905; item: “F. P. Marinovich and Luke Scurich had business in Santa Cruz today.”

EP; 17 Apr 1905; item: “Wood, Curtis & Co., plaintiffs, vs. Luke Scurich, defendant—Judgement for defendant.”

EP; 17 Apr 1905; article: “The case of Wood, Curtis & Company vs. Luke Scurich was...decided...in favor of defendant Scurich. The case has attracted considerable attention among the fruit growers of the county on account of the importance of the principles involved. During the season of 1903 the defendant entered into an agreement to sell to the plaintiff (a large commission house of Sacramento) ten carloads of Bellefleur apples, to be delivered f.o.b. at Watsonville during the season one week apart, delivery to be completed by November 15th. The defendant delivered eight carloads during the months of September and October. Plaintiff did not make payment for the apples upon delivery as provided in the contract and rejected one carload of the apples altogether, although defendant’s testimony showed that they were fully up to contract. The dispute as to nonpayment of the purchase price by plaintiff and the rejection of good apples culminated in the defendant’s refusal to ship the last two carloads under contract. For this refusal plaintiff sued defendant for about \$800 damages, which it claimed to have suffered by reason of its failure to obtain the last two carloads. The defense set up by Scurich was that plaintiff had first broken the contract in the particulars above mentioned. The defense was fully sustained by Judge Smith and judgement ordered in favor of the defendant for his costs. The plaintiff was represented by L. T. Hatfield of Sacramento and Messrs. Wm. T. Jeter and Chas. M. Cassin of Santa Cruz; the defendant by Messrs. Wyckoff & Gardner of this city.”

EP; 19 Apr 1905; article: “...The Board of Aldermen met...for the purpose of considering several municipal

matters...Upon application the following liquor licenses were transferred: N. Stojanovich & Company to Copriviza & Alaga and A. Binsacca to Strazicich & Sarsen [Sarsen].”

EP; 19 Apr 1905; item: “...Otto Stoesser began business in this city in April, 1853, and the firm name, kept up since the elder Stoesser’s death, by his son, Otto D. Stoesser, is the oldest firm name now carrying on business in Watsonville. Reliability and wide friendships have marked this firm’s progress...” [*Otto D. will marry Anna Farlin in 1915*]

EP; 20 Apr 1905; item: “The prediction that the first ten days of the sale of lots in the Watsonville Heights Tract would result in the sale of one-quarter of the 162 lots has been verified. Not alone that, but expectations have been exceeded. Yesterday’s sales of 20 lots in the new tract broke the record for real estate transactions in Santa Cruz county. Many of the purchasers, but not all, are home builders. F. B. Kerrick, he of the ‘Nimble Nickle,’ yesterday disposed of a lot he had purchased, and by the transaction is \$100 better off than he was before buying. He did not buy as a speculator, but the chance to sell came and he improved the opportunity. The map published in this issue shows every detail of the plat and is a convincing argument in its own favor.”

Paj; 20 Apr 1905; item: “N. Stojanovich and family left this morning for San Jose where they will make their home. Mr. Stojanovich will keep a grocery and saloon on the Almaden road.”

EP; 21 Apr 1905; article: “Tomorrow at noon the opening of the California Restaurant at 257 and 259 Main street will take place. The California is a new edition of the old Cosmopolitan, once so popular, and Messrs. Strazicich & Sarsen, who have had much experience in catering to the public, have so renovated and refitted the establishment that, with the excellent cuisine and service to be given, it is certain to become a well-patroned and popular restaurant. Furnished rooms are kept in connection.”

EP; 21 Apr 1905; item: “Luke Scurich and son are spending a few days in San Francisco.”

EP; 22 Apr 1905; item: “H. C. Peckham and Stephen Scurich had business in Santa Cruz today.”

EP; 22 Apr 1905; item: “John Swanson assigns to Martin D. Shields chattel mortgage executed by Antone Bilicich, \$350.”

EP; 25 Apr 1905; honor roll: 7th year: Mamie Smith; 3rd year: Peter Scurich.

EP; 26 Apr 1905; item: "Lettunich, plaintiff, vs. Billings et al, defendants—Answer."

Paj; 27 Apr 1905; article: "F. P. Marinovich, by his attorney, Chas. M. Cassin, of Santa Cruz, has commenced suit in the Superior Court of this county against F. A. Kilburn to enforce the provisions of a contract entered into and signed by Mr. Kilburn on July 21, 1903, wherein he agreed that if the Watsonville Transportation Company did not pay an annual dividend of three and one-half per cent upon three thousand dollars' worth of stock in said company, purchased by Mr. Marinovich, he (Kilburn) would pay said 3½ per cent interest himself, and in case of any default in the payment of an annual dividend of not less than three and one-half per cent, upon said stock, Kilburn contracted to purchase the stock at any time Marinovich might request him so to do after such default, and pay therefor the sum of \$60 per share. Marinovich demanded that Kilburn purchase the stock as provided for in the contract, and although negotiations were entered into no amicable arrangement could be arrived at, hence the suit."

Paj; 27 Apr 1905; item: "Estate of Caroline L. Aldrich, deceased—Certified copy of decree of distribution, distributing to Auguste Faure, Felix G., Isabel M. and Clarence Gaddie, and Luke Scurich, certain lots on Ford and Walker streets, Watsonville."

Paj; 27 Apr 1905; notice: "Delinquent Notice...There are delinquent upon the following described stock on account of an assessment levied thereon, on the 20th day of March, 1905, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders, as follows:

[name—certificate No.—No. of shares—amount due]

"[only Slavs are listed here] L. P. Cikuth: 189, 10, \$100; J. Lusich: 454, 1, \$10; M. N. Lettunich & Co.: 248, 25, \$250; P. N. Lettunich & Co: 108, 5, \$50; F. P. Marinovich: 133, 50, \$500; L. V. Slavich: 328, 10, \$100; P. Stolich: 203, 5, \$50; N. Stojnovich: 165, 6, \$60; Antone Scurich: 162, 4, \$40; Luke Scurich: 132, 40, \$400."

EP; 28 Apr 1905; item: "The boys of the Sanctuary Society of St. Patrick's church were tendered a reception at the residence of Mrs. George Jessen, on First street... Rev. Fr. Hassett, who was invited to be present, was taken completely by surprise when, in the midst of the festivities, the lads through one of their number, Nicholas Strazicich, presented him with a token of their esteem and affection in the shape of a well-filled purse. We understand that Master Strazicich did himself and his associates proud by the neat little speech accompanying the gift, and Father Hassett, in his response showed that he appreciated the token more than words could express. The evening was pleasantly spent in games, refresh-

ments, and a general good time. Those present were Arthur and Mervyne Prindeville, Nicholas and George Strazicich, Willie Perry, Louis La Porte, Albert Jessen, Harold Kane, Thomas and Jas. Lima, Francis McGrath, Joseph Gallagher, Joseph McSherry and Willie Roza. At a late hour the happy gathering dispersed with many grateful acknowledgments to their hostess. It is needless to remark that Mrs. Jessen stands A1 with the lads..."

EP; 28 Apr 1905; item: "Estate of John Jacob Katuran, deceased—Orders appointing appraisers and administratrix, letters of administration and bond of administratrix."

EP; 29 Apr 1905; item: "F. P. Marinovich vs. F. A. Kilburn—Motion to discharge attachment by giving bond set for Tuesday, May 2d."

EP; 29 Apr 1905; item: "Wood, Curtis & Company vs. Luke Scurich—Notice of decision and memorandum of costs and disbursements."

EP; 2 May 1905; item: "Luke Scurich was a business visitor in Santa Cruz today."

EP; 2 May, 1905; article: "Judge Smith...rendered his decision in the suit of Joseph M. Dorsey of San Jose against Ellen Brodis and the Watsonville Realty Company for the possession of the new Watsonville Heights addition in favor of Mrs. Brodis. This will be welcome news to the Watsonville people, who will thereby be enabled to go ahead with their plans for selling off the property which they had just bought from Mrs. Brodis.

"After reviewing the history of the case Judge Smith rendered his decision in accordance with the following points.

"As a general rule an after acquired title inures to the benefit of a former grantee, and cures all defects that may have existed in the grantor's title. But to have such an effect the conveyance must have been legal and valid, which is not the case with the deed from Mr. Brodis to Peter Dorsey. The law is well settled in this State that neither husband nor the wife can transfer, abandon or encumber the homestead premises without the joint act of the other, and that an effort to do so, however ingeniously made, is an absolute nullity, and will not be validated by a subsequent dissolution of the marriage or termination of the homestead.

"The deed executed by Mrs. Brodis to Peter Dorsey being a nullity, it followed that said Dorsey acquired no right, title or interest in the premises here in the controversy by virtue of said deed, and that the plaintiff acquired no title to said premises by virtue of his deed from Peter Dorsey, and therefore is not entitled to recover in this action. I think the other legal points raised by the defendants against the plaintiff's right to recover are also well taken, but it is not necessary to discuss them in

detail. It is therefore ordered that findings be prepared and judgment entered in favor of the defendants.”

EP; 3 May 1905; board of aldermen, payments: “...John Allegretti, labor: \$6...M. Tomasovich, labor: \$6...”

EP; 3 May 1905; item: “There is no air of mystery about the sale of lots in the Watsonville Heights tract. The only air about the tract is the purest of Pajaro valley atmosphere—and it is—not of the 180 degree variety, either. The Watsonville Realty Company takes pride in the satisfaction expressed by all purchasers of ‘Heights’ home sites. Application from Watsonville people and inquiries from outsiders, promise a speedy disposal of the entire first platting.”

EP; 3 May 1905; text ad: “First-class liquors for family and bar trade. Copriviza & Alaga.”

Paj; 4 May 1905; item: “...F. A. Kilburn of Watsonville, through his attorneys, Wyckoff & Gardner, has filed a demurrer to the suit of F. P. Marinovich against him for alleged breach of contract in connection with the sale of shares in the Watsonville Transportation Company. The ground taken in the demurrer is that the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action. C. M. Cassin and H. C. Lucas are the attorneys for Marinovich.—Sentinel.”

Paj; 4 May 1905; item: “M. Secando [Secondo] is here from Roslyn, Wash., for a few days’ visit.”

EP; 4 May 1905; item: “Elmer E. Billings to Martin T. [N.] Lettunich—Part of lot 2, on Stratton’s map of Watsonville, and situated on Main street, Watsonville; \$1.”

EP; 6 May 1905; item: “**12,000 Immigrants In a Day.** New York, May 8—All records were broken yesterday in the number of immigrants that passed quarantine. Within 12 hours 12,039 foreigners arriving in the steerage were permitted to enter New York, indicating that the spring influx of immigrants this year will probably exceed the records for former years. Ten trans-Atlantic liners brought this army of immigrants to the United States.”

EP; 9 May, 1905; item: “The purchase of lots in the Watsonville Heights tract continues with unabating fervor. Aside from the good list of sales shown by the Messrs. Peckham & Peckham quite a number of transfers have taken place between the first purchasers and others who, a little late in selecting, were compelled to purchase at an advance in order to get the location desired. By comparing the numbers on the map with those in the list of lots sold, it will be seen though, that there are still many excellent sites available for the wide-awake investor, or future home builder.”

EP; 10 May, 1905; item: “...**REGULAR EXPRESS FRUIT TRAIN. To Be Known as the ‘Watsonville Express’**...Express Agent Rice of Watsonville has succeeded in arranging with Wells Fargo to have a fruit express train service inaugurated between Watsonville and San Francisco.

“The train, according to present plans, will leave Watsonville at about six o’clock every evening, and its first pickup will be at Pajaro where it will take on fish and other perishable merchandise to be brought from Monterey, Moss Landing and Salinas on the late freight train. The next stop will be at Aromas, and then Gilroy, and from there it will make express time to San Jose where other quick freight will be loaded, and the train speeded into the city.

“The service is to be inaugurated at an early date, and Agent Rice is to be congratulated on his interest in securing the start from Watsonville and the use of the city’s name on the train...”

EP; 10 May 1905; item: “Wood, Curtis & Company vs. Luke Scurich—Stipulation extending time.”

Paj; 11 May 1905; item: “**Ed Martin Suggests That Old Newspaper Files Be Placed in Libraries.** The following extract from the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz county is of interest to everyone:

“Upon application of Ed Martin it is ordered that the bound volumes of certain Santa Cruz county newspapers now in the offices of the Board of Supervisors be placed in the Santa Cruz and Watsonville public libraries, the distribution of the same is placed in the hands of Supervisor Miller, County Clerk Miller and Ed Martin, Esq.

“The volumes referred to are old files of the Santa Cruz Sentinel, the Pajaro Valley Times and the ‘Pajaronian.’ In them may be found a week to week history of the early days of Santa Cruz county, and Ed Martin is entitled to a great deal of credit for having invested himself in bringing forth these valuable references. True they have been kept in the county courthouse, but there they were becoming musty and in time would have been useless. By having them placed in the public libraries of the two cities Mr. Martin is giving the people a chance to familiarize themselves with the growth of their home county almost from the time of its settlement. It is a good work, well done.” [*this is the beginning step which eventually led to the microfilming of these newspapers, which led to the creation of this book*]

Paj; 11 May 1905; item: “Wood, Curtis & Co. vs. Luke Scurich—Notice of intention to move for new trial.”

Paj; 11 May 1905; item: “A. B. Lettunich has returned to Los Angeles after a few days spent in this city.”

Paj; 11 May 1905; item: “Stephen Scurich et ux to Effie

Mary Westcott—Lot 22, Scurich's addition to Watsonville; \$10."

Paj; 11 May 1905; item: "The case of Mihelle Illich vs. James Madison Graves and Martha De La Guerra Graves, in which the plaintiff sought to recover \$257.50 for work which he performed upon the orchard of the defendants in Corralitos, came up...judgement was rendered in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$190 and costs of suit."

Paj; 11 May 1905; item: "In the case of Illich vs. Graves...the plaintiff demanded \$257 for services in pruning the orchard of defendant and was only awarded \$190, the exact amount the defendant conceded was due to him for the work..."

EP; 11 May, 1905; item: "Chief of Police Rasette... posted signs at the different entrances to this city, which warn automobilists not to proceed through the city at a greater speed than 8 miles an hour. One of the signs is posted on the bridge over the Pajaro river at the foot of Main street, one at the corner of Blackburn and Bridge streets, one at the corner of Blackburn and East Lake avenue, one on Watsonville Heights, one at the head of Walker street, near the city pound, and one at the western end of Third street. They read, 'Automobilists Slow to 8 Miles an Hour. City Ordinance.'"

EP; 15 May 1905; board of aldermen, payments: "...J. Allegretti, labor: \$2; M. Tomasovich, labor: \$2..."

EP; 16 May 1905; ALL: Foreign: F. Zanicolo. [*Slav?*]

EP; 16 May, 1905; article: "That this community is to have a splendid baseball park at a point on the Beach road where the electric car line crosses the road there is no longer any question. The committee appointed to solicit funds to make the necessary improvements at the park was out this morning for the purpose of getting \$500 for that work, if possible...They met with encouragement on every hand. The proposition seems to be in great favor with the people of this community, judging from the fact that the committee raised nearly \$500 without the least trouble within less than three hours..."

"There promises to be a revival of the enthusiasm that characterized the sport when Watsonville was in the big league..."

EP; 17 May 1905; item: "J. P. Miovich & Co...purchased from J. S. Menasco this season's crop from his Corralitos orchard, which undoubtedly ranks among the very best in the valley. The price was not made public, but it must have been mutually satisfactory or the bargain would not have been made at this early season."

Paj; 18 May 1905; item: "Estate of Nikola Didon Lettunich, deceased—Decree of due notice to creditors."

Paj; 18 May 1905; item: "Marinovich vs. Kilburn—Writ of attachment and summons."

Paj; 18 May 1905; item: "M. N. Lettunich & Company are marketing a fine quality of Loganberries daily...from their Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas. Sheltered from damaging frosts[,] that district is peculiarly adapted to the growing of berries and the products of the soil there demand the highest price. The company above mentioned has a fine ranch there and is growing all kinds of fruits on an extensive and profitable scale."

EP; 19 May 1905; item: "Manzanita Company to Laura L. Buckman—Lot 4, Stephen Scurich's addition to and subdivision of Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 19 May 1905; item: "Martin N. Lettunich agrees to sell to Ira N. Bardmess—Lot on southeast of Main street, Watsonville; \$2500."

EP; 20 May 1905; item: "M. N. Lettunich vs. Mary Ann Billings et al—Answer and disclaimer of John S. Carr and Sterling D. Carr."

EP; 20 May 1905; item: "Yesterday Philip Marinovich sold lot No. 66 in Watsonville Heights to P. Oberweis of San Francisco. Mr. Oberweis also owns the adjoining lot and will proceed to the building of a home, utilizing both lots for the purpose."

"The sale of the lot by Mr. Marinovich will serve to illustrate the advantages of the Heights from an investor's standpoint. In 30 days he made \$65 on an investment of \$500 in which there was not the slightest possible chance of a loss."

EP; 22 May 1905; honor roll: 7th year: Mamie Smith; 3rd year: Peter Scurich, Pete Marinovich.

EP; 23 May 1905; mar. license: "A marriage license was issued in San Francisco yesterday to George Novacovich, aged 30, of Watsonville, to wed Mary Koprivica [Copriviza], aged 24, of San Francisco." [*see next Fig.*]

Paj; 25 May 1905; item: "G. Strazicich is moving his house, which formerly stood next to his hotel on Walker street, to a lot in the Scurich subdivision on Second street. The change is being made to increase the yard room in front of his winery, which was recently built and which will be operated this year."

Paj; 25 May 1905; item: "Estate of John Jacob Katuran, deceased—Appraised at \$750."



Fig. 2-34. George Novacovich (1874-1912) and Mary Copriviza (1881-1977). As a widow, Mary would later marry Lucian Lettis.

Paj; 25 May 1905; born: “In Watsonville, May 21, 1905, to the wife of John Miljanich, a son.”
[John; +1973]



Fig. 2-35. John Miljanich.

EP; 27 May 1905; list: “...The following citizens of Watsonville have subscribed the following amounts for the maintenance of a baseball team in this city: Watsonville Transportation Co.: \$250...Strazicich & Sersen, Cal. Rest[aurant]: \$5...Nick Alaga: \$2.50...”

EP; 27 May 1905; article: “**Superior Court Grants Injunction to Stop Sale of Stock of Plaintiff Stockholders**...Following the order of Saturday’s program A. N. Judd and J. B. Holohan went to Santa Cruz and took steps to secure an injunction against the sale of stock belonging to unsatisfied stockholders of the Watsonville Transportation Company. Attorney C. M. Cassin went into the matter at once, and after working throughout Sunday the complaint was prepared.

“This morning Sheriff H. V. Trafton came down from Santa Cruz and served the injunction restraining the corporation from selling the stock of those who had joined in entering the complaint.

“At 11 o’clock today, at the Company’s office on Third street, the names covered by the injunction were eliminated from the list.

“The stock belonging to the following named stockholders being delinquent was offered for sale, there being no bidders, was bid for the Transportation Company by Director Horgan:

“...L. P. Kicuth...T. Kriva...J. Lucich...M. N. Lettunich & Co...P. N. Lettunich & Co...F. P. Marino-

vich...L. V. Slavich...P. Stolich...N. Stojanovich, Antone Scurich, Luke Scurich...

“The complaint upon which the restraining order was issued was, in effect, as follows: [long list of plaintiffs, no Slavs] vs. [Watsonville Transportation Company plus other defendants]...”

EP; 29 May 1905; honorable promotions: 7th year: Mamie Smith.

Paj; 1 Jun 1905; item: “M. H. Becher of Fresno is in town and will probably open a delicatessen establishment at the beach. Mr. Becher was formerly in the hotel business at Watsonville and Port Watsonville.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.” [there’s a small chance this is Bećir]

Paj; 1 Jun 1905; item: “W. Pulisevich, a fruit packer of Watsonville and Los Angeles, is in Arroyo Grande looking over the territory with a view to establishing a packing house to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of the L. G. Sresovich Company. Mr. Pulisevich will use the Sresovich building, recently purchased by T. J. Steele.—Arroyo Grande Recorder.”

Paj; 1 Jun 1905; article: “...As the class work of the Academy has been advanced this year to the standard of the Notre Dame Academies throughout California there were no usual commencement exercises...Following is the list of class honors and promotions: 5th Grade: Honorary promoted: Louise Nirich; Promoted: Lucille Lettunich, Nicholas Strazicich, Nickolas Lettunich, George Strazicich. 4th Grade: Promoted: John Strazicich. 3rd Grade: Promoted: Antoine Bakich. 2nd Grade: Honorary promoted: Lini Rilovich, Kate Rilovich; Promoted: Katherine Stolich. 1st Grade: Promoted: Mary Alligretti, Lena Strazicich, Louis Lettunich. Receiving Class: Promoted: Johanna Rilovich, William Marinovich, Antonio Scurich, Prosper Lettunich...”

Paj; 1 Jun 1905; item: “The gift of a white silk parasol, offered at Mrs. Conrad’s millinery store, was awarded last Saturday to Mrs. Arbalach [Arbulich?]”

Paj; 1 Jun 1905; item: “Estate of John J. Katuran—Petition and order to show cause why estate should not be set aside to widow.”

EP; 2 Jun 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich vs. Mary Ann Billings—Summons returned.”

EP; 7 Jun 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich vs. Mary Ann Billings et al—Certified copy of judgment quieting title to lands on Main street, Watsonville.”

EP; 7 Jun 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich vs. Mary Ann Billings et al.—Dismissal as to certain defendants—Judgment.”

Paj; 8 Jun 1905; item: "Estate of J. J. Katuran, deceased—Order granted setting aside estate to widow."

Paj; 8 Jun 1905; item: "Estate of N. D. Lettunich, deceased—Petition to set aside property to widow."

Paj; 8 Jun 1905; item: "Map filed of subdivision of Gospodnetich tract on 6th street, Watsonville."

Paj; 8 Jun 1905; list: "In this morning's Santa Cruz Sentinel County Tax Collector Helms advertises the list of property that will, on the 28th day of June, be sold to the State for the non-payment of taxes. The list... comprises 233 separate pieces of property...in the Pajaro Supervisorial District taxes are delinquent on 39 pieces of property, as follows: ...Country Property:... Irelan, Mrs. Abbey, mtg. to M. N. Lettunich: \$6.27..."

Paj; 8 Jun 1905; item: "Lettunich vs. Billings et al.—Judgement awarded plaintiff quieting title."

Paj; 8 Jun 1905; item: "M. N. Lettunich vs. Mary Ann Billings et al.—Dismissal as to certain defendants—Judgement."

EP; 10 Jun 1905; item: "Marinovich vs. Kilburn—Demurrer set for hearing on Monday, June 13th."

EP; 10 Jun 1905; item: "Stephen Scurich is spending a few days in the metropolis."

EP; 13 Jun 1905; item: "F. P. Marinovich vs. F. A. Kilburn—Demurrer overruled and 10 days granted to answer."

Paj; 15 Jun 1905; item: "Martin N. Lettunich and wife to Ira Marium Bardmess—Lot 66x245 feet on southwest side of Main street, Watsonville, adjoining Palmtag; \$10."

Paj; 15 Jun 1905; item: "Ira Marium Bardmess and wife to Mateo and Martin N. Lettunich—Lot 50x210 feet on southeast side of Marchant street, Watsonville, adjoining Petrea; \$10."

Paj; 22 Jun 1905; item: "F. P. Marinovich, owner of the building formerly occupied by M. Morria, has a force of carpenters engaged in making substantial improvements to the same. The old out-of-date porch has been torn away to make room for a neat modern front, which will greatly improve the appearance of the building and add to its convenience for store purposes. The improvement is in keeping with the spirit of the times and therefore commendable."

Paj; 22 Jun 1905; item: "A young man named Thomas

Luttunich [Lettunich] was arrested...near Aromas on a warrant issued by Justice Hawkins. He is charged with seduction under promise of marriage, the complainant being J. M. Reed, a rancher living on the Peck place in Green Valley, in behalf of his daughter, Martha. The young man appeared before Justice Hawkins...yesterday afternoon, when his bail was fixed at \$1,000, which he procured. No time has been set for the preliminary hearing on the charge, but it will be fixed in a week or 10 days, as soon as the young mother is able to appear in court."

Paj; 22 Jun 1905; item: "Estate of N. K. [N. D.] Lettunich, deceased—First and final account and petition for final distribution of estate."

EP; 23 Jun 1905; class. ad: "FOR RENT—Rooms, furnished or unfurnished, in new house in Scurich subdivision. Apply at 437 Second street."

EP; 24 Jun 1905; item: "At present the apple crop of Pajaro valley looks as though it would reach 3000 carloads. It is going to keep every packing house in the valley on the jump to handle this immense crop. Figured at an average value of \$500 a car for all varieties such a crop would be worth \$1,500,000..."

EP; 24 Jun 1905; item: "As the season advances the codlin moth shows up in greater numbers, and the man who neglects to spray his orchard will regret it later. Orchardists cannot reasonably hope that Nature will do all their work for them. The trees have borne abundantly this season and give promise of a bountiful harvest. Man must supplement this condition by properly cultivating his orchard, spraying it and rigidly thinning the fruit if he hopes to produce a marketable product. The day of lump sales of orchards in Pajaro valley has almost passed. At one time a man could sell the fruit on his trees for four or five years ahead, regardless of whether he took proper care of his orchard or not. Conditions have changed, and rightly, too, making it impossible for the negligent orchardist to dispose of his crop at a remunerative figure.

"Packers and growers should co-operate this fall in a strong effort to regain for our apples the prestige they lost in several markets in 1904 because of the unfortunate hot wave that visited this section. It will require considerable effort to convince certain handlers of our apples in other cities that the unfavorable showing made last year was not due to this valley's inability to produce first-class fruit..."

EP; 28 Jun 1905; item: "Estate of N. D. Lettunich, deceased—Decree of settlement of final account and distribution."

Paj; 29 Jun 1905; item: "Estate of N. D. Lettunich,

deceased—Order settling final account and decree of distribution; \$50 allowed as attorney’s fees.”

Paj; 29 Jun 1905; item: “Wood, Curtis & Co. vs. Luke Scurich—Third stipulation extending time.”

Paj; 29 Jun 1905; item: “Estate of F. Ceschi, deceased—Claims of...N. Stojanovich for \$16.05.”

Paj; 29 Jun 1905; item: “Miss Julia Marisch has returned to San Francisco after a two months’ visit with her cousin, Mrs. M. N. Lettunich.”

Paj; 29 Jun 1905; item: “Albert Grisee to Luke and Steve Scurich—Lot 12, Walker’s Subdivision, Watsonville, \$10.”

Paj; 29 Jun 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich of M. N. Lettunich & Company reports that the apple crop on the company’s Del Monte Farm at Aromas is very promising. There will be an unusually heavy crop of fruit and the indications are that the apples will be free from worms.”

EP; 1 Jul 1905; school promotions: 9th grade: Anna Farlin; 5th grade: Sidney Smith; 3rd grade: Ellen Zar, Mary Zar, Peter Marinovich; 2nd grade: Florence Smith.

EP; 7 Jul 1905; county supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: ...Pulisevich, N., labor: \$36...Indigent Sick Fund: ...Copriviza, Geo., mdse: \$16...”

EP; 11 Jul 1905; married: “...Judge Craghill of Santa Cruz tied the knot on Sunday that made Thos. V. Lettunich and Martha Reed, both of Watsonville, man and wife...”

EP; 12 Jul 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich reports a very fine grape crop on the Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas. The grapes are thick on the vines and look unusually healthy. Unless something unforeseen comes up the crop will be all that could be desired.”

Paj; 13 Jul 1905; item: “Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children are home from a visit of about a month and a half at the Tent City in Santa Cruz.”

Paj; 13 Jul 1905; ALL: S. Matulich.

Paj; 13 Jul 1905; item: “Geo. Laptalo went to the Southern Pacific Hospital in San Francisco...for the purpose of having an abcess removed from his cheek. He was accompanied by Stephen Scurich. About 10 years ago Mr. Laptalo had some of his teeth pulled and has been troubled ever since...”

Paj; 13 Jul 1905; list: “...Pajaroites whose claims were allowed by Santa Cruz county Board of Supervisors: Pul-

isevich, N., labor: \$36...Copriviza, Geo., mdse: \$16...”

Paj; 20 Jul 1905; item: “Marinovich vs. Larkin—Papers on appeal from Watsonville Justice Court.”

Paj; 20 Jul 1905; item: “The suit of F. P. Marinovich vs. Pat Larkin to recover the hire due on certain horses has been appealed to the Superior Court.”

Paj; 20 Jul 1905; item: “The suit of Marinovich vs. Larkin has been set for trial in the Superior Court for August 3d at 10 a.m.”

Paj; 20 Jul 1905; item: “Today being the 10th anniversary of the birth of John Sheehy, a birthday party was given by him to a number of friends at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sheehy, on Maple avenue...Those present were: ...Lucile Lettunich...Nicholas and Louis Lettunich...Prosper Lettunich...[of 31 names]”

Paj; 20 Jul 1905; item: “Estate of Peter Mazan, deceased—Affidavit of publication and decree of due and legal notice—various claims.”

Paj; 20 Jul 1905; item: “Mateo Lettunich Co. vs. Mrs. M. Conrad—Complaint.”

Paj; 20 Jul 1905; item: “The long pending differences over rent existing between the M. Lettunich Co. and Mrs. Mattie Conrad, the milliner, have been brought to an issue by the filing...of a suit against Mrs. Conrad by the company for the restitution of the premises occupied by the former at 321 Main street. The disagreement existing arose over the rent. Mrs. Conrad claims that when she rented the premises she had the verbal promise of the company’s representative that her rent of \$47.50 would not be raised upon her; the company denied that such a promise was made, and when the company raised her rent to \$60 she refused to pay it, and then to \$250 per month, which she also refused to pay. The company, upon being refused possession of the premises, brought suit.”

EP; 22 Jul 1905; item: “F. P. Marinovich vs. F. A. Kilburn—Answer.”

EP; 25 Jul 1905; item: “Sara E. Todd and Charles L. Todd to Luke Scurich—All their interest as heirs to John Gampper or otherwise in 10½ acres at north end of Rodriguez St., Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 25 Jul 1905; item: “Lettunich vs. Conrad—Reset for August 1st.”

EP; 25 Jul 1905; item: “Marinovich vs. Kilburn—Set for August 20th.”

Paj; 27 Jul 1905; article: "LUKE SCURICH BUYS GAMPPER SLOUGH LAND. In the Superior Court yesterday, in the matter of the estate of John Gampper, an order of the court was made partitioning to Luke Scurich 10 acres of slough land for a consideration of \$3500 to be paid to the heirs. Mr. Scurich has secured a very valuable piece of land, lying between the extensions of Rodriquez and Main streets. It embraces about 8 acres of rich bottomland and 2 acres of higher soil, and includes that portion of the estate once used by Mr. Gampper as a headquarters for stock. For the present Mr. Scurich will use the land to produce such crops as may be marketable, but ultimately it will be subdivided, in part, at least, and offered for sale."

EP; 28 Jul 1905; item: "Katy Gospodnetich to William S. Sanborn—Lot 10, Katy Gospodnetich's subdivision, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 1 Aug 1905; item: "The suit of the M. Lettunich Co. vs. Mrs. Mattie Conrad is on trial today in the Superior Court before a jury..."

EP; 2 Aug 1905; item: "Superior Court Proceedings. M. Lettunich Co. vs. Mrs. M. Conrad—Verdict for defendant, keeping her in possession as tenant of Watsonville property of plaintiff for one year from June 1, 1905."

EP; 2 Aug 1905; board of aldermen, payments: "...M. Tomasovich, labor: \$6, F. Servia, labor: \$2...Geo. Bubrivic, labor: \$4, J. Allegretti, labor: \$8..."

EP; 3 Aug 1905; item: "Estate of Kuzma Criletich, deceased, by decree of final distribution, to Frances, Mendina, Christ, Gabriel and Rena Dominika Criletich—All interest of deceased in 'California Restaurant,' Santa Cruz; also lot 34.60x98 feet on north side of Walnut Ave., adjoining Scott; and lots 24, 25 and 26, block 6, and lots 1 and 2, block 9, Surfside, Santa Cruz."

Paj; 3 Aug 1905; article: "The case of the M. Lettunich Co., owners of the Snodgrass block on Main street in this city, against Mrs. Mattie Conrad, the milliner, occupying the store adjoining to the 'Pajaronian' office building, was tried in the Superior Court at Santa Cruz..."

"The point at issue was whether or no Luke Scurich, a member of the Lettunich company, had promised Mrs. Conrad a year's lease of the premises from last June, at a monthly rental of \$47.50. The evidence of the point was very conflicting. Mr. Scurich stoutly denied making any such agreement, while Mrs. Conrad and daughter were equally positive that he did. The case was argued at length by the attorneys, and the jury, after due consideration, decided in favor of Mrs. Conrad. We understand that the jury stood eleven to one. The case will be appealed to the Appellate Court."

Paj; 3 Aug 1905; obit: "Jerry Boscovich...unmarried and aged 64 years, died very suddenly...at M. N. Lettunich's packing house, on Third street, where he was employed as a cook...He has been a resident of this city for about ten years past...The coroner's jury...returned a verdict of death from natural causes, presumably heart failure."

Paj; 3 Aug 1905; obit: "Watsonville, July 26, 1905, Jerry Boscovich, a native of Austria, aged 64 years."

Paj; 3 Aug 1905; item: "Manzanita Co. to Luke Scurich—Lots 1 and 2, Judd's addition, Watsonville, \$10."

Paj; 3 Aug 1905; item: "N. Stojanovich, formerly in business here, was in town yesterday. Mr. Stojanovich is now conducting the Robertsville general merchandise store, at the corner of Almaden and Branham roads, in Santa Clara county, and informs us that he is doing very well in his new location."

Paj; 3 Aug 1905; item: "L. A. Brewster of Corralitos has sold his crop of apples by the box to Radovan & Balovich."

Paj; 3 Aug 1905; item: "Katy Gospodnetich to William S. Sanborn—Lot 10, Katy Gospodnetich's subdivision, Watsonville, \$10."

Paj; 3 Aug 1905; item: "A. Balich, the well-known fruit handler, is here from Santa Cruz looking after fruit interests."

EP; 8 Aug 1905; item: "Wm. Pulisevich, through his attorney, T. J. Gaffey, has filed a cross-complaint in the Superior Court on the action of Julia Lund vs. Asa E. Day et al."

EP; 10 Aug 1905; item: "Mateo Lettunich vs. Mrs. M. Conrad—Notice of intention to move for a new trial."

EP; 10 Aug 1905; item: "Geo. Copriviza vs. J. Von Hussen et als.—Answer."

EP; 10 Aug 1905; item: "The case of F. P. Marinovich vs. Patrick Larkin, both being residents of this valley, was tried before Judge Smith and a jury at Santa Cruz yesterday. The case grows out of a dispute over the rent of two horses by Larkin from Marinovich, and resulted in a disagreement of the jury..."

Paj; 10 Aug 1905; item: "G. M. Bockius Co. to Katy Gospodnetich—Lots 1 to 10, inclusive, of Gospodnetich subdivision, Watsonville, \$1. (quitclaim.)"

Paj; 10 Aug 1905; item: "Miss V. Maricich and L. Maricich of Oakland are Watsonville visitors today."

Paj; 10 Aug 1905; item: “Mr. Stephen Scurich, who, with Mrs. Scurich, will shortly leave on an extended visit to relatives and friends in Austria, received his passport from Washington yesterday.”

Paj; 10 Aug 1905; article: “I. H. Tuttle & Co., comprising Iowa H. Tuttle and N. Mortizia, announce that their packing house on Third street, on the Southern Pacific track, is finished and is now ready for business. The company will charge no commission on fruit handled, and will make a flat charge for the sorting, grading, packing and placing the fruit on board the cars. This procedure should be exceedingly satisfactory to fruit growers, as the high standing of the men at the head of the new packing house guarantees that all who have dealings with them will have a square deal...”

EP; 11 Aug 1905; article: “TRANSPORTATION COMPANY IS ATTACHED FOR \$19,900...Sheriff Howard Trafton...came over from Santa Cruz and levied an attachment upon the Watsonville Transportation Company and also upon the property of Mr. Steve Scurich. The attachment levied upon the Transportation Company embraces everything connected with the company—real estate, rolling stock, franchises, etc., and was placed there on by the Pajaro Valley Bank, which has commenced suit against the transportation company and Messrs. F. A. Kilburn, R. W. Eaton, W. J. Rogers and Steve Scurich, to recover the sum of \$19,900 on a promissory note.

“In the early part of 1904 the Transportation Company borrowed from the Pajaro Valley Bank the sum of \$25,000, giving therefor a note with Messrs. Rogers, Kilburn, Eaton and Scurich (directors of the company) as surety. When the recent assessment of \$10 a share was paid in, the bank received therefrom enough to pay up the back interest and reduce the principle to the sum of \$19,900.

“When the recent mix-up in the affairs of the company occurred a demand was made upon the endorsers for the payment of the note.

“In view of the fact that Mr. Scurich had announced his intention of leaving for Austria in a short time, to be gone for several months, and that he had conveyed all his property to a corporation known as the ‘Manzanita Company,’ the bank determined to act in the matter—hence the suit.

“In an interview with Mr. Scurich...he declined to say anything in regard to the situation until he had consulted his attorney and added that at the proper time he would place his position in the matter before the public; furthermore, he would refer all doubters to the prominent men of this community as to whether or no he had ever tried to evade any of his just liabilities. He said that the notification from the bank about the note, a short time ago, had been a great surprise to him, as he had been told by

Mr. Kilburn that the note had been paid.

“Notices in the attachment proceedings have been served upon all the tenants of the ‘Manzanita Company,’ in which Mr. Scurich is largely interested; also upon the Hihn Company, who recently bought certain holdings on Fourth street from Mr. Scurich.

“It is likely that the present suit and attachment will precipitate a crisis in the affairs of the Transportation Company, and that the next few days will witness an avalanche of attachments upon the corporation. Outside of the bonded indebtedness the company owes, here and there, between 60 and 70 thousand dollars, and attachments have been threatened every now and then. Only a few weeks ago, at the earnest request of several prominent stockholders of the company, we ‘killed’ two or three columns of a report of the proceedings of one of the stockholder’s meetings, it being represented to us that the publication of the proceedings would surely precipitate an attachment by one of the creditors (if we remember aright, the Fulton Iron Works) the following Monday. It looks now as though the company would go into the hands of a receiver appointed by the Superior Court, and that its affairs would be wound up.

“If forced into bankruptcy proceedings there will be a debt (including the bonds) of something like \$250,000 to be met; \$150,000 of which comprised the bonds. The assets of the company, including the steamer, would not bring \$150,000—in fact that is a high estimate, as Manager Burnham, when he first took hold of the company, could not get a higher valuation placed upon the steamer than \$75,000 to \$80,000—so the stockholders will have to pungle up the difference, that is those stockholders who could be made to pay, for it is notorious that a large proportion of the stockholders in the company are ‘execution proof!’

“It is impossible to get a full and correct list of the liabilities of the corporation. Bills that were contracted at the inception of the enterprise are continually cropping up. It but recently developed that the bill of the Granite Rock Co.—some seven or eight hundred dollars—for work done on the powerhouse, foundations, etc., has not yet been paid. The Rock Co. was given a song-and-dance story that it would be paid when the corporation sold its bonds. The bonds were sold, W. J. Rogers got all that was coming to him, but the Granite Rock Co. is still whistling for its money. When Manager Burnham made his first trip to the city to take charge of the steamer, he was confronted up with a bill of a thousand dollars or so that was contracted shortly after the company was incorporated, and which was supposed to have been paid a year or so before. Accompanying the bill was a notification that unless the bill was settled forthwith the steamer would be attached. Manager Burnham had to do some tall hustling to square the matter, so the steamer could start on its voyage north.

“And yet, only a short time before, the deluded

stockholders in this neck o' the woods were continually being filled with hot-air stories of the great earnings of the steamer; how it was paying its own expenses, etc., when the truth in the matter was that the steamer lost \$169 on each trip to Port Rogers.

"Sheriff Trafton placed Charley Sanborn as keeper in the powerhouse on Third street and Stephen Hatch in charge of the company's office. Under-Sheriff Horton has been engaged nearly all day in making an inventory of the company's belongings.

"We are informed that, by an arrangement made with Sheriff Trafton, the electric cars will run tomorrow (Sunday) for the accommodation of the patrons of the baseball game."

EP; 12 Aug 1905; item: "F. P. Marinovich vs. P. Larkin—Jury discharged."

EP; 14 Aug 1905; item: "Julia Lund vs. A. E. Day and Wm. Pulisevich—Demurrer to answer of W. Pulisevich and demurrer to cross-complaint."

EP; 15 Aug 1905; item: "John Kalasich, who is awaiting trial on the charge of stealing \$25 from the cash drawer at the Tent City restaurant, was released on \$100 bail by Judge Craghill on Monday. He will appear for arraignment on a week from next Monday."

Paj; 17 Aug 1905; item: "The case of F. P. Marinovich vs. Patrick Larkin, both being residents of this valley, was tried before Judge Smith and a jury at Santa Cruz... The case grows out of a dispute over the rent of two horses by Larkin from Marinovich, and resulted in a disagreement of the jury..."

Paj; 17 Aug 1905; item: "Julia Lund vs. A. E. Day and Mm. [Wm.] Pulisevich—Demurrer to answer of W. Pulisevich and demurrer to cross-complaint."

Paj; 17 Aug 1905; item: "John Kalasich is in the city jail awaiting trial on the charge of stealing \$25 from the cash drawer at the Tent City restaurant, run by Carstulovich and Cosulich. Kalasich, who is a Slavonian, had been employed as a kitchen helper and on Friday morning M. Cosulich, one of the proprietors, surprised him in the act of taking the money into the kitchen."

Paj; 17 Aug 1905; item: "A birthday party to celebrate the seventh anniversary of Harold Mundhenk took place...at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mundhenk, 436 Main street. The following friends of the youthful host were invited guests: ...Prosper Lettunich, Louis [Lewis] Lettunich...[of 13 guests]"

Paj; 17 Aug 1905; article: "**Grand Jurors Are Subpoenaed**...Sheriff Howard Trafton came over from the

county seat...to subpoena the members of the Grand Jury from this section to appear, in conjunction with the rest of their fellow-members...in the Superior Court when Messrs. Rogers and Main are to be arraigned on charges of felony.

"It can only be conjectured, at present, what this move means. Possibly the validity of the present Grand Jury is to be questioned, in connection with the recent amendment of the code; probably the grand jurors are to be questioned as to their qualifications to sit as grand jurors—anyway they are to be questioned and every possible effort will be made by the defendants to quash the indictments. This move comes as a surprise to many, as Mr. Rogers was generally conceded to be a man who would fight from the word 'go'; and it was wagered that, scorning to take advantage of any petty quibbles and technicalities of the law, he would demand a speedy trial, and make good his published statement that he felt 'amply capable of taking care of all of it, [blame and responsibility] including my friends who are being misrepresented!'

"Probably Messrs. Rogers and Main are not so sure now of their ground, and are casting a few anchors to windward to be used in case it is necessary to appeal.

"The case of Marinovich vs. F. A. Kilburn to recover the sum of \$3000 will go to trial on next Monday, August 21st, and another phase of the Transportation Company's affairs will be opened up to the public view. This case, it will be remembered, deals with the purchase by Marinovich of \$3000 worth of stock in the company on an alleged written guarantee from Kilburn that in case the stock did not draw 3½ per cent interest, he (Kilburn) would personally pay Marinovich the 3½ per cent, and in case of any default of said payment of interest Kilburn would buy the stock from Marinovich. The case promises to be hotly contested, and an interesting trial may be looked for.

"It was rumored today that an effort was being made to get certain creditors to pool together and throw the Transportation Company into bankruptcy. It is held that such a proceeding would be more just and equitable to all concerned, and would put the burden where it belongs, upon all the stockholders.

"It is also held that on a legal showdown the bonds would be declared invalid. The resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds was passed by the company's directors on August 31, 1904; the first money paid in on the bonds was September 5, 1904; yet interest was charged and paid on these bonds, as set forth in the minutes of the corporation, from June 1, 1904, (three months before the bonds were issued) to December 1, 1904. The mooted question is: Was this legal?; how could interest be charged on bonds that were not issued? In fact a horse and cart could be driven through many of the acts of the Directors of the corporation they were so carelessly adopted and loosely carried out."

EP; 19 Aug 1905; item: “Some of the Watsonville people in Santa Cruz today were Stephen Scurich, T. Horgan, Attorney H. C. Wyckoff, Luke Scurich, Attorney D. F. Maher, F. A. Burnham, Wm. Pulisevich, F. P. Marinovich, P. J. Thompson and Geo. W. Sill.”

EP; 19 Aug 1905; item: “M. Lettunich Company vs. Mrs. M. Conrad—Stipulation.”

EP; 19 Aug 1905; disp. ad: “California Restaurant. Strazicich & Sersen, Proprietors. Meals at all Hours. Furnished Rooms in Connection. Newly Renovated Throughout. 257-259 Main Street.”

EP; 22 Aug 1905; article: “The case of F. P. Marinovich against F. A. Kilburn, to enforce the provisions of a contract signed by Mr. Kilburn on July 21, 1903, came up for trial in the Superior Court...”

“After the jury was empaneled, and Mr. Cassim made his opening statement he introduced and placed in evidence an agreement of which the following is a fac simile:

“WHEREAS, F. P. Marinovich is the owner of 50 shares of the capital stock of the Watsonville Transportation Company, for which he has paid the sum of \$3000 or \$60 per share, in full payment therefor. Now those present witnesseth: That in the event of the non-payment of an annual dividend of not less than three and one half per cent upon the purchase price of said stock, I hereby agree to pay to F. P. Marinovich, that some, viz: three and one half per cent upon his investment of \$3000, in said stock, myself. I further agree, that in case of any default in the payment of an annual dividend of not less than three and one half per cent upon each of the 50 shares of said stock owned by said F. P. Marinovich, to purchase the same, at any time he may request me to do so, after such default; and to pay therefor the sum of \$60 per share spot cash, upon the delivery to me of the certificate of stock, properly endorsed. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 21st day of July, A.D. 1903. —(signed) [F. A. Kilburn]

“Plaintiff Marinovich was then called to the stand and sworn. Briefly epitomized Mr. Marinovich’s testimony was to the effect that at the inception of the movement to organize the Watsonville Transportation Company L. V. Slavich, a prominent Austrian resident of San Jose, was brought down here to introduce W. J. Rogers to the Slavonians residing in this valley. A meeting was arranged to take place one evening in November, 1902, at the Chas. Ford Co.’s office. This meeting was attended by Marinovich and 15 other Austrians. Messrs. Rogers and Kilburn were present, and Rogers read a flowing prospectus of the proposed Transportation Company, and the great profits that would ensue from its organization. Both Rogers and Kilburn at this meeting made an explicit statement that no promotion stock would be issued—in fact guaranteed no promotion stock whatever would be put

out. At this meeting Marinovich subscribed for 25 shares and then, afterwards, carried away by the representations made to him by Mr. Horgan subscribed for 25 shares more, and made a payment thereon of \$750. A short time after making this payment he learned that some promotion stock would be given out. He was approached by Mr. Horgan for the balance of the money on his stock, and he flatly told Horgan that he would not pay another cent upon the stock; that he had been deceived inasmuch as Rogers and Kilburn had told him that there would be no promotion stock issued. Horgan represented to him that the stock would pay 25% dividends, to which Marinovich retorted that such a statement was unreasonable; that no company could pay such a dividend; that he would not expect such a return on his money, and would be satisfied if he could get 3½ per cent. Horgan, thereupon, told him that he could get a man who would guarantee him 3½ per cent, and on Marinovich inquiring who the man was Horgan mentioned Kilburn. Marinovich said Kilburn was all right, and the following day Horgan came to Marinovich and told him to go up to the Transportation Company’s headquarters at Sill’s office, and get the contract, which was ready for him. Marinovich went up to the office and found there Messrs. Main and Kilburn, Mr. Eaton coming in a short time after. The contract was handed to him and he read it very carefully, and Mr. Kilburn signed it in his presence. Marinovich then handed in his check for \$2250, the balance of the \$3000 on his stock. Mr. Kilburn then told Marinovich to go and inform Luke Scurich of the transaction, show Scurich his contract and tell Scurich to come up and get his contract, that there was a contract exactly like Marinovich’s awaiting him up at the Transportation Company’s office. Marinovich went and saw Scurich, showed him the contract Kilburn had signed, and informed him that Mr. Kilburn wanted him to come in, pay up, and take his contract. Scurich said he would not take such a contract, and Marinovich went back and told Kilburn what Scurich had said, whereupon Kilburn told Marinovich to go back and tell Luke Scurich that if he didn’t want to take a contract for God’s sake to say nothing about it to anyone; that if he did there would be war in Watsonville if it leaked out that some stockholders were guaranteed interest on their purchases. Before starting on his trip to Europe in 1904, Marinovich instructed Wm. Pulisevich to make out a bill on July 21, 1904, against Kilburn for \$105 interest, on the contract, and collect it. Pulisevich made out the bill, but when he presented it to Mr. Kilburn the latter stated that he did not think he should pay the whole amount inasmuch as the steamer Kilburn did not start running at the time the agreement was made, and that he would like to have the matter lay over until Marinovich’s return from Europe. Pulisevich assented to this, and when Marinovich returned he met Kilburn who advanced the same reasons he did to Pulisevich. Marinovich called his attention to

the terms of the contract which Kilburn admitted, but added that if full payment was insisted upon he would pay it, although he thought it was pretty hard upon him. Marinovich finally offered to split the amount and take \$52.50, and Kilburn gave him a check for the amount on the Chas. Ford Company, which Marinovich presented at the Ford Company's office and had cashed. On March 30, 1905, Marinovich went to Kilburn and demanded the return of his \$3000, tendering Kilburn, at the same time, the certificates of stock. Kilburn said that he would see Marinovich about it in a few days, and made several other promises of settlement, but never carried out his promises.

"Steve Scurich was sworn and testified that he had been a director in the Transportation Company at the time of the transfer of the 6000 shares of stock to W. J. Rogers, but that he had no knowledge of the transfer as it was not consummated at any meeting he had attended; that he never had anything to do with giving Rogers the stock. He acknowledged seconding Mr. Kilburn's motion that W. J. Rogers be paid \$21,500 in consideration of turning over to the corporation certain properties, rights of way, franchises and also for certain expenses incurred and paid by Rogers, viz: hotel bills, car fare to and from San Francisco, etc. There was a lot of Transportation stock given away; he knew it because he was told of it. Kilburn, Eaton and Horgan got stock; he also got stock himself, 50 shares, but it was not given to him as promotion stock, but was given to him on different grounds several months after Rogers was given stock. There was, according to the minute book of the corporation, 6000 shares of stock given to W. J. Rogers, but he never had any conversation with any of the directors about Rogers' stock; didn't know it was issued to Rogers until some time after the transfer of the stock was made to Rogers. When he learned about Rogers getting the 6000 shares he asked Directors Eaton and Kilburn about it, and they said they knew nothing about Rogers getting any stock.

"[During all the foregoing testimony of Marinovich and Scurich, and through the entire proceedings, Attorney Wyckoff interposed vigorous objections to the questions and answers, and took exceptions where he was overruled. At this point he interposed an objection on the ground of irrelevancy and Mr. Cassin argued the matter at length; objection overruled and witness resumed.]

"Scurich testified that he spoke to Mr. Eaton twice about Rogers getting the stock, and on the second time, he asked Mr. Eaton if he didn't know anything about it how could Rogers get the stock which he was giving away unless he (Eaton) as President of the company signed it. Eaton then told him that previous to a trip to Los Angeles he (Eaton) at Rogers' solicitation, signed, as President of the company, a lot of stock in blank, that is, signed the stock, and it was blank (the number of shares, and to whom issued) to be used as required. Kilburn told Scurich 'more than once' that he (Kilburn) had never

voted any stock to Rogers. Scurich said he knew Marshall Franks, of San Francisco, and many persons in Watsonville and vicinity got stock.

"[At this point Judge Smith asked the witness what directors, to his knowledge, had gotten a promotion stock, and Scurich answered 'Kilburn and Eaton.']

"On cross-examination Scurich stated that he was told by Mr. John Clements, bookkeeper for the company, that 6000 shares of the stock was issued, but that he (Scurich) was not present at any meeting at which such stock was voted to Rogers.

"On re-direct examination Scurich told Mr. Cassin that he was present at the meeting when Rogers was voted the \$21,500 in cash, but no stock was voted to Rogers at that meeting, nor was it mentioned.

"F. A. Burnham was sworn and asked to go over the stock book and point out the stock issued to Rogers. He did so, but could not satisfactorily explain who the stock was given to by Rogers after he obtained it. Mr. Burnham explained that all these transactions occurred long before he took hold of the company as General Manager and Secretary, and he was not familiar with what had been done.

"It developed at this point that several necessary books of the corporation were not in court, notably the minute book, and Mr. Cassin, through the court, instructed Mr. Burnham to have them in court today; a subpoena was also ordered issued for John Clements.

"H. S. Fletcher, who experted the books of the corporation for the stockholders and the directors, was sworn, and his testimony immediately made clear many doubtful points. He read from his report the disposition made of the 6000 shares given to Rogers. He showed that L. D. McLean got 10 shares; Geo. W. Sill, 10 shares; Mary Horgan, 10 shares; R. W. Eaton, 235; H. H. Main, 50; L. Slavich, 10; J. J. Morey, 10; R. P. Quinn, 5; Lucia Scurich, 50; J. S. Lopes and M. S. Lopes, 4 shares each; F. A. Kilburn, 126; and F. A. Russell, 126 shares, and there were also two certificates of 2505 shares each, one of which was endorsed 'Transfer to F. A. Kilburn,' but a line was drawn through the same; the other block of 2505 shares was returned and canceled July 5, 1904, and afterwards reissued to H. H. Main. Mr. Fletcher testified that there was nothing whatever entered on the books of the company to show that Rogers had paid anything for this block of 6000 shares, which, at the selling price of the stock (\$60 per share) was worth \$360,000; that its par value was \$100 per share; that an attempt was made, before the minute book was erased, to show thereon a quid pro quo for the stock bestowed on Rogers. Rogers paid nothing for the 6000 shares—there was nothing on the books to show that he did.

"On cross-examination Mr. Fletcher testified it was a fact that Mr. Rogers had returned to the company 4510 shares of the 6000 but it was returned conditionally, that is, he was to get a lump sum and payment for it.

“The proceedings throughout the trial were marked by the utmost urbanity, and the only episode that rippled the calm current of events occurred just as Mr. Fletcher finished his testimony.

“He was about to step down from the witness stand, after being cross-examined by Mr. Wyckoff, when Mr. Wyckoff said: ‘One moment, Mr. Fletcher; one question more. Is it not a fact that unfriendly feelings exist between yourself and Mr. Kilburn?’ to which, quick as a flash, Mr. Fletcher retorted: ‘Yes, sir, it is a fact, and I am proud to admit it.’

“The stillness which ensued throughout the courtroom for a few seconds thereafter was finally broken by Judge Smith remarking: ‘Gentlemen, the case is adjourned until 10 o’clock tomorrow morning.’...

“**Today’s Proceedings.** On court convening...plaintiff took up the minute book of the corporation and H. H. Main was called for. No response being made, a subpoena was issued for him. Whilst waiting for Mr. Main, Mr. Cassin offered in evidence a number of the books of the company. Mr. Burnham identified the various books put in evidence. Mr. Wyckoff objected to books being placed in evidence. Objections overruled. Mr. Cassin explained that the books were offered in connection with Mr. Fletcher’s evidence yesterday.

“H. H. Main, ex-Secretary of the Watsonville Transportation Company, was sworn and testified that he came over from San Jose to testify in this case at the request of Mr. Wyckoff. As secretary of the corporation on August 19, 1903, he wrote the minutes on pages 30, 31, 32, of the minute book. Mr. Cassin called Main’s attention to the erasures on these pages. (Wyckoff objected to question—overruled). ‘The erasures were made by me with an acid that can be procured at any stationery store. The erasures were made before the minutes were approved. The writing that I erased did not state clearly what occurred at the meeting of August 19, 1903.

“‘The figures erased were figures I did not put down right. Values of properties, etc., had been placed on cards. I copied from one of the cards, but when I got the figures down in minute book I found they wouldn’t foot OK without putting arbitrary values, so I erased figures as I found I put down arbitrary values.’

“Main denied having erased a whole page in book with acid and though examined at length by Cassin could not satisfactorily explain why he made the erasures.

“He stated that the legal advisers of the company were Jackson Hatch and Wyckoff & Gardner. Plaintiff rested. Defendant moves and argues for non-suit which is denied.

“Kilburn testified that he never saw or heard of Certificate No. 310—2505 shares endorsed to him by Rogers, until a short time ago; he had never had it in his possession; that he met Rogers often but never asked him about it, why it was endorsed to him; that he never bothered about the company; Eaton was president and he

depended upon him; also had confidence in Main and Rogers.

“Horgan testified same as Marinovich about stock; told Main that he would get Kilburn to guarantee per cent; never spoke to Kilburn about matter but spoke to Marinovich about it; never saw above agreement until today. Defendant rested. Plaintiff offers to submit case without argument. Matter continued to 2 p.m.”

EP; 23 Aug 1905; item in large text font: “**THE TRANSPORTATION CO. INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS. Another Move Looking to the Legal Readjustment of the Affairs of the Watsonville Transportation Company.** [Special to the ‘Pajaronian.’] Santa Cruz, Aug. 23...Upon the convening of the Superior Court this morning, Walter D. Mansfield, of the law firm of Frank & Mansfield, San Francisco, presented a petition to the court, signed by a number of creditors, asking that the Watsonville Transportation Company be declared an insolvent corporation. The petition was ordered filed and the court made an order directing that next Wednesday afternoon, August 30th...be set as the time for hearing why the said corporation should not be declared insolvent.

“The petition presented embraces claims amounting in aggregate to about \$800, and the names of the creditors signing the petition are the John Finn Metal Works, and Howard C. Holmes of San Francisco; C. R. White, J. H. Jepsen, J. B. Holohan, and F. W. Johnson, of Watsonville.

“It is understood that this new move in the affairs of the Transportation Company meets with the approval of the bondholders, and is based upon the fact that the corporation has confessed its insolvency by allowing itself to be attached by the Pajaro Valley Bank for three days without raising the attachment.

“If the corporation is declared to be insolvent at the hearing in the Superior Court, next Wednesday, the next proceeding will be to have a receiver or assignee appointed, in which case steps will be immediately taken to find out where the immense sums of money used in the construction of the road have gone.”

EP; 24 Aug 1905; item: “Mateo Lettunich Co. vs. Mrs. M. Conrad—Decision for judgment.”

Paj; 24 Aug 1905; item: “The Santa Cruz Sentinel states that Paul Guttunich, who kept a cigar store in that city, where Wilbur’s candy store now stands more than 18 years ago, is back in town greeting old friends. Mr. Guttunich has been for the last 16 years in Dalmatia, Austria, his native country, and comes back to settle in Watsonville. He is visiting his friend Frank Jalich of the Saddle Rock restaurant, with whom he played as a boy in the town of Dol, Dalmatia.” [*on the island of Brač*]

Paj; 24 Aug 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company

will ship a carload of early apples East this evening.”

Paj; 24 Aug 1905; ALL: John Franich, John Shivich.

Paj; 24 Aug 1905; item: “Marinovich vs. Kilburn—Verdict for plaintiff in \$3000 and costs, and stay of execution for ten days.”

Paj; 24 Aug 1905; item: “Marinovich vs. Kilburn—Instructions and verdict of jury for plaintiff in \$3000 and costs.”

Paj; 24 Aug 1905; item: “Marinovich vs. Kilburn—Order for special venire of 20 jurors returnable August 21st.”

Paj; 24 Aug 1905; item: “...When court re-convened... the case of Marinovich vs. Kilburn was submitted without argument, Judge Smith charged the jury and it retired. After being out 13 minutes the jury returned to the court room and rendered a unanimous verdict in favor of Plaintiff Marinovich for \$3,000 and costs.”

EP; 26 Aug 1905; item: “F. P. Marinovich vs. F. A. Kilburn—Subpoena.”

EP; 26 Aug 1905; item: “Estate of Peter Mazan, deceased—Affidavit of publication.”

Paj; 31 Aug 1905; item: “F. P. Marinovich vs. F. A. Kilburn—Cost bill of \$106.35 filed.”

Paj; 31 Aug 1905; item: “...In the case of Julia Lund against Asa E. Day and William Pulisevich the court made an order overruling the defendants’ demurrer to plaintiff’s amended complaint; and allowing the defendants 10 days to answer. Mrs. Lund’s demurrer to the answer and cross-complaint of defendant Pulisevich was likewise overruled and 10 days granted her to answer the cross complaint.”

Paj; 31 Aug 1905; obit: “(From Monday’s daily.) The funeral of Paul Grizich took place from Burland Bros. & Burket’s undertaking parlors...this afternoon. The remains came by train from Fresno where the deceased passed away last Thursday. The dead man was a cousin of M. Grizich of this city. He had been employed at Fresno and started to leave that place to come here for work in his cousin’s packing house. A week ago last Saturday he went to the Fresno depot and shipped his blankets to Watsonville. Then he went to a saloon near the railroad yard and after remaining a few minutes looked at his watch, remarking as he did so that he had just 20 minutes more to live. Before that time had expired he drew a knife and slashed his throat in an attempt to suicide. Failing in his object he was taken to the hospital, where later, as an effect of his attempt, he

contracted pneumonia and died... Deceased was a native of Austria and aged 44 years.”

Paj; 31 Aug 1905; obit: “Fresno, Aug. 24, 1905, Paul Grizich, a native of Austria, aged 44 years.”

EP; 5 Sep 1905; item: “Constable J. H. Corr took Antone Evonich and Frank Reynolds to the county jail yesterday to serve 30 and 20 days respectively.”

EP; 6 Sep 1905; board of aldermen, payments: “...S. Strazicich, assigned claim: \$22.50...Geo. Strazicich, assigned claim: \$10...J. Allegretti, labor: \$2...F. Servia, labor: \$2...”

EP; 7 Sep 1905; item: “Marinovich vs. Larkin—Request for dismissal.”

EP; 7 Sep 1905; article: “Luke Scurich, of the well known packing firm of Scurich Bros., reports that during the 18 years he has been in the fruit business in Pajaro valley he has never before seen such a remarkable freedom of worms and blemish on Pajaro apples. His firm has shipped out six carloads of Bellefleurs to date for the season and Mr. Scurich says that the showing of culls, which include any apple that shows the slightest defect, will not amount to more than two per cent...Mr. Scurich also states that during the entire season he has seen neither a worm nor a cocoon in any of the apple boxes brought into the packing houses. This is perhaps the first time in the history of the valley that such an excellent showing has been made.

“The yield of apples is by far the heaviest in the history of the valley and prices are holding up well. In fact, it is impossible for some of the packers to fill their orders as fast as they come in. It is stated that some packers have already contracted for the sale of all the fruit they have...

“Should the present prices of apples prevail throughout the season an enormous sum of money will find its way into the channels of trade in this community. Conditions never seemed more favorable for both grower and packer than they do today.

“In order to let the apples properly mature in turn packers will make two or three different pickings of Bellefleurs, which are very thick on the trees.”

Paj; 7 Sep 1905; item: “Antone Evonovich, who was arrested...Saturday and found to have in his possession 23 bars of soap, which he claimed to have purchased at an auction sale, was arraigned...yesterday, pleaded guilty to the charge placed against him and was given 30 days in the county jail.”

Paj; 7 Sep 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company shipped 4 carloads of apples East this week—three from their packing house in this city and one from the Del

Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas. The shipments consisted of assorted varieties.”

Paj; 7 Sep 1905; class. ad: “FOR SALE—Three to four-thousand-gallon water tanks at very reasonable prices. Inquire of Luke Scurich.”

Paj; 7 Sep 1905; item: “Mrs. Rose Balanac and children left today on a visit to her sisters, Mrs. Bettencourt of Castroville and Mrs. J. J. Dios of Salinas.”

EP; 8 Sep 1905; county board of supervisors, payments: “...Scurich, S., witness fees: \$3.60...”

EP; 9 Sep 1905; article: “ORDER OF ADJUDICATION, ETC. [the Watsonville Transportation Company was declared bankrupt on 1 Sept. 1905 by the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County]”

EP; 12 Sep 1905; honor roll: 8th year: Mamie Smith; 2nd year: Katie Knego, Florence Zar.

EP; 14 Sep 1905; item: “Yesterday Manager Burnham of the Watsonville Transportation Company filed a schedule of the debts of the insolvent corporation, showing a total indebtedness of \$215,118.35, which includes \$149,000 of bonds...The company has prepared a statement which shows the assets to be in the neighborhood of \$44,000 in excess of the liabilities. Receiver Linderman is operating the road and is endeavoring to put it on a paying basis. The trial of Rogers and Main is awaiting a decision from Judge Smith as to the legality of the Grand Jury which found the indictments against these officials.”

Paj; 14 Sep 1905; article: “FRUIT LABEL LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL. The Supreme Court of California handed down a decision yesterday which completely knocks out the fruit label law passed by the Legislature on March 23, 1901, and amended on March 20, 1903, being ‘An Act to provide for the marking, branding, or labeling of boxes, barrels, or packages containing fruits, fresh or dried, and fixing a penalty for the violation thereof, and for the appointment of inspectors under its provisions.’

“The case was that of Charles E. Hayden, representative of Seropian Bros. of San Francisco, who was arrested in this city on December 2, 1903 upon complaint of A. N. Judd, who was appointed by Gov. Pardee as an inspector for this district.

“Hayden was tried in Justice Hawkins’ court in this city at that time, convicted, and fined \$300, which he refused to pay, appealing through his attorneys...to the Superior Court, which sustained a lower court. From the Superior Court [the case was] appealed to the Supreme Court, which rendered its opinion yesterday.

“The higher tribunal decided the case in question upon

the point that Hayden’s attorneys raised and argued at length before Justice Hawkins. It was contended...that the fruit label law was in direct violation of the Constitution of the United States and cited, in support of their point, Section 1 of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution...and the Supreme Court took the same view of the matter...”

Paj; 14 Sep 1905; item: “Marinovich vs. Larkin—Order of dismissal.”

Paj; 14 Sep 1905; item: “A birthday party was given little Miss Helen Kennedy...at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Kennedy, at 29 First street...Those present were: ...Lucy Lettunich...[out of 18]”

Paj; 14 Sep 1905; item: “Aromas is fast forging to the front as an apple growing section. It is estimated that from 175 to 200 carloads of apples will be shipped from that point this season. M. N. Lettunich & Company, F. P. Marinovich and A. Block of Santa Clara are the firms shipping fruit from Aromas.”

Paj; 14 Sep 1905; item: “The Earl Fruit Company, the Loma Fruit Company, M. N. Lettunich & Company and I. H. Tuttle & Company have jointly employed a night-watchman...The chief duty of the watchman will be to look out for fire and keep his eye upon any suspicious looking characters that are wont to infest the packing house section at night...”

Paj; 14 Sep 1905; list: “List of stockholders, number of certificates and shares, and amount paid in. We present below the list of stockholders in the Watsonville Transportation Company: ...Lettunich Co. M. N.: 248, 25, \$1500...Lettunich, P. N. & Co: 108, 5, \$75...Lucich, J.: 252, 1, \$60...Marinovich, F. P.: 133, 50, \$3000...Scurich, Luke: 132, 40, \$600...Scurich, Antone: 162, 4, \$120...Scurich, Stephen: 127, 50, \$3000...Scatena, L. & Co.: 190, 20, \$1200 [Slav?]....Secondo, Martin: 426, 2, \$120...Stojanovich, N.: 165, 6, \$90...Stolich, Peter: 203, 5, \$75...Strazicich Bros: 343, 4, \$240...”

Paj; 14 Sep 1905; item: “Release of attachment—Pajaro Valley Bank, by sheriff, to Stephen Scurich, of lots 1 and 2, Judd’s addition, Watsonville.”

Paj; 14 Sep 1905; item: “Watsonville Transportation Company, in insolvency—Company declared an insolvent debtor...granted leave to file complaint to foreclose mortgage against property and for appointment of receiver...”

Paj; 14 Sep 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company shipped 20 carloads of apples to market this week, about 6 of them going from Del Monte Fruit Farms at Aromas.”

Paj; 14 Sep 1905; item: "M. N. Lettunich reports that the 30-acre vineyard on M. N. Lettunich & Company's Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas gives promise of a heavy crop of fine grapes this year."

EP; 16 Sep 1905; item: "The M. N. Lettunich Company employs, in this city and at Aromas, nearly 200 hands at the present time."

EP; 19 Sep 1905; item: "M. N. Cosulich, who managed the Tent City restaurant during the season, leaves this week for San Francisco, where he will resume his old position with the Germania Life Insurance Co."

EP; 21 Sep 1905; article: "DISCUSSED FRUIT BOX LABELING. In response to a call for a mass meeting to discuss the best method of advertising our fruit, about 50 orchardists and businessmen assembled at the Board of Trade rooms...and participated in the deliberations.

"President C. H. Rodgers of the Pajaro Valley Orchardists' Association presided over the meeting. In stating its object he said in part: '...we have met today to discuss the best means of advertising our fruits. This industry is paramount, and every man is directly interested. Owing to inadequate methods of advertising comparatively little is known of Pajaro valley apples. As evidence of this fact I cite the case of Prof. Lloyd S. Tenny, the well-known pathologist and pomologist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He is one of the best posted men in this country on fruits and fruit districts, yet it was merely by chance that he heard of this valley a few weeks ago. Since his arrival here he has expressed himself as amazed at the magnitude of the fruit industry. If such well-informed men as Prof. Tenny don't know anything about our fruits it is high time we took steps to see that they are properly advertised. We must establish a name for our apples. The apple boxes should be branded with the name of Watsonville or Pajaro valley in large letters. The small letters required by the now defunct label law were entirely too small and could be scratched off with one stroke of a small hand scraper. Our Supreme Court has seen fit to declare the fruit label law unconstitutional, so we cannot get at packers in a legal way. The only thing left is to arouse public sentiment on the subject, so that every packer who refuses to label his boxes will be condemned. Competition is becoming keener every year; millions of fruit trees are being planted in the Central West and Northwest and we must establish a name for our product. The habit of shipping our apples to market branded Salt Lake or San Diego gives those sections credit for our fruit and intending buyers write to those places instead of to this locality where the fruit was grown. This is a subject that every man who lives here should be interested in. It means more money for everybody if our fruits are properly advertised. I believe in making an exhibit of our fruit products at fairs and other

places where people congregate. We cannot do too much legitimate advertising.'

"President Rodgers said that he would like to get the views of those present on the subject under discussion.

"John P. Cooper of Green Valley thought it would be a good plan to appoint a committee to see all packers and get their common consent to label the boxes. He believed that if the packers could be shown the advantage to their own interests of labeling boxes with the name of the district where the fruit was grown there would be no trouble in obtaining their consent. Mr. Cooper said there would be no value in thus labeling boxes unless first-class fruit was packed. The advertisement on inferior fruit would do the valley more harm than good. The label should be put on high-grade stock only if it is to prove of any value to this community. A good pack should be one of the main things to be insisted upon.

"C. O. Silliman said that the orchardist himself was to blame for the careless manner in which fruit grown in this valley had been marketed. For years here it was the custom for the grower to sell his fruit on the trees for a lump sum and little, if any, attention was paid to how it was marketed. As a result the better brands stood the test and brought money to the honest, conscientious packer, while the indifferent packer lost heavily and was forced to stop buying orchards on the above plan. The growers...would not spray their trees and keep down the worms, and as a result both they and the man that bought the fruit lost money. In the first place the packers who bought orchards on this plan lost money, and in the second place the orchardist could no longer sell his fruit in lump lot. The result has been beneficial to the valley, because it has placed growers in a position where they must take care of their orchards if they expect remunerative prices. It is up to the orchardist to see that the packer gets no wormy fruit. There must be a crusade against inferior fruit. When the packer markets on his own hook he will send out a first-class pack, for upon that depends his financial returns. If fruit boxes are labeled with the name of the district where the product is grown they bring back inquiries concerning the same. Let the growers get together and take definite action.

"A. N. Judd said that the story was a long one and went much further than the packer. He contended that what we want is a patriotic buyer, one that will demand that each box of fruit is conspicuously labeled with the name of the district that produced the fruit. The packer in many instances simply carries out the wishes of the buyer with regard to labeling the boxes, and many of the buyers insist that they not be labeled. Mr. Judd stated that he and Mr. Rodgers went through all the markets and stores in a certain large city of this State in an effort to find a box of apples with the name Watsonville or Pajaro valley on it. They knew that such fruit boxes had been sent there, but their search revealed the fact that in every instance the insignificant one-quarter inch letter had been scraped off

the box. The fact of the matter is that the purchaser had a good thing in disposing of this fruit and he did not want other people to know where they could get it, hence the erasure of the name of this locality. He believed in having the name of the locality burned into the box in large letters so that they could not be destroyed without tearing the box to pieces. Mr. Judd thought the orchardists should stand together and send out at least 20 canvassers next year to the various markets to advance the interests of this community as a fruit section. The expense, if borne mutually by all orchardists, would not amount to more than one cent a box...Don't kick the packer; don't kick anybody. Take hold of the business yourself and handle it.

“Joseph Albright thought that the orchardists...should refuse to sell their fruit to packers who would not brand the boxes with the name of this locality.

“John P. Cooper suggested that it would be a good plan to wrap each apple in paper bearing the name of the locality in which the fruit was grown. In this manner the buyer would be unable to get rid of the name of the locality without repacking the product.

“A. W. Tate, of the firm of Tate Bros., said that he had planned to send out his apples in such a manner. He would have each apple wrapped in a neatly printed wrapper containing the name of this locality.

“F. L. MacDonald thought that it would be an excellent plan for the Board of Trade to adopt a suitable label, to be attached to each box of apples sent out, guaranteeing a first-class pack. He did not believe that packers would object to placing such a label on the box in connection with their own advertisement. It would be to the advantage of the grower, the packer, and the community at large.

“J. P. Cooper agreed with Mr. MacDonald and suggested that an inspector be stationed at the packing houses to see that first-class fruit was put up for shipment.

“A. N. Judd also thought the plan a good one, but said that the inspector should be paid something for his shoe leather. Public sentiment should be back of the movement and it would then amount to something. Fruit growers, were disinclined to part with their money for their own best interests, thus they lose heavily in the long run. Big packers spent thousands of dollars to defeat the fruit label law, while growers sat idly by and did not spend one dollar to have some competent person represent them in the courts. When growers once wake up and stand together laws framed in their interest will then be construed differently by the courts. Now is the time, said Mr. Judd, for the people to get together and force the labeling of fruit boxes...”

Paj; 21 Sep 1905; item: “Mrs. Rose Balanac and children returned home...after 2 weeks' visit to relatives and friends in Salinas and Castroville. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. J. J. Dios, of Salinas, who will

spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Rosa of this city.”

Paj; 21 Sep 1905; item: “At her home in Third street... Mrs. D. F. Leddy gave an old-fashioned molasses candy pull to the little girl friends of Misses Hazel and Irene Leddy...the following little ladies were entertained: Anna Farlin...”

Paj; 21 Sep 1905; item: “The M. N. Lettunich Company employs, in this city and at Aromas, nearly 200 hands at the present time.”

Paj; 28 Sep 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company shipped from Watsonville and Aromas this week 20 carloads of apples.”

Paj; 28 Sep 1905; born: “In Watsonville, Sept. 20, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. John Viskup [Biskup], a son.” [*Peter*; +1982]

EP; 29 Sep 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company are shipping to the east two or three carloads of as fine Jonathan apples as ever left this coast. The apples are of a beautiful rich red color, good size and free from blemish of any description. They would not suffer comparison with the far-famed Eastern Jonathans and should find ready sale when they reach their destination. The Jonathan apple is grown in very limited quantities in this valley.”

EP; 30 Sep 1905; item: “Charles L. Todd to William and George Pulisevich—Lot 19, block 12, Assessor's map, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 4 Oct 1905; item: “Estate of Peter Mazan, deceased—Return of sale of real estate; petition for appointment of guardian.”

EP; 5 Oct 1905; article: “**Can Endorsers Be Made to Pay When Demand Was Not Made Within the Time.** A novel point has been raised by the Messrs. Younger, attorneys for Stephen Scurich, in the suit brought by the Pajaro Valley Bank against the Watsonville Transportation Company, and Messrs. Stephen Scurich, W. J. Rodgers, F. A. Kilburn and R. W. Eaton, to recover on a \$25,000 note given by the Transportation Company, on Oct. 22, 1903, and endorsed by the above named persons who were directors in the company at the time the note was made. Suit was brought to recover the balance of the note (\$19,900) and an attachment was levied upon the Transportation Company and the property of the Manzanita Company, a corporation in which Mr. Scurich is largely interested.

“According to the original complaint, filed by the Bank on the 10th of last August, on Oct. 22, 1903, in

Santa Cruz, the Watsonville Transportation Company, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by its directors and entered upon its minutes issued the following promissory note:

“\$25,000.00.

“Watsonville, Cal., Oct. 22, 1903. One day after date, for value received, The Watsonville Transportation Co. promises to pay to Pajaro Valley Bank, or order, the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, United States Gold Coin, with interest thereon at the rate of 5½ per cent annum from date until paid. Interest payable monthly, and if not so paid to be added to the principal, to become a part thereof, and bear the same rate of interest, therewith.

“WATSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION CO.

(corporate seal).

By R. W. Eaton, Pres.

By H. H. Main, Secty.

Endorsed on the back: Stephen Scurich,
W. J. Rodgers, F. A. Kilburn, R. W. Eaton.’

“And that said note was delivered to the Pajaro Valley Bank, and that said endorsers endorsed said note before its delivery to the Bank...

“The complaint recites that...the said endorsers were notified that said note had not been paid; that payment was demanded from the Transportation Co., and that the plaintiff looked to said endorsers for the payment of said note.

“The foregoing is the gist of the original complaint. Attorneys Younger, on behalf of defendant Scurich, filed a demurrer alleging that the complaint did not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action, and when the demurrer was called up for argument advanced the claim that inasmuch as the note was made one day after date, and no demand was made upon the corporation defendant within that time, and no waiver of protest had been signed by the endorsers, necessarily no cause of action would lie against the endorsers of the note, and the Bank would have to look to the Transportation Company for its money. The demurrer was argued at length and the point taken under consideration by Judge Smith.

“Now comes the plaintiff Bank with an amended complaint which it filed yesterday week (Sept. 21st). The amended complaint is substantially the same as the original complaint, with the following exceptions:

“That on Oct. 22, 1903, and after the execution of said note by the Transportation Company, and before its delivery to the bank it was endorsed by Messrs. Scurich, Rodgers and Kilburn, but was not endorsed by Mr. Eaton until Oct. 26, 1903, and after it had been delivered to the bank.

“That when the bank loaned the money to the Transportation Company, it did so upon the express consideration that the defendants Scurich, Rodgers, Kilburn and Eaton endorsed the note, and it would not have loaned the money to the Transportation Co. had those parties not endorsed the note; that each of the endorsers well knew,

when they endorsed the note that it was to run for more than one day, that it was to run for some time; and that it was in fact to be payable on demand and that the loan was to be in fact a time loan.

“That at various times after the said promissory note became due and before the commencement of this action, the said defendants, Stephen Scurich, W. J. Rogers, F. A. Kilburn and R. W. Eaton, each and all of them well knowing that no presentment of said promissory note had been made to the maker thereof and demand of payment made, on the day said note became due, and each and all of them well knowing that no notice of presentment and demand of nonpayment had been given to them on the day after said note became due, acknowledged their liability to the plaintiff as endorsers on said promissory note and promised said plaintiff to pay the same.’

“And so the case stands at present. Scurich’s attorneys will file another demurrer next week and allege their former contention that their client is relieved of all responsibility, as the demand for payment was not made within the time specified on the note.”

Paj; 5 Oct 1905; item: “Julie Lund vs. Day & Pulisevich—Answer to cross-complaint.”

Paj; 5 Oct 1905; item: “The Daily Reno Journal of Sept. 24, contained the following item: Peter Stieповitch arrived in Reno...with his brother, George Stieповitch, who is insane. The unfortunate young man, who is only 23 years of age, has been committed from Virginia City to the Nevada Hospital for Mental Diseases. Two months ago Stieповitch went to Virginia City from Watsonville, Cal., to visit his brother. About two weeks ago he was taken ill from malarial fever and from this ailment his present condition developed. He is weak and harmless and asylum officials do not believe he can recover.”

Paj; 5 Oct 1905; article: “Yesterday was a delightfully pleasant day for the excursion trip of the Patriarchs Militant to San Diego, and early in the morning the members of Canton Watsonville No. 32 and their wives and lady friends bestirred themselves in preparation for the trip... The packers of this city readily donated all the apples needed and would have furnished many more boxes if the Canton could have handled them. Among the packers who donated apples were: P. W. Morse Company, one box; Simpson & Hack Fruit Co., one; F. P. Marinovich, one; Stolich Bros., one; William Pulisevich, one; Luke Scurich, one; Kukuliza & Co., one; Resetar & Franich, one; Rilovich Bros., one; San Monte Fruit Company, three; Earl Fruit Company, one; J. P. Miovich & Co., one; I. H. Tuttle & Company, one; Loma Fruit Company, one; Pekoch & Company, one; Radovan & Balovich, one; M. Grizich, one...”

Paj; 5 Oct 1905; item: “Pajaro Valley Bank vs. Watson-

ville Transportation Co. et al—Notice of motions; demurrers of defendants R. W. Eaton, F. A. Kilburn, Stephen Scurich and Watsonville Transportation Company.”

Paj; 5 Oct 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company... have received word that a carload of King of Tompkins apples shipped by them from this valley had been sold in Europe at 9s 9d per box, a remarkably fine price considering that that variety of apple is not considered anything extra. If the King of Tompkins apple can be marked in Europe at such satisfactory figures our Newtowns should certainly bring splendid prices.”

Paj; 5 Oct 1905; item: “Mrs. J. Nemanich, mother of Mrs. Stephen Scurich, has received a letter from New Orleans informing her of the death from yellow fever of her brother, Jack Grusich, who was here last year on a visit. Mr. Grusich died after an illness of only 4 days.”

EP; 7 Oct 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company are shipping a carload of apples daily from Aromas and will continue to do so for some time to come. The company will begin harvesting its grape crop on Del Monte Fruit Farm about October 20th.”

EP; 7 Oct 1905; item: “The case of...Copriviza vs. Rilovich [is] on the calendar of the District Court of Appeals in San Francisco for argument on October 31st.”

EP; 7 Oct 1905; article: “MOTION TO STRIKE OUT ENTIRE COMPLAINT. Attorney Charles B. Younger, Jr., representing defendant Stephen Scurich in the suit of the Pajaro Valley Bank vs. the Watsonville Transportation Company, W. J. Rogers, F. A. Kilburn, R. W. Eaton and Stephen Scurich, to recover a promissory note given by the Transportation Company and endorsed by the above named parties, filed a motion last Monday to strike out portions of the amended complaint of the plaintiff. The motion is scheduled to be argued next Friday, October 13th, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard.

“The motion made is to [strike out various paragraphs of complaint; such paragraphs listed but omitted here]”

EP; 9 Oct 1905; ALL: Nick Koporich; Foreign: Josip Mardesic.



EP; 10 Oct 1905; born: “Chinese Camp, Toulumne county, Oct. 3, 1905, to the wife of Luke Arbanas, a son.” [Thomas; +1993]

Fig. 2-36. Thomas Arbanas.

EP; 11 Oct 1905; item: “**Only Four of Them.** The atten-

tion of intending purchasers of residence property in this city is called to the ad of Sixth street subdivision of the Gospodnetich property. No greater bargain in residence property has ever been offered in Watsonville. These \$575 lots will be worth \$700 within a year, and more as soon as the subdivision of Cassin’s park is made.”

EP; 12 Oct 1905; item: “In the Superior Court yesterday, the motion of Stephen Scurich to release the attachment on the property of the Watsonville Transportation Company was denied.”

EP; 14 Oct 1905; item: “Pajaro Valley Bank vs. Watsonville Transportation Co.—Motion of defendant Steve Scurich to strike out portion of amended complaint argued, submitted and taken under advisement.”

EP; 16 Oct 1905; ALL: Louis Jugum [Slav?], Geo. Lapotalo [prob. Laptalo].

EP; 17 Oct 1905; item: “Estate of Peter Mazan, deceased—Order granted confirming sale of real estate.”

EP; 17 Oct 1905; item: “In a show window of the Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company’s store is to be seen one of the finest displays of Pajaro valley apples ever exhibited in this city. The exhibit consists of nine boxes of as handsome apples as one would care to see. The apples were packed at Radovan & Balovich’s packing house by John Jacoby, an expert packer in the employ of W. R. Keller...”

EP; 20 Oct 1905; item: “Stephen Scurich has moved his office to a room upstairs in the Mateo Lettunich block on Main street, for the purpose of being more conveniently located.”

EP; 21 Oct 1905; item: “Grape picking is in progress in the 35 acre vineyard of M. N. Lettunich & Company on the Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas. The crop is large and the quality of the grapes first-class. The apple crop on the Del Monte Fruit Farm this year is the finest ever harvested there.”

EP; 21 Oct 1905; item: “F. P. Marinovich vs. F. A. Kilburn—Notice of appeal.”

EP; 21 Oct 1905; item: “Mark N. Cosulich, special agent for the Germania Life Insurance Company, is down from San Francisco on a business visit.”

EP; 21 Oct 1905; item: “The case of F. P. Marinovich vs. F. A. Kilburn to collect \$3000 paid for stock in the Watsonville Transportation Company, which was recently decided in the Superior Court of this County in favor of Mr. Marinovich, will be appealed by Mr. Kilburn to the Supreme Court.”

EP; 23 Oct 1905; ALL: V. Svilich.

EP; 25 Oct 1905; obit: "Mrs. Domina Zaro, formerly of this city, and a sister of Mrs. Frank Zamlich, died on Sunday in San Francisco. She was a native of Austria, aged 53 years, and leaves a husband, Marco Zaro, two daughters, Mrs. C. Micich, and Hortense, and three sons, Peter, George and Hortensia. For many years the deceased resided in Santa Cruz where her husband was proprietor of a leading restaurant."

EP; 25 Oct 1905; item: "Geo. W. Sill is having packed, at the banking house of Radovan & Balovich, some extra fancy apples, which will be placed on exhibition at the San Francisco office of the Pajaro Valley Improvement Company. The pack is first-class and the stock as fine as any that ever left the valley...This collection of choice fruit will prove a splendid advertisement for the Pajaro valley."

EP; 25 Oct 1905; obit: "In San Francisco, Oct. 22, 1905, Domina Zaro, wife of Marco Zaro, and mother of Mrs. Charles Micich and Peter, George and Hortense Zaro, and sister of Mrs. Frank Zamlich of Santa Cruz, a native of Austria, aged 53 years, 4 months and 11 days."

EP; 26 Oct 1905; item: "F. P. Marinovich vs. F. A. Kilburn—Undertaking on appeal."

EP; 27 Oct 1905; born: "In Watsonville, Oct. 27, 1905, to the wife of Andrew Strazicich, a daughter."
[Irene; +2004]



Fig. 2-37. Irene Strazicich.

EP; 3 Nov 1905; item: "WILL TEST THE ORDINANCE. On complaint of Assistant Street Superintendent Geo. B. Kennedy, George Rilovich has been placed under arrest for failure to comply with the provisions of the recently-passed city ordinance, which makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, for any property owner to refuse to construct a sidewalk in front of his premises when ordered to do so by the Street Superintendent or any of his legally authorized deputies.

"A warrant was issued for Rilovich's arrest and he was arraigned in...court this morning...Attorney Dickerman asked that his client to be given until 10 a.m. tomorrow to plead or file a demurrer, and the request was granted...

"The Superintendent of Streets has signified his intention of getting the law a thorough test and it is probable that other arrests will quickly follow."

EP; 4 Nov 1905; item: "The case of George Rilovich, who was arrested on complaints of Assistant Superintendent of Streets George B. Kennedy because he did not construct a sidewalk in front of his West Third street property in compliance with instructions from the Superintendent of Streets, came up in [Police] court this morning...counsel for Rilovich moved that the case be dismissed but his motion was denied. He then entered a demurrer, which was also overruled, and the case was set for trial...next Monday morning."

EP; 6 Nov 1905; obit: "George Strazicich of the Railroad Exchange hotel, and Andrew Strazicich of the California Restaurant, have received the sad news of the death of their father, Nicholas Strazicich, which occurred at Otok Mliet, Govegiari, Dalmatia, Austria, on October 9th. Deceased was 87 years of age." [Goveđari, Mljet]

EP; 6 Nov 1905; item: "Mrs. M. Ulcovich of Santa Cruz is in this city visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Leviney."

EP; 10 Nov 1905; item: "**Tavern Attached.** The Tavern, until a few days ago conducted as a restaurant and saloon by J. P. Bobo, but which was closed by him on Wednesday, was made the subject of two attachments yesterday. One was at the instance of Copriviza & Alaga for a bill owed them, and the other was put on yesterday by W. Wertheim, representing the liquor firm of Siebe Bros. & Plageman of San Francisco..."

EP; 10 Nov 1905; board of supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Scurich, Stephen, labor: \$13.50..."

EP; 11 Nov 1905; item: "M. N. Lettunich reports that grape picking is progressing nicely on the Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas, and that the grapes are of fine quality."

EP; 20 Nov 1905; ALL: N. A. Sassilo.

EP; 22 Nov 1905; item: "A birthday party was given by Mrs. M. N. Lettunich yesterday in honor of her son Prospero who had reached his eighth year. Competitive games were indulged in and the prize winners were John Sheehy, first prize; Nicholas Lettunich, second prize; Clifford Alford, booby prize.

"Those present were Vincent Anderson, Clifford Alford, Harold Mundhenk, Fred Cane, Stanley Bixby, Allan Bagnall, Otto Weinhold, Francis McGrath, Johnnie Rosa, Nicholas Lettunich, Louis Lettunich, Irving Beck, and Eugene Giberson."

EP; 25 Nov 1905; item: "SALE AGAIN ON. The title to the Watsonville Heights property has been passed upon as being invulnerably secure by three different legal firms comprising the best land lawyers in the State.

Furthermore, Judge Smith of the Santa Cruz county has decided likewise. Behind this satisfactory condition, stands the Watsonville Realty Company with an offer to give guaranteed deeds to every piece of property sold by them in Watsonville Heights. This guarantee is backed by security aggregating \$400,000 owned by the men comprising the Watsonville Realty Company. As their advertisement in this issue asks, 'What more could a reasonable man want?' Confidence in the Heights as a

safe and wise business investment is no longer lacking. The sale of lots is again going on, and with increased activity. The improvements made by the company during the past waiting season have materially added to the desirability of the lots. See the ad."

EP; 25 Nov 1905; item: "The many young orchards that will come into bearing in Pajaro valley next season will materially swell the total output of the crop. Should 1906

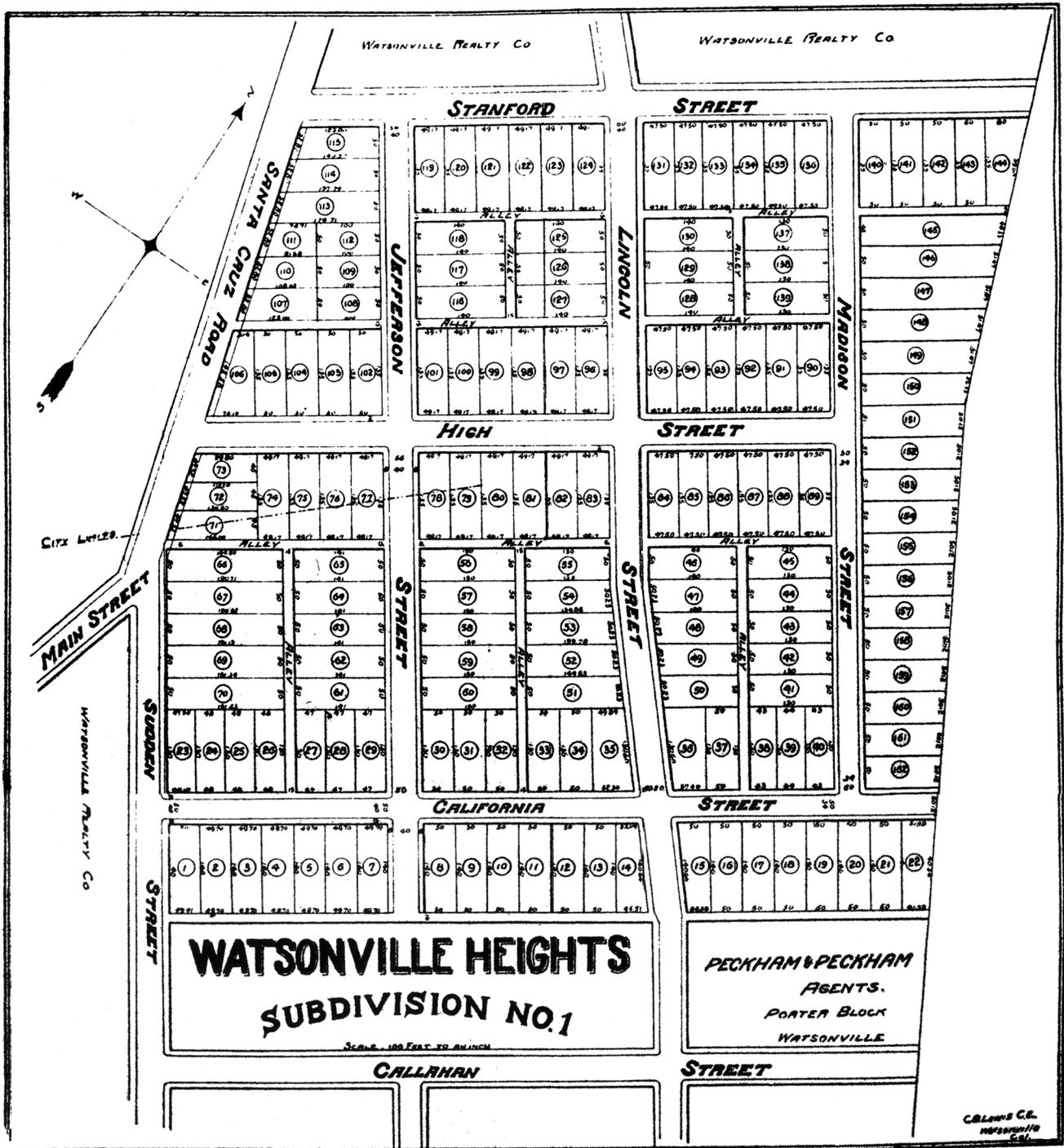


Fig. 2-38. Map of the Watsonville Heights subdivision, as printed in *The Evening Pajaronian* of 25 Nov. 1905. Stephen Scurich is listed on the board of directors of the realty company.

prove as favorable a season as this year the shipments from the valley will not miss 3500 carloads very far.

“The bulk of apples still remaining in the valley is in the hands of M. N. Lettunich & Company, J. P. Miovich & Company and F. P. Marinovich, although other packers hold a number of scattering lots. When the last car of Pajaro valley’s 1905 apple crop goes forward the 3000 carload mark will no doubt have been reached.”

EP; 25 Nov 1905; detailed map: “Watsonville Heights, Subdivision No. 1, Peckham & Peckham, Agents. Directors: Dr. Nat Greene, Pres., Otto Raphael, Sec’y., C. F. Langley, Stephen Scurich, W. A. Trafton, H. C. Peckham, J. Alva Watt.” [see Fig. previous page]

EP; 27 Nov 1905; ALL: J. T. Jelucich, Marko Strugar. Foreign: Mason Mlogenovich.

EP; 27 Nov 1905; item: “Steve Bulich, of the firm of Milanovich & Bulich, leaves for Dalmatia, Austria, tomorrow, where he will spend the winter with his parents.”

EP; 28 Nov 1905; item: “Julia Lund vs. Asa E. Day and William Pulisevich—Decision, judgment and decree of foreclosure and sale.”

EP; 28 Nov 1905; item: “Stephen Scurich has returned from a trip to San Francisco.”

EP; 7 Dec 1905; item: “When the personal property tax for this year was collected, the amount was fixed by the rate for last year—which was \$1.00. When the tax levy for this year was fixed it was placed at .85, leaving in the hands of the city officials a rebate of 15 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation to be refunded to the taxpayers. City Clerk Coffman has sent out notices to those who are entitled to the rebate, but we append herewith a list of the names and amounts due, so that our readers may sooner learn of the fact that many of them have money coming from the city: ...M. Grizich, \$0.12...Copriviza & Alaga, \$1.06...Rilovich Bros., \$0.30...Geo. Strazicich, .25...Pekoch & Stolich Co., \$0.16...”

EP; 9 Dec 1905; item: “The following little children assembled at the home of Mrs. Geo. F. Martin, on Maple avenue...and in their bright ways enjoyed a party given in honor of Marion and Henry Martin: Melva Albright, Katherine Riordan, Leontine Sheehy, Wandellen Johnson, Norma McCabe, Norine Kane, Maura Faw, Annie Balanac, Clare Newman, Georgie Covell, Irene Faustino, Louis Lettunich, Saxton Pope, Elmer and Ward Briggs, Stanley Anderson, David Newman, Anna Farlin, and Marion and Henry Martin...”

EP; 11 Dec 1905; article: “APPLE MARKETING

UNDER DISCUSSION. A well attended mass meeting was held at the Board of Trade rooms last Saturday...for the purpose of discussing the question of marketing our apples at a more satisfactory price...

“President Hall said that something should be done at once to improve the marketing conditions governing our apples. It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to look into the matter and report at a later date. The chairman...appointed the following: O. D. Stoesser, J. S. Menasco, F. Radovan, C. O. Silliman, I. H. Tuttle, Geo. W. Sill, M. N. Lettunich, J. B. Holohan, W. J. McGowan, Frank Mauk and F. L. McDonald.”

EP; 12 Dec 1905; honor roll: 8th year: Mamie Smith; 2nd year: Katie Knego, Florence Zar.

EP; 13 Dec 1905; item: “Mrs. Stephen Scurich and daughter, Anna, have returned from a month’s visit to friends and relatives in San Francisco.”

EP; 14 Dec 1905; obit: “In Watsonville, Dec. 13, 1905, Blas Lucich, a native of Austria, aged 33 years.”

EP; 15 Dec 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company, the most extensive fruit packers in Pajaro valley, have about 60 or 70 more carloads of apples to forward from this valley before the close of the shipping season, according to a statement made by Mr. M. N. Lettunich... The company has made heavy shipments from Aromas this year as well as from Watsonville.”

EP; 15 Dec 1905; obit: “Blas Lucich, an unmarried man of 33 years, died in this city Wednesday, the result of a complication of diseases. A few days ago he was apparently a well man, except for a slight cold which developed pneumonia. Inflammation of the bowels followed with other attendant ills and the combined attack was more than his strength could stand.

“Deceased came here from Austria seven years ago and proved himself an industrious young man entitled to the goodwill of all who knew him. At the time of his late illness he was farming on the Greenebaum place in Green valley.

“Blas Lucich was a member of the United Ancient Order of Druids, No. 135, and his funeral, which will take place from his late residence at the west end of Walker street...December 18, will be under the auspices of that order...”

EP; 18 Dec 1905; item: “**THAT PERJURY CASE. Promises to Be a Most Searching and Exhaustive Inquiry.** Stephen Scurich, accused by W. J. Rogers and H. H. Main, of having committed perjury in his testimony on the preliminary examination of Rogers and Main charged with felony, has engaged as his counsel Messrs. C. B. Younger, Jr., of Santa Cruz, and John L. Hudner of

Briggs & Hudner, Hollister. Mr. Hudner is the ex-District Attorney of San Benito county, and acknowledged to be one of the foremost lawyers in this section of the State.”

EP; 18 Dec 1905; ALL: Paul Britvich.

EP; 19 Dec 1905; item: “Katie Gospodnetich vs Cosmos Gospodnetich—final decree of divorce.”

EP; 20 Dec 1905; item: “Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children are in San Francisco, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.”

EP; 20 Dec 1905; item: “M. N. Lettunich, of the well known fruit packing firm of M. N. Lettunich & Company, with packing houses in Watsonville and at Aromas, informed us...that his firm had shipped 129 carloads of apples from Aromas this season and would send out about 50 carloads more from Watsonville. M. N. Lettunich & Company are by far the heaviest apple packers in the valley this year. Mr. Lettunich says that his firm’s total shipments from the valley this year, when the last car is marketed, will amount to about 425 carloads.”

EP; 27 Dec 1905; item: “Estate of Peter Mazan, deceased, by executors, to Nicholas Alaga—All interest in lot 50x106 feet on north side of Walker St., Watsonville, adjoining Strazicich; \$2050.”

EP; 29 Dec 1905; item: “Pajaro Valley Bank vs. Watsonville Transportation Co.—Answer of defendant Scurich.”

EP; 29 Dec 1905; item: “At the adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen tonight applications for annual liquor licenses will be made. As a result of that fact Tax and License Collector F. A. Rasette has done a land office business today. Forty business houses and saloons paid into the hands of Mr. Rasette \$300 each, or a total of \$12,000...Those who applied and paid in their coin were: W. Stanley, L. H. Davis, J. A. Anderson, M. Rose, Chas. Ford Co., J. P. Knudsen, D. Maheu, M. S. Machado, Geo. Strazicich, D. F. Leddy, M. E. Nevis, E. R. Norriss, J. M. Ryason, Sliter & McGlashan, Davis & Berry, A. Busjaeger, E. Fritz, S. C. Sieby, A. Locatelli, John Bottine, K. Kitaja, D. Frolli, Strazicich & Sersen, J. Piroja, P. V. Mercantile Co., Paul G. Rich, Mrs. F. Sepulveda, H. C. White, Cazeau & Hildreth, A. Riboni, F. J. Bettencourt, S. Strazicich, Copriviza & Alaga, F. W. Johnson, F. Hennecke, A. Faustino, Nick Burton, Nick Alaga, A. J. Mattos, Harlan Bros.”

Editor's remarks. Corrections, additions or comments made by the editor of this book appear within [square brackets].

Newspaper abbreviations.

EP = Evening Pajaronian
Paj = Pajaronian
WReg = Watsonville Register
Trans = Transcript (a Watsonville paper)
Wats Trans = Watsonville Transcript
Rustler = Rustler (a Watsonville paper)
SC Sent = Santa Cruz Sentinel
SC Surf = Santa Cruz Surf
SJ Mercury News = San Jose Mercury News

Abbreviations and terms in the main text—

ALL = Advertised Letter List
class. ad = classified ad
disp. ad = display ad
hon. roll = honor roll (school)
hon. prom. = honorary promotion to next grade (no test necessary)
mar. license = marriage license
obit = obituary
prom. by exam = promotion by exam (to next grade)
school prom. = school promotion (to next grade)
sic indicates that the passage (or word) is just as it appears in its original source.
Sometimes the correction is written after *sic*.
UL = Undelivered Letters
Ro. = Rancho
et al. = “and others”
et ux. = “and wife”
et vir. = “and husband”

More information can be found in Appendix A.

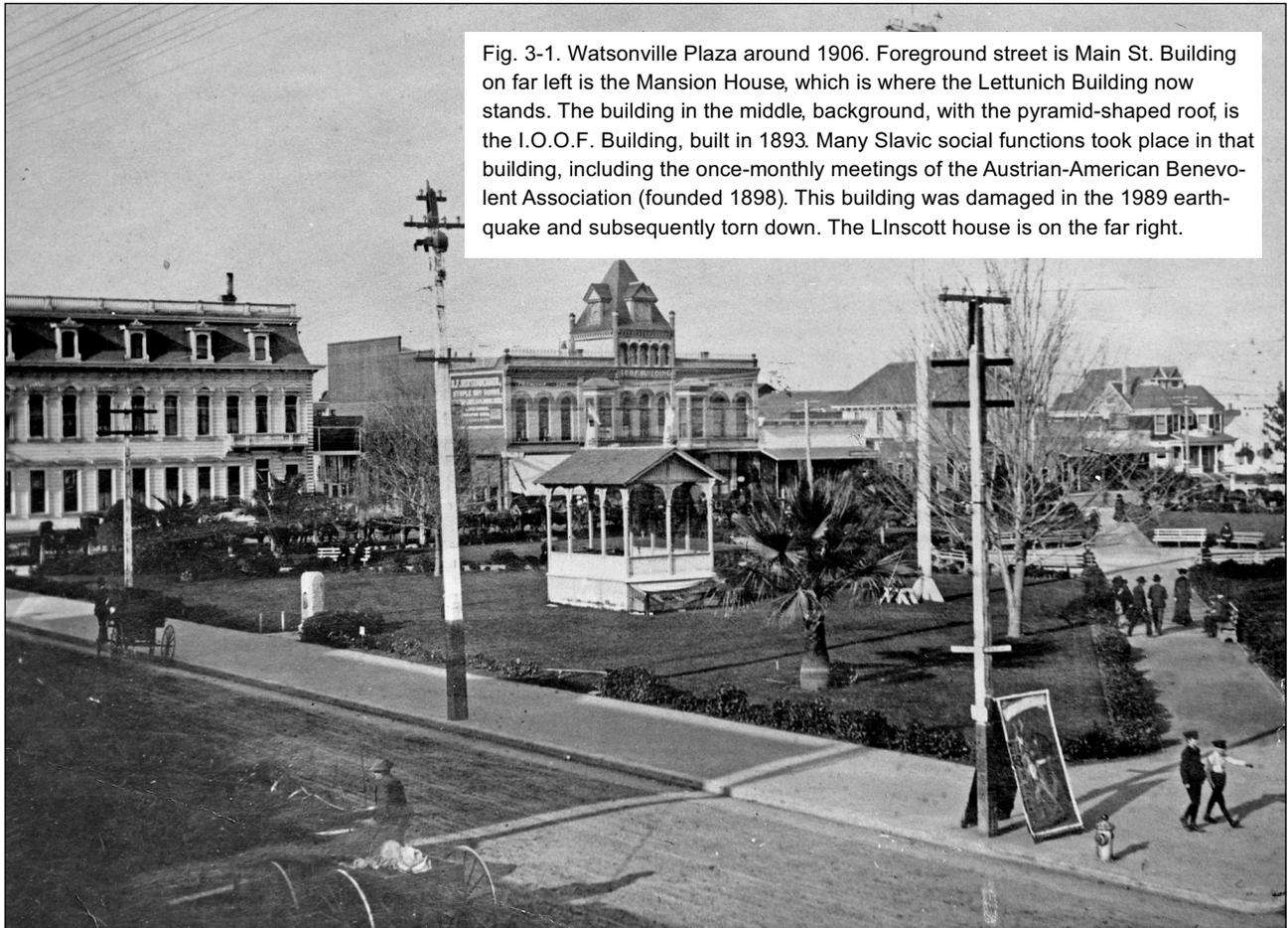


Fig. 3-1. Watsonville Plaza around 1906. Foreground street is Main St. Building on far left is the Mansion House, which is where the Lettunich Building now stands. The building in the middle, background, with the pyramid-shaped roof, is the I.O.O.F. Building, built in 1893. Many Slavic social functions took place in that building, including the once-monthly meetings of the Austrian-American Benevolent Association (founded 1898). This building was damaged in the 1989 earthquake and subsequently torn down. The Linscott house is on the far right.

CHAPTER 3—

1906–1910

EP; 2 Jan 1906; ALL: M. Beecher [possibly Bećir], Ciro Cirovic, Tomo Klaich, Mr. Tomasovich. Foreign: Luka Birimisa, Josef Pajevic.

EP; 3 Jan 1906; item: “George Strazicich swore to two complaints yesterday against M. Knego—one for disturbing the peace, the other for malicious mischief. Chief Rasette arrested Knego and he was arraigned before Justice Hawkins...In order that the defendant might have time to procure counsel and witnesses if he so desired he was released on a \$250 bail bond, with Frank Radovan and Andrew Strazicich as sureties.”

EP; 3 Jan 1906; item: “Homestead of Vlaho Puhiera on lot 16, Walker’s subdivision, Watsonville, estimated value, \$1,000.”

EP; 4 Jan 1906; item: “M. Knego, who was arrested yesterday by Chief Rasette on two complaints—disturbing the peace and malicious mischief—preferred by George Strazicich, and allowed to go on bond until his preliminary hearing should be called, pleaded guilty in Justice Hawkins’ court...and was fined \$25 for disturbing the

peace. He agreed to make good the damage he did to property and was allowed to go his way.”

EP; 8 Jan 1906; item: “John Franich and Lucy Scurich, both of Watsonville, secured a marriage license Saturday.”

EP; 8 Jan 1906; item: “After installing officers for the ensuing year the Austrian-American Benevolent Society of Watsonville gave its annual banquet at Odd Fellows’ hall Saturday night. About 250 members and guests were present. An entertainment and dance added to the enjoyment of the evening. Luke Scurich, past president, and Luke Cikuth, past marshal, performed the ceremony of installing the following officers: G. Novakovich, president; J. Franish [Franich], vice president; N. Stolich, recording secretary; P. Stolich, financial secretary; A. Scurich, treasurer; J. Miljanich, marshal; A. Novakovich, guardian; L. Cikuth and M. Kulich, trustees.”

EP; 9 Jan 1906; item: “Miss Annie Pulisevich has returned to Santa Cruz after a visit with her uncle, W. Pulisevich.”

EP; 10 Jan 1906; item: “Frederick Murray et al. to Joseph Secondo—Lot 100x165 feet on east side of Rodriguez street, Watsonville, adjoining Gough, \$10.”

Paj; 11 Jan 1906; item: "The case of Stephen Scurich, charged with perjury, [owing to District Attorney Knight being engaged in the Supreme Court today] has been continued until next Wednesday, January 10th..."

Paj; 11 Jan 1906; item: "Steve Galich, who raised a disturbance in the tenderloin district a few days ago and paid a fine of \$25 for his fun, was arrested again yesterday by Chief Rasette and Constable Corr for disturbing the peace of residents on Walker street. He was arraigned before Justice Hawkins...and fined \$10. Galich says he has now spent all his money in having a 'good time' and will refrain from evil doing henceforth."

Paj; 11 Jan 1906; article: "Prof. E. J. Wickson who, because of his familiarity with agricultural topics and knowledge of the requirements of a university farm, was chosen by the Site Committee to make a tour of inspection of the various sections that have offered land for that purpose, was here today and inspected three choice Pajaro valley sites. Prof. Wickson and his son were guests of the Pajaro Valley Board of Trade during their brief visit in this valley and were shown every courtesy. Automobiles were provided for the trip and the party started out early as Prof. Wickson had to catch the one o'clock train for Santa Cruz..."

"The first site visited was a beautiful tract of land near Pajaro consisting of 331.5 acres of rich hill and valley land...An equally fine site visited was a 350-acre tract at Aromas known as the Lettunich and Blohm ranches. It lies in the beautiful Aromas valley and is peculiarly adapted for the required purposes.

"The party then returned to town and its members were joined by A. N. Judd, who accompanied them to what will be known as the Silvarer place. It consists of some 350 or 400 acres and comprises lands of Silvarer, James Struve, Steve Scurich and what was formerly the Hanson property..."

EP; 12 Jan 1906; item: "**Franich-Scurich Wedding.** Announcement is made of the coming nuptials of John Franich, a member of the fruit-packing firm of Resetar & Franich, and Miss Lucy Scurich, sister of Luke, Stephen, Antone and Pedro Scurich, of this city, which will take place at the residence of Mr. Luke Scurich on Sunday, January 21st at 2 p.m."

EP; 12 Jan 1906; item: "Ida J. Garfield to Steve P. Knego and Steve Knego—Lot 15, Walker's subdivision No. 1, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 13 Jan 1906; item: "Marcus M. Stewart and wife to Alexander Beck and wife—Lot 58x195 feet on north side of Callahan street, Watsonville, adjoining Clausen; \$10.

"Alexander Beck and wife to Andrew Zar—Same; \$10."

EP; 19 Jan 1906; article: "**PERJURY CASE WAS WITHOUT STANDING. Dismissed Because of Complaint in Rogers and Main Case on Which It Was Based.** When we went to press yesterday...Mr. Robert W. Eaton, president of the Watsonville Transportation Company, was still on the witness stand testifying in the case of the People vs. Stephen Scurich, charged with perjury, and was being cross-examined by Attorney Hudner. Mr. Eaton in answer to questions propounded, stated it was his understanding that the 6000 shares given to Rogers were issued for the purpose of building the road; that he did not think, for a moment, that there was anything in the proposition that wasn't 'straight.' He said that the voting of the resolution was done so quick that he failed to grasp what was going on.

"This admission evoked laughter from the crowd present, and the levity was stopped by the Court.

"Continuing he said that there was no discussion by the Directors previous to the meeting, of what was going to be acted on at the meeting.

"Mr. Hudner laid great stress upon this point, and he had to fight, inch by inch, to overcome the objections made. Mr. Herrington strenuously objected to what he termed the 'fishing expedition' of the defense; and finally, after lengthy argument, the question was allowed.

"Mr. Hudner desired to know if the meeting was called solely for the purpose of getting this property, etc., from Rogers, but Mr. Eaton said 'No'; the resolution giving Mr. Rogers the \$21,500 and 6000 shares of stock was taken up at the end of the meeting; that other corporation business had been transacted before the resolution was taken up; that Secretary Main read the resolution, which was pretty long.

"Witness could not remember the items recited in the resolution. It was all done so quickly that he did not understand the resolution to give Mr. Rogers 6000 shares for his own private use. He thought that it was all straight, that there was nothing crooked about it. He asserted, again and again, to Mr. Hudner's questions that he did not vote, nor did he understand that Mr. Rogers was to own the shares.

"Mr. Hudner—Is it not a fact, Mr. Eaton, that you have stated to acquaintances in this city that no stock—neither 6000 shares nor any other amount of stock—was ever voted to Mr. Rogers at that meeting or at any other meeting?

"Witness—"I don't remember saying anything like that—"

"Here another interruption occurred. Mr. Knight objected to the trend of the question unless it was for the purpose of impeaching the witness—

"Mr. Hudner—"That's precisely what may happen. I may put on a witness that will flatly contradict this witness if he denies having—"

"The Court overruled the objection, and Mr. Hudner pressed the question, but Mr. Eaton couldn't remember

ever having made that statement.

“Mr. Eaton further stated that he was completely off his guard at that meeting on August 19, 1903, and didn’t really know what was going on. The resolution was read off a piece of legal paper by Secretary Main, but couldn’t state whether Main read the resolution correctly or not. Mr. Main never read very plain—

“Mr. Hudner—‘And at this meeting Mr. Main read “unplainer” than usual—’ (laughter.)

“To Mr. Knight—I did not vote the stock to Rogers for his own private use. I don’t mean to say that what is recited in the minutes of August 19, 1903, is correct. I always regarded the greater part of the property turned over by Rogers as already the property of the corporation.

“To Mr. Hudner—I voted that stock unwittingly to Mr. Rogers.

“At this point the witness was dismissed with the understanding that he would be re-called, and an adjournment was taken until 10 o’clock this morning.”

“At 10 o’clock this morning the further hearing of the charge against Stephen Scurich was taken up, all parties thereto being present.

“County Clerk Harvey H. Miller was called and sworn. He produced a complaint against Rogers and Main for felony on file in his office, and identified the same which was put in evidence.

“B. F. Brooks, being anxious to return to San Francisco, was excused from further attendance, upon leaving the books of the corporation with the Court.

“Mr. Hudner having objected to the admission of the complaint upon which Rogers and Main were held over, upon the ground that it did not state facts to constitute a public offense, Mr. Herrington asked for a ruling on the point. Mr. Hudner moved that the complaint previously admitted be stricken out.

“Justice Hawkins stated that he had heard (by way of rumor) that the complaint had been held by the Appellate Court to be insufficient, and asked for enlightenment upon the point from counsel.

“Mr. Knight stated that when the matter came before the Appellate Court the complaint was held to be insufficient on the grounds advanced in the case of Mahoney, 123 California, which stated that not only must the defendants be charged with the intent to commit a fraud but did actually commit said fraud. Mr. Knight held, however, that even if the complaint upon which the charge of perjury was based was demurrable the fact that a person takes an oath to testify truthfully and commits perjury in his testimony, then the present proceeding should go on; that the crime of perjury had been committed and the matter should be sifted.

“Mr. Younger quoted the Penal Code, and argued that if the complaint was insufficient[,] certainly no material matter was before the Court in the Rodgers and Main hearing.

“Mr. Knight asked for a recess of half an hour to consult authorities, which was granted and at 11:15 when the Court convened Attorney Herrington arose and stated that the prosecution found itself in a peculiar position. If the Court held with the defendant’s objection that the Rogers and Main complaint was inadmissible, of course that ended the case, but he wished to state his position in the matter. The complaint was drawn up by District Attorney Knight upon the procedure pointed out by the Superior Court in the case of Leonard, and carefully followed the rulings made in that case. Personally, he, (Mr. Herrington) had not the slightest doubt but what the complaint was sufficient, and as former District Attorney of Santa Clara county, he had followed the rules of the Leonard case, in similar proceedings, coming within his jurisdiction as such District Attorney. Holding this view he had stipulated with Mr. Knight at the time of applying for the writ of habeas corpus that the writ would be asked for on the grounds of insufficiency of evidence to hold Rogers and Main. But whilst he was making this stipulation with Mr. Knight at Santa Cruz, his associate, Mr. Linforth, unknown to him (Mr. Herrington) was applying to the Appellate Court in San Francisco for a writ on different grounds, viz: that the complaint on the rules laid down in a subsequent case did not state facts sufficient to constitute an action. Mr. Linforth having stated the grounds upon which he asked for a writ, to the Appellate Court, he had to go ahead and endeavor to make good on these grounds. They were held good and the appellants were released. Mr. Herrington desired to make this statement, he said, because, from the accounts in the press, and current rumor, he was charged with acting unfairly toward the District Attorney of this county in the matter. He denied the charge, and reiterated that he was unaware of his associate’s action. That as far as he was concerned he deemed the complaint sound and impregnable.

“At the conclusion of Mr. Herrington’s remarks, which were quite extended, Justice Hawkins sustained the objection of the defense, and nothing further being offered, dismissed the defendant and ordered his bondsmen exonerated.

“Mr. Scurich received an ovation from his many friends at the conclusion of the proceeding, and was congratulated on all sides.”

EP; 19 Jan 1906; disp. ad:

California Restaurant
STRAZICICH & SERSEN, Proprietors
Meals at all Hours.
Furnished Rooms in Connection.
Newly Renovated Throughout.
257-259 Main Street.

EP; 20 Jan 1906; article: “THEY HAD A NARROW ESCAPE. It certainly must have been a great relief to Messrs. Rogers and Main when their attorney, Bert Her-

rington, yesterday, insisted that the sufficiency of the complaint upon which the charge of perjury against Scurich was based, be ruled upon by Justice Hawkins.

“Both these men were up against these propositions: Either they had to go on the stand and testify, and afterwards allow their bowels to be pawed over and critically examined by those past masters in the art of cross-examination, Messrs. Younger and Hudner, or else take the other horn of the dilemma: Refuse to testify on the ground that they expected to be arrested and prosecuted by the People on another complaint of felony, and they desired to preserve their rights.

“They were in an embarrassing position, but Herrington’s tactics extricated them from the nasty pitfall which they excavated when they had Steve Scurich arrested for perjury. They also neatly side-stepped a big suit for damages which would have been brought against them by Scurich as soon as he was acquitted. For he would have been triumphantly acquitted had the examination gone the required length, and all witnesses subpoenaed then examined.

“That examination was a very interesting game of chess. Both sides were fully aware of the fact that the case would be stopped the moment the complaint would be offered in evidence, but the aim of District Attorney Knight (as it appears to us) seemed to be to get Rogers and Main on the witness stand and place them on record. In this endeavor it also looks to us as though Younger and Hudner stood in. Accordingly, the complaint, somehow or other, did not arrive in time, and Knight endeavored to start the ball rolling by the introduction in evidence of the Justice’s docket. This succeeded for the time being, the defense merely making an objection thereto in order to preserve their client’s rights.

“Then R. W. Eaton was put on the stand. Mr. Eaton’s testimony was a boomerang to Rogers and Main. He virtually upheld what Scurich swore to. Scurich testified that no stock was voted to Rogers at the meeting of August 19, 1903. Eaton testified that whilst he knew now that stock was voted Rogers at that meeting he did not know it at that time; that the matter was rushed through so quick; that Secretary Main read the resolution so poorly, that he (Eaton) failed to grasp what was going on; that he did not suspect but what the proceedings were perfectly straight, and that he would not have stood for anything crooked had he known it.

“This sustains Scurich’s testimony fully. Two witnesses testify that, to their knowledge, no stock was voted to Rogers, and Eaton was the President of the company and presided at the meeting.

“Rogers and Main new what Kilburn would testify to. They had heard it before. He could not remember whether it was 600 or 6000 shares that was voted to Rogers. Before the Grand Jury Kilburn said 600 shares— at the examination of Main and Rogers he said ‘between

600 and 6000 shares.’

“So the buck was up to Messrs. Main and Rogers, and to their great relief and also the relief of their friends and advisors the complaint was offered in evidence.

“Mr. Hudner, preserving his client’s interests, merely objected to its introduction, thereupon. Mr. Knight made a brief (very brief) contention that it was admissible, and Judge Hawkins admitted it in evidence.

“But this proceeding sat illy upon Mr. Herrington. He had hitherto taken no part in the matter, though apparently deeply interested. Now he arose, and calling [h]is Honor’s attention to the fact that this complaint had been thrown out by the Appellate Court on a writ of habeas corpus, he respectfully asked for a ruling from his Honor upon its sufficiency, for, if the complaint was invalid, necessarily the present proceeding would have to be dismissed, and Mr. Herrington, in his suave manner, pointed out how necessary it would be to have this matter settled at once instead of taking up the time of the court in a proceeding having no legal standing.

“His Honor asked for enlightenment upon the point involved from the learned gentlemen present, and all hands looked to the defense.

“But the defense had no desire to help out matters. Silence reigned, until Mr. Hudner moved that the complaint be stricken out, and after a short argument from Mr. Knight that the examination should go along, and a citation of the Penal Code by Mr. Younger that the proceedings would be null and void, an adjournment was taken to look up authorities, and on the court reconvening the case was dismissed, and Messrs. Rogers and Main escaped going on the witness stand and contributing to the gaiety that has marked every occasional probing into the affairs of the Watsonville Transportation Company. It was a narrow escape!

“The arrest of Stephen Scurich on that charge of perjury was an ill-advised proceeding, and we venture to say that no one realized its absurdity more than the parties who instigated it, when they commenced to reflect upon its far-reaching consequences.

“There was nothing to be gained by it, except to break down Scurich’s convincing testimony before a jury by asking him if it was not a fact that he had been arrested for perjury in testifying in this case.

“They certainly could not reasonably hope to convict him, for no two members of the Board of Directors agree—that is, so far as the Directors have been placed on record. They all differ in material points.

“Was Scurich’s arrest instigated by the hope that he would become scared and ‘stand in?’ It is a long lane that has no turn, and no matter how much squirming and wriggling is done by those who were connected with the meeting of August 19, 1903, sooner or later the deluded stockholders of the Watsonville Transportation Company

will get to the bottom of that infamous transaction, and a justice will be meted out to all who had a hand in wrecking the Transportation Company.”

EP; 20 Jan 1906; item: “The Bonde property corner of Fourth and Walker streets, opposite the Watsonville lumberyard, was purchased yesterday by Mr. Strazicich, through the agency of Joy & Maher.”

EP; 22 Jan 1906; article: “The marriage of John Franich of the fruit packing firm of Franich & Resetar of this city and Miss Lucy Scurich, sister to Luke and Stephen Scurich, of this place, which was performed at St. Patrick’s church yesterday...was suitably observed at the residence of the bride’s brother, Luke Scurich, upon the bridal party’s return from the church. A large number of friends and relatives were in attendance, and after the usual good wishes and congratulations were extended[,] all hands sat down to a wedding dinner where jollity and mirth reigned supreme until a late hour.

“The residence of Mr. Scurich was appropriately decorated with smilax and festoons for the happy occasion. The marriage was attended by the groom’s brother, Martin Franich, as groomsman, whilst Mrs. Luke Scurich attended the bride as bridesmaid.

“At the conclusion of the dinner the happy couple took the evening train for San Francisco. Upon their return from their honeymoon they will make their future home in this city.

“Mr. and Mrs. Franich start out on their married life with the best wishes of their large circle of friends—in which the ‘Pajaronian’ heartily joins.”



Fig. 3-2.
John Franich (1885-1944),
Lucy Scurich Franich
(1882-1958).

EP; 22 Jan 1906; item: “The annual meeting of stockholders of the Watsonville Realty Company was held Saturday night and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Dr. Nat Green; 1st Vice President, W. A. Trafton; 2d Vice President, Stephen

Scurich; Secretary, H. C. Peckham; Assistant Secretary, H. A. Peckham; Treasurer, C. F. Langley. In reviewing the work of the Company during the past season the stockholders have every reason to be satisfied with results, and new interest is to be instilled into the business of disposing of homes in Watsonville Heights.”

EP; 22 Jan 1906; married: “At St. Patrick’s church, Watsonville, Jan. 21, 1906...John Franich to Lucy Scurich.”

EP; 23 Jan 1906; list: “In compliance with the order of the Superior Court of Santa Cruz county, made on the 9th day of January, A.D. 1906, directing the selection of 80 persons to act as grand jurors in said county and State for the year 1906, the following names have been selected by Judge Smith, to wit: ...L. Scurich...”

EP; 23 Jan 1906; item: “Elonora Dorthea Bonde and husband et al. to George Strazicich—Lot 60x114 feet on northeast side of Walker St., Watsonville, 60 feet southeast of Fourth street; \$10.”

EP; 23 Jan 1906; item: “Manzanita Co. to Arthur E. Rogge—Lots 19 and 20, Scurich subdivision, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 24 Jan 1906; honor roll: 4th year: Ellen Zar; 2nd year: Florence Zar.

Paj; 25 Jan 1906; item: “From the Advance [a Hollister newspaper]: John Gospodnetich has purchased some property at Half Moon Bay and will shortly remove to that place to engage in the restaurant business.”

EP; 27 Jan 1906; item: “**Favors Rilovich Brothers.** The District Court of Appeals for the first appellate district has handed down a decision in the case of George Copriviza vs. Martin Rilovich and George Rilovich. This case was tried about three years ago and attracted considerable attention. Copriviza sued the Rilovich brothers for \$2732.80, and obtained judgment for that sum and costs, amounting in all to \$3017.60. The decision of the Appellate Court reverses the order denying the defendants, Rilovich Brothers, a new trial, and requires the acceptance of \$890 by the plaintiff and respondent, or the granting of a new trial to appellants...”

EP; 27 Jan 1906; article: “**GREATLY IMPROVED.** The California Restaurant, so long and extensively known as the Cosmopolitan, has been so completely changed in appearance and so improved in the matter of accommodations that old customers of the place returning after an absence would not recognize it as the same.

“Under the capable management of the present proprietors, Messrs. Strazicich & Sersen, the California is establishing a splendid reputation for neatness and

promptness of service. One of the most important changes was one of the first made—the removal of the bar and change of the barroom into private dining rooms. In all now the California is equipped with eight private dining rooms for small parties and one double room capable of accommodating 14 diners at one table. This is for the use of family and theater parties. Access to any and all of the private dining rooms can be had by using the entrance (formerly to the bar) at the right of the main entrance to the restaurant, without having to pass through the public dining room, which, in itself contains accommodations for two score diners. The rooms are neatly finished in white and have a very attractive appearance. Lavatories and toilets have been added. The California continues to cater to the transient demand for lodgings, and upstairs 20 rooms are neatly furnished for that purpose. Regular roomers also are taken.”



Fig. 3-3. The California Restaurant ~1905-06, probably before the renovation described above. Proprietor Andrew Strazicich (1872-1968) is behind the bar.

EP; 27 Jan 1906; item: “R. P. Quinn to Joseph Secondo—Lot 56¼ x 165 feet on southwest side of Rodriquez St., Watsonville, 450 feet southeast of First street; \$600.”

EP; 29 Jan 1906; item: “Says the Santa Cruz Sentinel: Stephen Scurich, a leading figure in the Watsonville Transportation Company fight, was in town Saturday. Asked what his next move would be now that he has been acquitted on the charge of perjury preferred against him by Messrs. Main and Rogers, Mr. Scurich said that ‘something’ would be doing in a few days. It is learned from other sources, although Mr. Scurich did not say so, that he will bring a suit against the Watsonville financiers for malicious prosecution.”

EP; 30 Jan 1906; item: “Court Pajaro Valley Rose, No. 44, Foresters of America, held their regular meeting last

night in Forester’s hall and initiated two new members. They were J. L. Fulton and M. Kovacevich.”

EP; 30 Jan 1906; married: “In Santa Cruz, Jan. 29, 1906, at Holy Cross church...Luca Domich and Vicenta Pecharovich, both of Santa Cruz.”

EP; 31 Jan 1906; item: “Estate of Charles P. McCarthy, deceased—Evidence closed on both sides, cause to be submitted on briefs in 10 and 5 days...Luke Scurich...as witness.”

EP; 31 Jan 1906; item: “Stephen Scurich was in Santa Cruz Tuesday.”

EP; 1 Feb 1906; item: “Lease—Luke Scurich to I. Kirucchi and H. Nakamura—Lot 50x200 feet on southwest side of Main street, Watsonville; 8 years at \$20 per month.”

EP; 2 Feb 1906; article: “Dutro & Souza, the enterprising tonsorial artists, believe in keeping abreast of the times, and with that object in view have employed Smith & Payne, the contracting carpenters, to remodel their tonsorial parlors in the Mateo Lettunich building...”

EP; 5 Feb 1906; ALL: R. Gera, John Micovinic.

EP; 7 Feb 1906; board of aldermen, payments: “...Strazicich & Sersen, meals: \$34.12...”

EP; 8 Feb 1906; item: “The addition of four new Eagles to the local aerie...was made the occasion of much congratulation and general good will by the birds that long since have grown from the pin-feather state. The new Eagles are Frank Farlan [Farlin], George Hansen, Nicholas Alaga and George Copriviza.”

EP; 8 Feb 1906; article: “N. NAPOLA MEETS HIS WATERLOO. Last evening, between 8 and 9 o’clock, Paul Alaga and Nick Napola engaged in a fist fight on East Third street, near the Presbyterian church, and Napola was badly worsted. Officer Devine, who was in the vicinity of the Opera House at the time, heard some one yelling for the police and hurried to the scene. He reached the combatants just in time to prevent Napola from getting an awful drubbing. As it was[,] Napola exhibits a blackened and badly swollen optic. Officer Devine stepped between the belligerents and stopped the fight. The men were placed under arrest and put up \$10 apiece cash bail for their appearance in the court this morning.”

“The case was called in Police Judge Sans’ court at 10 a.m. today. Judge Sans informed the defendants of their right, under the law, to an attorney, and asked them if they were ready to go to trial. They both replied in the affirmative. At first Alaga was going to plead not guilty, claiming that he was not the aggressor, but subsequently he entered a plea of guilty.

“Napola said that he was not guilty and proceeded to make a plea on his own behalf. He was asked several questions by the Court and stated most emphatically that he was a law-abiding citizen—one that never harmed anybody or made uncalled-for remarks. He stated that he was going along the street, attending to his own business, when Alaga approached him and started a fight; that he (Napola) did not fight, but tried to get away.

“The Judge asked Alaga to give his version of the affair and he said that for two or three years Napola, with whom he was barely acquainted, had been in the habit of following him around town to see where he went. If he called on a young lady Napola was almost at his heels when he entered the house; that when he came out he usually found Napola hanging around ready to make some indecent remark as he and his lady friend passed; that Napola had a habit of scraping his feet on the walk as the witness passed with a lady or ladies and that the fellow would cough in a manner that was very offensive. The witness stated that last evening he started to go to the Opera House, but finding that the performance had not started he decided to take a short walk along East Third street. When he started along the street Napola, who was near the entrance to the Opera House, followed him. When at the point where the trouble occurred Alaga says he turned around and asked: ‘Why do you follow me everywhere I go? I’m getting tired of it.’ Alaga says that Napola then called him a vile name and he could stand it no longer, so he proceeded to give him the thrashing he so richly deserved. The witness stated further that Napola had been making insulting remarks to ladies in this town for the last two years.

“Chief Rasette corroborated the latter statement, explaining that different ladies had made a complaint to him about Napola’s actions toward them. The officer took occasion to give Napola fair warning not to let him catch him in the act of insulting ladies.

“Judge Sans fined the defendants \$10 each and admonished them not to get into another fight. If they did and came before him it would cost them \$100 each.”

EP; 12 Feb 1906; article: “The Watsonville Fruit Company is the latest addition in the fruit handling business of this city. Stephen Scurich, formerly of Scurich Bros., and Geo. F. Martin, who was with the Simpson & Hack Fruit Company last season, are the promoters. Mr. Scurich has been in the fruit business in Pajaro valley for the 15 years last past and is, therefore, well versed on fruit matters. Mr. Martin is also familiar with the business, having

been connected, in various capacities, with the industry for many years. The name chosen by the firm is very appropriate and will serve as a splendid advertisement for this city. The Watsonville Fruit Company proposes to put out nothing but a first-class pack and hopes, through merit, to build up an extensive business. By reason of his business relations with the orchardists in Pajaro valley for these many years Mr. Scurich has made many friends who will be pleased to learn that he has decided to enter the fruit handling business again. Mr. Martin also has many friends, and the new firm should experience no difficulty in getting all the business it can handle.

“The Watsonville Fruit Company will occupy the packing house now used by I. H. Tuttle & Company, the building being the property of the Manzanita Company, of which Mr. Scurich is a member. The new company will build an addition to the present packing house which will about double its capacity and will make other improvements that will tend toward the perfection of fruit handling...”

EP; 12 Feb 1906; item: “**Not Going Out of Business.** Owing to the fact that the Watsonville Fruit Company is to occupy the present quarters of I. H. Tuttle & Company, that packing house being the property of the Manzanita Company, of which Mr. Stephen Scurich is a member, a rumor has gained circulation that I. H. Tuttle & Company are going out of business. The rumor is false. The latter company, which has a lease on the packing house it now occupies until next August, is negotiating for new quarters and will continue in business this fall on a larger scale than ever before.”

EP; 12 Feb 1906; item: “**Bitten by a Vicious Dog.** While passing along Main street yesterday...James Conway was severely bitten by a large black dog belonging to Steve Strazicich, proprietor of the Morning Star Restaurant. The vicious animal seized Conway by the left thigh, tearing his trousers and burying its sharp teeth in his flesh. Conway made complaint to Constable Corr, who warned Strazicich that he must get rid of the dog. If he did not do so he (Corr) would shoot the animal on sight. The officer says that this is the third time that people have made complaint to him that the dog in question had bitten them. He says that upon each occasion he warned the owner of the animal to either keep it chained up or get rid of it. Strazicich promised to dispose of the dog. It is understood that Conway contemplates bringing suit against Strazicich for damages.”

EP; 12 Feb 1906; ALL: Foreign: Ivo Valgalo [Valjalo].

EP; 13 Feb 1906; item: “**Manzanita Company Negotiating for Johnson Hotel.** We understand that negotiations which have been pending for some three weeks past between the Manzanita Company and John Morey,

cashier of the Pajaro Valley Bank, are about to be consummated whereby the Manzanita Company acquires the Johnson Hotel property on lower Main street. In return Mr. Morey receives the Steve Scurich ranch of 20 acres on the Beach road, shares in the Watsonville Realty Company and a cash consideration. The abstracts of the various properties involved have been under inspection for the past 10 days, and it was reported on the street this morning that the deal had been closed up."

EP; 15 Feb 1906; item: "C. F. Pressey, the largest fruit packer and shipper of Canyon City, Colorado, was here...as the guest of M. N. Lettunich. This is Mr. Pressey's first visit to California and he was highly pleased with Pajaro valley...Mr. Pressey says that the section around Canyon City produced 700 carloads of first-class apples in 1905 and that the fruit was remarkably free from worms, owing to the intelligent application of Swift's arsenate of lead spray...The red apple is the most extensively grown in that State, where it attains a high color and fine flavor. Mr. Pressey paid Pajaro valley apples a compliment, stating that our yellow apples, particularly the Bellefleur, were excellent. He was also much pleased with last year's crop of Red Pearmain from this valley. The visitor expects to buy quite a quantity of Pajaro valley apples from the cold storage houses in San Francisco for sale in Canyon City within the next few weeks..."

Paj; 15 Feb 1906; item: "A. Zar was a business visitor at the county seat today."

EP; 17 Feb 1906; article: "**...Mansion House Property Will Change Hands.** At the present time there are, in the process of incubation, a number of valuable property transfers in this city. The prosperity brought about by the splendid returns on Pajaro Valley's banner fruit crop in 1905 has caused purse strings to loosen and businessmen of sound judgment to seek a profitable investment for their coin. Real estate appeals more strongly to financiers than does any other line of investment.

"Among the contemplated changes a most important realty deal is said to be almost completed through which Dr. Nat Green will sell to Mateo and M. N. Lettunich the Mansion House hotel property at the corner of Main and East Third streets, directly opposite the plaza, with a frontage of 120 feet on Main street and 140 feet on East Third. The lot is occupied by a hotel building of two and one-half stories and is without question the most prominently situated holding in Watsonville. For some time past negotiations have been going on through the real estate offices of R. P. Quinn, and although the latter declines to be interviewed on the subject it is believed that the matter has reached a stage in which the sale is practically made.

"Dr. Green and M. N. Lettunich were interviewed on

the subject. Both admitted that negotiations were in progress, but stated that no sale had been made.

"The transfer of the lot and building on Main street opposite Peck street, occupied by the Banc Exchange saloon, from W. E. Peck and the Peck minor heirs to D. Maheu has already been consummated and the transaction recorded.

"The transfers already made, and those that are almost certain of confirmation, mean much for Watsonville. They indicate substantial growth and give assurance that many needed improvements are to be made in this city within the next year. Those who buy do so, in nearly every instance, with the intention of spending considerable money in building improvements. By doing so they put money into the channels of trade. Building material has to be purchased, men have to be employed and money has to be expended in many ways, all of which benefits the community. This unmistakable evidence of commercial prosperity is noted with pleasure. By investing large sums of money in the purchase of real estate and in placing improvements thereon[,] capitalists show their faith in the future of Watsonville as a place of business and a city of homes.

"Activity in real estate is a good indication that the people of such community are wide awake and that the place is on the upgrade. If there be no such signs of industrial activity it is an unfailing indication of retrogression. There is no such thing as standing still—a city is either going forward or backward. Watsonville is marching forward with great strides, and if we do not miss our guess there will be some very important developments in the real estate market within the next few months."

EP; 19 Feb 1906; list: "**LIST OF TRIAL JURORS... Following Are the Names Selected From Watsonville Township for Service During 1906...**Mateo Lettunich...Luke Scurich...[only Slavs of 200+]"

EP; 20 Feb 1906; item: "The case of Stephen Scurich vs. M. Grizich has been on trial in Justice Hawkins' court... and the arguments are going on as we go to press. The suit is to recover \$68 and a few cents for boxes sold by the Manzanita Company to Grizich. The claim was assigned to Mr. Scurich and failure to secure payment led to the suit. The gist of the defense is that no legal assignment was made..."

EP; 20 Feb 1906; item: "THE LETTUNICH CO. The articles of incorporation of the Mateo Lettunich Company of Watsonville were filed yesterday. The stockholders Mateo Lettunich, Martin N. Lettunich, Luke Scurich, Stephen Scurich and F. P. Marinovich, each to the amount of \$9200."

EP; 20 Feb 1906; item: "Joseph Secondo to Mitchell

Secondo—Lot 50x165 feet on east side of Rodriquez street, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 20 Feb 1906; item: “Sara E. Todd to Andrew Zar—Lot 68.6x119.6 feet on corner of Ford and Rodriquez streets, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 21 Feb 1906; item: “The purchase of the Johnson House hotel for the Manzanita Company, through its wide-awake manager, Stephen Scurich, was completed today. Mr. F. W. Johnson will continue his lease of the building. This transaction, published exclusively in last Saturday’s ‘Pajaronian,’ is a most important one in its bearing upon the section of Main street below Second as it indicates a proper confidence in the future of that portion of the city...”

EP; 21 Feb 1906; honor roll: 8th year: Mamie Smith; 4th year: Ellen Zar; 2nd year: Katie Knego.

Paj; 22 Feb 1906; item: “John Gospodnetich, the well known restaurateur of Hollister, is over here for a few days. Having sold his business at Hollister he is undecided whether to locate here or at Half-moon Bay where he owns some property.”

EP; 24 Feb 1906; item: “Manzanita Co. to John J. Morcy—10 acres on Beach road, near Watsonville, adjoining Stoffer; \$10.”

EP; 26 Feb 1906; item: “Assistant Street Superintendent Geo. B. Kennedy has been circulating a petition among property owners residing on Main street, between Lake avenue and the city limits on the north with a view to ascertaining how many are willing to proceed with the work of macadamizing the said street. With the understanding that the city will stand one-third of the expense, the total frontage on both sides of the street being about 5400 feet, the following property owners had signed the petition up to the time we go to press: M. Grizich: 65 feet...Watsonville Realty Co.: 700 feet...”

EP; 26 Feb 1906; item: “Manzanita Co. to Luke P. Cikut and wife—10 acres on the Beach road, near Watsonville, adjoining Kennaugh; \$10.”

EP; 27 Feb 1906; item: “Wood, Curtis & Co. vs. Luke Scurich—Plaintiff’s statement on motion for new trial.”

EP; 27 Feb 1906; item: “Luke Scurich leaves next week for Cavtat, Dalmatia, Austria, for a three month’s visit with relatives, and incidentally to attend a wedding in his family. He will make short stops, on his visit, at Liverpool and London.”

EP; 28 Feb 1906; item: “The Board of Aldermen met in adjourned session...”

“A petition signed by the Earl Fruit Company, Manzanita Company, I. H. Tuttle & Company, Tait Fruit Company and M. N. Lettunich & Company and asking the city to refrain from constructing sidewalks along the north side of West Third street, between Walker street and the corporate limits on the west, was received. The petitioners pointed out that said space should be used for street purposes, as it would be of little, or any, advantage to pedestrians during the fruit handling season, owing to the fact that the street at that point is very narrow. The passing of the street cars, vehicles and the unloading of fruit at the packing houses from the outer curb of the proposed sidewalk would virtually block such sidewalk to pedestrians, hence the signers held that the construction of a sidewalk along the north side of West Third street would be a useless expense, besides adding materially to the congestion of traffic on that thoroughfare during the busy season. Upon motion of Briggs, seconded by Palmtag, the matter was referred to the Street Committee...”

EP; 3 Mar 1906; item: “Luke Scurich leaves tomorrow noon on his trip to Austria. He will be accompanied as far as San Francisco by his brother Stephen Scurich.”

EP; 5 Mar 1906; ALL: M. Tomasovich.

EP; 5 Mar 1906; item: “The two horses belonging to Butier & Lettunich and supposed to have either gone estray or been stolen, were located at Brooks’ ranch in the mountains Saturday by Constable Corr, who had them brought back to this city. The animals had gotten out of the lot and kept going until they reached the above ranch, where they got into an orchard through a hole in the fence.”

EP; 5 Mar 1906; item: “Mark Cosulich, one of the swiftest boys who ever took a human being’s life—in the insurance line—is in town in the interest of his company.”

EP; 7 Mar 1906; item: “Stephen Scurich returned last night from a trip to San Francisco.”

EP; 8 Mar 1906; item: “The membership of the local Aerie of Eagles was increased last night by the addition of five eaglets. They were L. H. Sallee, Paul Alaga, John Lacrabere, William Stanley, Paul Miladin and Edwin Petersen.”

EP; 9 Mar 1906; county supervisors, payments: “... County Fund: ...Strazicich & Sarsen, meals: \$89.40...”

EP; 13 Mar 1906; item: “William T. Easterday to John Franich—Lot 5, block 37, official map, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 15 Mar 1906; item: "A. N. Judd, who returned from the metropolis last evening, reports that the prospects look very bright for the winding up of the tangled affairs of the Watsonville Transportation Company, and the rehabilitation of the corporation. He says that progress in the matter would be much faster were it not for the blocks put in the way of a settlement by certain elements in this community who, whilst ostensibly posing as the friends of the robbed stockholders in the company, are, in reality, endeavoring to protect the directors who wrecked the company. The protection of these worthies crops up invariably in all the negotiations and any reference to these directors making restitution to the stockholders is severely deprecated. It doesn't matter how much others suffer[,] the criminally negligent directors must be protected at any cost."

EP; 16 Mar 1906; item: "The pupils of Moreland Notre Dame Academy gave a very pleasing entertainment this afternoon in St. Patrick's hall in honor of St. Patrick... The following program was well rendered by the students... Shamrock Drill: Mary Allegretti, Lena Strazicich... Johana Balovich... Angela Stracich... Anna Marinovich..."

EP; 17 Mar 1906; honor roll: 8th year: Mamie Smith; 4th year: Pete Marinovitch; 2nd year: Katie Knego.

EP; 19 Mar 1906; item: "Stephen Scurich is in receipt of a letter from his brother, Luke Scurich, in New York, stating that he had a pleasant trip to that place and that he left there on the steamer La Lorraine, bound for Paris, on last Thursday, and it was expected that they would make the voyage in seven days."

EP; 22 Mar 1906; item: "Two more fruit driers are to be added to the long list of industries having for their cause of existence the vast horticultural possibilities of the Pajaro valley. A new drier is to be located at the corner of Union and Bridge streets and another on Walker street next to the power plant of the Big Creek Company.

"The Bridge and Union streets drier is to be operated by Wing Sing Lee under a lease of the property, which contains a frontage of 200 feet on each street. The lessors are Messrs. M. and M. N. Lettunich..."

Paj; 22 Mar 1906; item: "On Saturday last the county clerk of San Francisco issued a marriage license to Steve Pekoch, 39, and Miss Annie Tonash [Tomash/Tomaš], both of Watsonville."

EP; 23 Mar 1906; item: "Lease—Elizabeth T. Dondero to Andrew Strazicich and Peter V. Serson—Cosmopolitan Lodging House, etc., Main street, Watsonville, 5 years at \$85 per month."

EP; 24 Mar 1906; item: "Julia Lund vs. Asa A. Day and William Pulisevich—Commissioners' verified report and accounts of sale."

EP; 27 Mar 1906; item: "Lease—M. N. and Mateo Lettunich with Jay Fung—Lot on corner of Union and Bridge streets, Watsonville; 10 years, at rental of \$1600 for entire term."

EP; 28 Mar 1906; item: "Henry T. Rogge to George Novakivich [Novakovich]—Lot 34x150 feet on southwest side of Locust street, Watsonville, adjoining Seigmann; \$10."

EP; 28 Mar 1906; item: "Agreement between William Rogge and George Novakovich as to use of alley opening on Locust street, Watsonville."

Paj; 29 Mar 1906; item: "The sale of the Mansion House property to Mr. Lettunich is still in abeyance pending the passing upon the abstract by the Messrs. Younger, of Santa Cruz."

EP; 30 Mar 1906; item: "The motion for a new trial of the suit of Wood, Curtis & Company, the Sacramento commission merchants, against Luke Scurich, an apple packer of Watsonville, was heard by Judge Smith on Thursday. The suit was brought by Wood, Curtis to compel Scurich to ship three cars of apples after the price had depreciated and the Sacramento firm had refused the first car. Scurich declined and Judge Smith upheld him in the first trial of the case. The matter aroused great interest among the fruit growers and packers of the county when it was tried last summer."

EP; 30 Mar 1906; item: "Antone Boscovich to Michael Stepovich—Undivided one-half of lots 28 and 29, Hihn's subdivision of the Amaya tract (Blaine street), Santa Cruz; \$5."

EP; 30 Mar 1906; item: "Wood, Curtis & Co. vs. Luke Scurich—Motion for new trial denied."

EP; 30 Mar 1906; item: "Marinovich vs. Kilburn—Defendant granted 10 days to engross bill of exceptions."

SFCall; 1 Apr 1906; married: "The marriage of Miss Annie Tomash and Steven Pecock of Watsonville took place at the Slavonian church in San Francisco last week. The ceremony was an elaborate affair and the guests, fifty or more, were entertained afterward at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Zglan [Zglav] in this city."

EP; 2 Apr 1906; item: "John Gospodnetich, formerly one of Hollister's noted chefs and restaurant managers, has entered the employ of Steve Strazicich of the 'Morning

Star' Restaurant, on lower Main street, where he will be pleased to meet all his friends after next Wednesday. John is a good entertainer and excellent restaurateur."

EP; 4 Apr 1906; item: "M. N. Lettunich is in San Francisco on a business trip."

Paj; 5 Apr 1906; article: "**...Question of Law in Regard to Homesteading is Decided in Superior Court.** Judge Smith has just rendered a decision involving an interesting point of law as regards homesteads. The case is that of the estate of the late Charles P. McCarthy, and his widow is, by the decision, granted an order setting apart a homestead which was of less value than \$5000 when homesteaded in 1883, but is now over that amount in value, as against adverse creditors who have contested the order.

"Charles Patrick McCarthy died on January 25, 1903, thereafter his wife, Mrs. McCarthy, was appointed administratrix on his estate, which consisted of household furniture, farming implements, some live stock and the homestead of about 42 acres, located on the old San Jose road, about three miles from Watsonville. The court set apart to the widow all of the personal property as exempt from execution. In June, 1903, the widow filed a petition, by her attorney, J. A. Hall, to have set apart to her, also as exempt, the entire homestead property. Mary Burke, a creditor of the estate, filed an answer and opposition to the widow's petition, claiming that the widow was not entitled to have set apart to her more than \$5000 worth of real estate, and claiming that the homestead was worth at least \$8000. She asked that the court require that the undisputed claims against the estate should be paid before the homestead was set apart. The case was tried and judgment in the Superior Court was rendered in favor of the widow. Mrs. Burke appealed to the Supreme Court, and the decision of the Superior Court was reversed and the case sent back for a new trial. Recently it was retried in the Superior Court. A large number of witnesses were called and testified to the value of the property. On the first trial five witnesses testified that the property was worth from \$5800 to \$8100; and one witness placed the value at \$5000. In the first trial Judge Smith in his opinion therein held that the evidence showed that the property 'was of far greater value than \$5000.' On the second trial 10 witnesses testified in favor of Mrs. Burke's contention. Eight of them: Messrs. H. S. Fletcher, J. B. Holohan, R. P. Quinn, Stephen Scurich, Luke Scurich, Godfrey Bockius, Jas. Nugent and A. N. Judd, placed the value at least at \$8000; and two of them, Edward White and M. Quirk, praised its value at \$5800. Three witnesses, Charles Galletly, Thomas Beck and Edward McCarthy (son of petitioner), called by Mrs. McCarthy, placed a value at \$5000. The case, will, in all probability, be again appealed by Messrs. Wyckoff & Gardner, attorneys for Mrs. Burke."

Paj; 5 Apr 1906; item: "Frank Marish of San Francisco is here on a visit to relatives."

EP; 7 Apr 1906; item: "ENTHUSIASM MARKED COMMITTEE MEETING. Committeemen to the number of 50, representing nearly every fraternal and civic organization in Watsonville held a meeting in Native Sons' hall...for the purpose of outlining plans for a fitting celebration of the Fourth of July...[T]he following officers and committees were selected: Vice Presidents: ...L. P. Cikuth [of 14]...Executive Committee: ...L. P. Cikuth [of 24]..."

"At a meeting of the Executive Committee...Chairman Linscott named the following Fourth of July Finance Committee: ...Packing Houses: ...Steve Scurich [of 3]..."

EP; 7 Apr 1906; item: "Marinovich vs. Kilburn—Five days' additional granted to engross bill of exceptions."

EP; 8 Apr 1906; item: "SEITZ RESIDENCE SOLD. Geo. Seitz and wife have sold their beautiful home, located at the corner of Third and Lincoln streets, to Stephen Scurich. The Seitz place is one of the handsomest and best located homes in the city, and sold for a very reasonable price. Mr. Scurich has purchased the property for a home, and he and his family will soon occupy the same." [see 11 Oct 1911]

EP; 10 Apr 1906; item: "The friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Stephen Scurich will be pleased to learn that she is fast recovering from her recent severe illness, and will be able to be out once more in a short time."

EP; 12 Apr 1906; item: "Mrs. E. Iona Holland and husband to Gasper Simonovich—Lot 23, Walker's Subdivision, Watsonville; \$10." [first mention of Simunovich]

EP; 13 Apr 1906; item: "Nat Green and wife to Martin N. and Mateo Lettunich—Mansion House property, Watsonville; also 'clothes yard' of Mansion House; also strip 6 inches by 75 feet on northwest side Third street, adjoining I.O.O.F. building."

EP; 13 Apr 1906; item: "Bill of Sale—Nat Green and wife to Martin N. and Mateo Lettunich—Certain personal property in Mansion House, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 16 Apr 1906; item: "Marinovich vs. Kilburn—Defendant given 5 days from April 14th to present statement on motion for new trial."

EP; 16 Apr 1906; item: "John Copriviza vs. Mary Novakovich et al.—Complaint on promissory note."

EP; 18 Apr 1906; item: "...FEARFUL EARTHQUAKE...At 5:14 o'clock the seismic disturbance began

with a slight tremble...the vibration increased with each second until the most violent earthquake ever known on the Pacific coast was in full swing...the fire bell sounded an alarm that the Moreland Notre Dame Academy was in flames...

"At the fire engine house an adjoining brick wall had fallen, throwing a great lot of debris upon the engine and temporarily putting it out of commission. Hasty work cleared away the bricks and rubbish that had come through the roof and in a remarkably short time the engine was laboriously puffing away and throwing three excellent streams on the burning academy..."

"There is not a residence in Watsonville whose contents escaped injury...Chimneys, hundreds of them, in fact nine of every 10 brick or stone chimneys in Watsonville was down...by the time the earthquake finished its first act...At the high school the two brick chimneys fell through the tile and metal roof...The bridge across the Pajaro river between this city in Monterey county is badly damaged...The railroad bridge is impassable. It has been thrown out of line by a slantward move of about four feet..."

"The stores along Main and Third streets are heavy losers, particularly those carrying crockery, groceries, drugs, and liquors."

"The damage to plate glass windows is so general that there are but two or three exceptions to the rule of broken windows. The Charles Ford Company's warehouse, at the rear of the store, was moved bodily a distance of three feet east of its former location."

"Water pipes were broken and pulled apart in so many places that a great wonder exists that the firemen were able to save any of the Academy building..."

"The I.O.O.F. block was a sufferer. The upper portion of the outside walls fell off in several places, in one instance going through the roof of the newly constructed Green building next to Odd Fellows hall..."

"Copriviza & Alaga suffered heavily through the smashing of their stock as, with few exceptions, all of their glass goods were damaged."

"The damage sustained by St. Patrick's church it is roughly estimated will amount to between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Besides the damage done to the northern gable, the spire has been so far displaced from its base that it is thought rebuilding will be necessary. Serious damage has also been done to the stucco work and ornamentation of the interior..."

EP; 18 Apr 1906; item: "ALDERMEN MEET IN ADJOURNED SESSION...On behalf of the residents of his district J. R. Kitchen asked the Board to confer with Mr. Lettunich with regard to the drier he proposes to erect on Bridge street. Mr. Kitchen thought that the Board might prevail upon Mr. Lettunich to erect the proposed building elsewhere. The speaker contended that the drier should not be erected in the residence portions of the city..."

EP; 19 Apr 1906; item: "Last evening while endeavoring to cross the Pajaro river at the ford at the foot of Main street the horses of Gus Groenvelt became mired in the sediment on the Monterey county side. With the help of a man, who waded into the thigh-deep muck, he was able to get out again. Copriviza & Alaga's delivery wagon was also stuck."

Paj; 19 Apr 1906; item: "The damage sustained by the Weinhold Cafe and by the California Restaurant caused those two establishments to close their doors temporarily...[result of earthquake]"

Paj; 19 Apr 1906; item: "Hans Herdt to Gasper Simonovich—Lot 32, Walker's subdivision, Watsonville; \$10."

Paj; 19 Apr 1906; item: "Mrs. E. Iona Holland and husband to Jasper Simonovich [Simunovich]—Lot 23, Walker's Subdivision, Watsonville; \$10."

Paj; 19 Apr 1906; item: "The most remarkable local results of the subterranean seismic disturbance, are to be seen immediately beyond the approach of the bridge on the Pajaro side and in the neighborhood of Chinatown. At this point the surface of the ground has sunk in places at least four feet, and deep fissures extended for a long distance. An upheaval of water and mud has occurred through curious circular blow holes. Portions of fields have been turned into ponds; the railroad track has sunk and the rails have been twisted out of shape as far as the eye can see. The Pajaro river, which before the earthquake was running low, now flows in a copious and turbid stream."

EP; 21 Apr 1906; item: "**Watsonville Loses No Time in Commencing a Campaign to Raise Funds to Aid Sufferers.** After we had gone to press yesterday... considerable business was transacted at the mass meeting, called to devise ways and means of helping the distressed of San Francisco."

"W. R. Porter's offer of the dining room and other rooms in the Hoffman House gratis for the purpose of storage and office room for the committee was accepted. Mayor Trafton was delegated to go to San Jose at once to confer with the Mayor of that city, also to go down the line and see just what is needed, how the situation stands, and report back."

"E. A. Hall moved that a call be issued for subscriptions, supplies and cash to be left at the headquarters, Hoffman House. Carried."

"Lou Davis was instructed to interview the restaurant keepers to arrange for prices for meals to be given refugees, the tickets for these meals to be given by the secretary and signed by him. All money received by the secretary is to be deposited in one of the banks by him."

"The following sub-committees on finance were

appointed: ...Ward No. 2—A. N. Judd, T. M. Wright and Steve Scurich. Ward No 3—J. J. Morey, H. S. Fletcher and Mateo Lettunich...”

EP; 23 Apr 1906; list: **“RELIEF COMMITTEES’ LARGE COLLECTION...the Following Subscriptions Have Been Turned In.**

“General Committee. Paid to W. H. Benteen at Huffman House: ...Austrian-American Benevolent Society: \$50...

“Ward No. 1: ...M. Rilovich & Bro: \$1.

“Second Ward: [Paid to] S. Scurich and A. N. Judd: ...J. Andrichovich: \$10...Stolich Bros., clothing: \$10; Mrs. L. Scurich: \$5; Stephen Scurich: \$50, also 1 room and clothing...M. Grizich: \$2.50...Lucich & Gordon: 4 sks potatoes...

“Fourth Ward: ...Pulisevich Bros.: \$5...

“Saloon Committee: ...Strazicich & Sersen: \$15...Copriviza & Alaga: \$15...George Strazicich: \$2...M. P. Kalich: \$1...J. C. Rodrich: \$2...Frank Farlen: \$2.50...”

EP; 23 Apr 1906; item: **“Don’t Go to the City.** Hollisterites who returned from the city yesterday stated that the authorities there—both civil and military—have the situation well in hand, and had formulated a plan whereby every able-bodied man in the city must go to work at once cleaning away the wreckage from the streets, and doing other necessary sanitary work. The city will be divided into sections, placed under military control, and all idle men will be compelled to go to work, getting their rations, per day, therefor. The authorities warn everyone to stay away from the city. Idlers and sightseers are not wanted.”

EP; 24 Apr 1906; list: “The following additional collections for the San Francisco suffers were reported today by the local relief committee: ...Ward No. 2: M. Stolich: \$5; N. Radovich \$5...A. Zar: \$5...”

EP; 24 Apr 1906; item: “Rudolph Pinto and wife to Luke Bakich—Lot 75x165 on southwest side Rodriguez street, between Kearney and Fifth streets, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 25 Apr 1906; item: “John Zulich [prob. Zufich] of this city is at the racetrack at Emeryville, according to a Chronicle personal.”

EP; 25 Apr 1906; item: “Mrs. Lucy Nirich of Watsonville, an inmate at the Agnews Hospital for the Insane, was killed in the fall of that institution during the earthquake Wednesday morning. She was the wife of Peter Nirich.”

EP; 2 May 1906; Board of Aldermen payments: “...H. Josahich, labor: \$4...”

EP; 8 May 1906; item: “Steve Scurich left for San Francisco this morning.”

EP; 8 May 1906; item: “The many friends of Mrs. Stephen Scurich will be pleased to learn that she is well and home again after her recent severe illness.”

EP; 9 May 1906; item: “George Copriviza has returned from a trip to San Francisco.”

EP; 9 May 1906; item: **“Repairing the Lettunich Block.** Workmen started this morning repairing the firewalls in the rear of the M. Lettunich Co.’s block, formerly the Snodgrass building. The building passed through the shock with but little damage.”

EP; 11 May 1906; county payments: “...Indigent Sick Fund: Copriviza [Copriviza], Geo, mdse: \$15...”

EP; 14 May 1906; list: **“...the Relief Committee Furnishes Lists of Coin and Supplies Contributed...** First Ward: Kukuliza: \$5...Rilovich M. & Bro.: \$1...

“Ward Two: Collected by A. N. Judd and Stephen Scurich...Andrichovich, J.: \$10...Grizich, M.: \$2.50...Marinovich, F. P.: \$10...Radonich, N.: \$5...Stolich Bros.: \$10; Scurich, Mrs. Luke: \$5...Zar, A.: \$5; Scurich, Steve: \$50...Lucich & Gordon: 4 scs. potatoes.

“The Following Gave Clothing: ...Stolich Bros., Scurich, Mrs. L.

“Third Ward. Committee: J. J. Morey, H. S. Fletcher, Mateo Lettunich...Lettunich, M. N.: \$25; Lettunich, Mateo: \$25...

“Fourth Ward...Pulisevich Bros.: \$5...

“Saloon Committee...Copriviza & Alaga: \$15...Kalich, M. P.: \$1...Strazicich & Sersen: \$15...Strazicich, Geo.: \$2...

“Collected at Committee Headquarters. Austrian American Ben. Society: \$50...Miovich Co., J. P.: \$20...Strazicich, S.: \$5...”

EP; 14 May 1906; ALL: M. Tomasovich.

EP; 14 May 1906; item: “Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Lettunich have returned from a trip to San Francisco. Mr. Lettunich reports that he is now shipping Loganberries to Oakland.”

EP; 16 May 1906; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company report a good crop of Loganberries on their Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas. For a week past they have been forwarding these choice berries to Oakland, where they command fairly good prices. The outlook at the present time for this variety of berry is very encouraging.”

EP; 18 May 1906; item: “Joe Balanac, at one time proprietor of the Klondike Saloon in this city is here from Panama on a brief visit.”

EP; 18 May 1906; class. ad: "FOR RENT. Nice house, partly furnished. Apply to Stephen Scurich, 22 Sudden street."

EP; 19 May 1906; honor roll: 8th year: Mamie Smith; 7th year: Lena Katuran; 4th year: Mary Zar; 2nd year: Mitchell Stolich.

Paj; 24 May 1906; item: "On the 24th of last April Steve Scurich managed to get a cablegram through to Dalmatia, Austria, notifying his brother, Luke Scurich, that the Pajaro valley had passed through the 'quake of the 18th, comparatively uninjured. Yesterday Steve received a letter from Luke in reply. He states that the reports received there, at first, from California, were terrifying. It was stated positively that San Francisco and the country for 50 or 100 miles around it had sunk and were underwater; that a number of trains, heavily loaded with passengers, had been swallowed up in immense fissures, and that millions of lives were lost. Luke says that for some time he was almost distracted with the rumors going around, and that the receipt of the cablegram was one of the most joyful incidents he ever experienced. He is now on his way home, and will be here in the course of another week or so."

Paj; 24 May 1906; item: "Wood, Curtis & Co., vs. Luke Scurich—Notice of appeal on undertaking on appeal."

EP; 25 May 1906; item: "Mark Cosulick [Cosulich], who was interested, last season, in the Tent City Restaurant at Santa Cruz, will conduct it alone the coming season, and is fixing it up in first-class style."

EP; 25 May 1906; item: "**Ladies of Valley Church Take This Means of Raising Needed Funds.** Sunday will mark the 15th anniversary of the dedication of the Valley Church, and in connection with that event the ladies of the church, under the Presidency of Mrs. Mary Burke, will serve a fine dinner immediately after the morning services. The proceeds of this dinner will be devoted to repairing the damage done to the edifice by the late earthquake, and all who can should attend and help along the good cause. The ladies have made elaborate preparations for this dinner and those who patronize the festal board will enjoy a good meal. A bus will leave the Mansion House at 9:15 o'clock to take persons who have no other means of conveyance to the church."

EP; 26 May 1906; ALL: Foreign: Luce Kulich.

EP; 29 May 1906; list: "The good work of the committeemen...in soliciting subscriptions for the Fourth of July celebration in Watsonville is shown by the following list...California Restaurant: \$10...Geo. Strazicich: \$5...Copriviza & Alaga: \$5...S. Strazicich: \$5...F. P. Marinovich: \$1...M. Kalich: \$1..."

EP; 29 May 1906; item: "Mary Eliza Seitz and husband to Lucia Scurich—Lot 75x150 feet on corner of Third and Lincoln streets, Watsonville; also all interest in a one-foot strip adjoining same; also undivided one-half of strip 10x76 feet adjoining same (reserving a right of way); \$10."

EP; 29 May 1906; item: "Job R. Strange to Lucia Scurich—Lot 100x160 feet on south side of Ford St., Watsonville, adjoining Jefsen; \$10."

EP; 31 May 1906; item: "Mark Cosulich, lessee of the Tent City Restaurant (this season) at Santa Cruz, who was in town last Tuesday evening, informs us that the prospects for a big season's business over at Santa Cruz were never better. He has engaged as chef for his restaurant Mons Squirrez, formerly chef at Marchand's rotisserie and Call cafe, San Francisco, and as everything connected with the Tent City Restaurant has been put in apple-pie order, he anticipates a profitable patronage. He will have two classes of meals, one at 30 cents, the other a French dinner (including wine) at 75 cents. Cosulich is one of the best restaurateurs in the business and knows thoroughly how to keep such an establishment up-to-date."

EP; 31 May 1906; item: "Building contract—Ben Mollerskov with Stephen Pekoch—Dwelling on southwest side of Walker St., Watsonville, \$1976.50."

EP; 31 May 1906; item: "The Burr-Paddon Company today consummated a deal whereby Peter P. Stolich purchased of Reuben Gasper and wife the latter's home on West Fifth street. Mr. Stolich intends to make his residence there in the future."

EP; 31 May 1906; obit: "...Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Sara L. Todd was found dead in bed at her late home, 825 Rodriguez street in this city..."

"The pallbearers were L. V. Willits, J. A. Linscott, E. Y. Dollenmayer, William Pulesivich, E. F. Sanborn and J. J. Lewis."

Paj; 31 May 1906; item: "The customers in the California restaurant were thrown into a state of excitement on Saturday night by some rowdy in one of the boxes throwing a heavy coffee cup clear over the partition into the next box, narrowly missing a lady's head and falling on the table. It is likely that a complaint will be made against the party, if he or she can be identified."

EP; 2 Jun 1906; item: "Martin Rilovich and wife, and Geo. Rilovich and wife, to Pajaro Valley Bank—Lot 57x187 on northwest line Third street, Watsonville, adjoining Gummow. Also lot 757x180 on southeast side Fourth street, Watsonville, adjoining Bonde; \$10."

EP; 4 Jun 1906; item: “Sara E. Todd to George Copriviza—Lot 44x165 feet on southwest side of Rodriguez street, Watsonville, adjoining Lewis; \$10.”

EP; 5 Jun 1906; honorary promotions: 1st year: Antonio Scurich; 2nd year: Katie Knego; 8th year: Mamie Smith.

EP; 5 Jun 1906; item: “Reuben Gasper and wife to Peter P. Stolich—Lot 33, Walker’s subdivision No. 1, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 5 Jun 1906; item: “Luke Scurich left Dalmatia, Austria, on May 25th, for his home in this city, and is expected here in a short time.”

EP; 6 Jun 1906; item: “At the meeting of the Board of Trade yesterday the committee on the improvement and extension of the apple market turned in a written report and copies of it were ordered to be sent to all packing houses. The report follows:

“...To the directors of the Pajaro Valley Board of Trade—Sirs: Your committee, consisting of O. D. Stoesser, J. S. Menasco, F. Radovan, W. J. McGowan, F. E. Mauk, F. L. MacDonald, I. H. Tuttle, C. O. Silliman, George W. Sill, M. N. Lettunich and J. B. Holohan, appointed by President Hall at a called meeting of the orchardists and packers of Pajaro valley for the purpose of finding methods of doing away with the present unsatisfactory condition of the apple market, of extending that market, and of doing everything possible to restore and retain the good name of Pajaro valley apples in the European markets, beg leave to submit the following recommendations: [list omitted]...”

EP; 6 Jun 1906; board of aldermen payments: “...K. Jasohich, assigned claim: \$1...A. Miocecich, gravel: \$12.60...”

EP; 6 Jun 1906; item: “The widening of the railroad cut near Aromas has prompted a number of the residents of Monterey county to endeavor to get permission from the railroad company and the land owners through whose property the proposed road will run to extend a wagon road through said cut. By so doing the long and hard pull over Hunter’s hill would be avoided and the distance between Vega and Aromas would be shortened more than a mile. M. N. Lettunich & Company state that they will grant a franchise free through their lands for said road...”

EP; 7 Jun 1906; item: “F. P. Marinovich vs. F. A. Kilburn—Defendant’s statement of motion for new trial.”

Paj; 7 Jun 1906; article: “[interview with resigning Postmaster Geo. G. Radcliff] ‘...From time to time the delivery territory has been extended so that it includes

the Quinn, the Scurich, and a portion of the Bockius subdivisions, as well as other short streets not originally served...”

Paj; 7 Jun 1906; item: “James Waters, the pioneer nurseryman, arrived in town...from Oakland with a magnificent Cleveland touring car of 35-horsepower capacity and capable of making 55 miles an hour on a good road. The Cleveland machine is a very fine automobile and is guaranteed by the manufacturing firm for one year. This machine, which came direct from Cleveland, Ohio, is the only one of its make in the State of California. It has a carriage top and is in every way well adapted to family use. Mr. Waters has every reason for pardonable pride in his new machine. Without trying for speed the trip from San Jose to Watsonville was made in two hours and a quarter.”

EP; 9 Jun 1906; disp. ad: “NEW Subdivision PAJARO. M. N. LETTUNICH, the well known fruit grower and packer: a man of excellent judgment and who is thoroughly familiar with every acre of land in Pajaro Valley said of this new subdivision: ‘I have for years purchased nursery stock of this tract; and I am thoroughly familiar with all the land in Pajaro Valley. THERE IS NO BETTER LAND IN THE VALLEY THAN IN THIS SUBDIVISION.’ JOY & MAHER. Peck Block, Rooms 11-12-13-14-15, Upstairs, Watsonville, California.”

EP; 12 Jun 1906; item: “Stephen Scurich was a business visitor in Salinas yesterday.”

EP; 12 Jun 1906; item: “Mrs. Luke Scurich is in receipt of a message from New York stating that her husband expects to arrive in this city on next Saturday. Mr. Scurich has been gone for several months on an European trip.”

EP; 19 Jun 1906; item: “**Dissolution of Partnership.** The firm of Butier & Lettunich has this day been dissolved, E. B. Lettunich having purchased the interest of M. P. Butier. All bills due the firm are payable to E. B. Lettunich and all bills owed by the firm of Butier & Lettunich will be paid by E. B. Lettunich.—M. P. BUTIER. Watsonville, June 19, 1906.”

EP; 19 Jun 1906; item: “M. N. Lettunich, of M. N. Lettunich & Company, fruit growers and packers, states that the apple crop on the company’s Del Monte Fruit Farm is extremely promising and that the grape crop, which was recently sulphured, promises a bountiful harvest.”

Paj; 21 Jun 1906; item: “Joe Piroja and family left today for a few days visit with N. Stojanovich and family of San Jose.”

Paj; 21 Jun 1906; item: "Mrs. Antone Miasovich [Mioceovich] created a disturbance at the Watsonville Hospital this afternoon. Chief Rasette and Constable Corr were called and took the woman to Lower Marchant street from where she proceeded to her home."

Paj; 21 Jun 1906; item: "Stephen Scurich and family have moved into their new home on East Third street, recently the property of Geo. Seitz."

Paj; 21 Jun 1906; article: "LUKE SCURICH GETS HOME FROM AUSTRIA. Luke Scurich arrived home last night from a visit to his native heath. He left Watsonville on March 4th last and sailed from New York on the 15th, arriving at Ragusa [Dubrovnik], Dalmatia, Austria, on March 28th. He found the weather in the old country unusually cold, but took full enjoyment of his visit until he received the first news of the earthquake. He said this morning that he believed his anxiety was as great a strain upon his nerves as the actual experience of the people here. The first news was terrible. A report stated that San Francisco and all of the surrounding country had been submerged; that great fissures had opened in the earth and railroad trains had been engulfed in them, etc. Then came other and worse reports. Mr. Scurich had left his family in this country and he was well-nigh distracted when he received a short cablegram from Steve Scurich which reassured him to some extent. A circumstance which added greatly to the color of the first reports was that the country he was visiting had just received a half-inch coating of ashes from the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. Mr. Scurich managed to get much enjoyment from his visit after being assured of the safety of his family and friends. He left the old country on his return journey on May 25th and it was not until he began to near the Pacific Coast that he heard any truthful reports of actual conditions here. He is truly glad to find all of his friends alive and well and that Watsonville is still as good as new. He will at once take up his apple business in which he finds the prospects excellent."

EP; 25 Jun 1906; item: "Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dios and Mrs. Rose Balanac and children were over from Spreckels yesterday."

EP; 27 Jun 1906; item: "Today Attorneys Wyckoff & Gardner received notification of the successful issue of their late appeal in the case of Geo. Copriviza vs. Rilovich Bros.

"The suit under the above title was tried in the Superior Court of this county. The action had been brought to recover money loaned and wages. The defendants, Rilovich Bros., in addition to denying the allegations, pleaded the statute of limitations. The judgment obtained by plaintiff in the Superior Court was for \$2700 and costs. Defendants Rilovich appealed to the District Appellate

Court, which rendered a decision reducing the former judgment to \$890.

"Messrs. Wyckoff & Gardner, attorneys for Copriviza filed a petition for rehearing which was granted. The case again went to the Appellate Court and yesterday the original decision, allowing the plaintiff judgment for \$2700 and costs, was affirmed. Messrs. Dickerman & Torchiana were attorneys for Rilovich Bros. the defendants."

EP; 27 Jun 1906; item: "Mr. and Mrs. John Balovich, who have been residents of Salinas for nine years, will return to Watsonville to live, tomorrow, Mr. Balovich's health compelling him to leave his position at the sugar factory.—Salinas Index."

EP; 28 Jun 1906; item: "Stephen Scurich made a business trip to the county seat yesterday."

EP; 28 Jun 1906; item: "Thos. Grusick, accompanied by his mother and his nieces, the Misses Lucille and Kathryn Zar of New Orleans, is visiting Mrs. J. Nemanick in this city." [*"Grusich and mother" were Mrs. Nemanick's brother and mother*]

Paj; 28 Jun 1906; item: "Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Woodward of San Jose have rented the upper portion of the Mateo Lettunich block and will conduct therein a lodging house business. There will be 14 bedrooms and on account of location, etc., it is probable they will be occupied from the opening day..."

Paj; 28 Jun 1906; item: "The following boys were admitted to the Pajaro Valley Orphan Asylum during the three months ending June 30, 1906: ...Stephen Paulichich, 12 years; Joseph Paulicich, 11 years..."

Paj; 28 Jun 1906; item: "About two years ago John Calinbreno, alias John Bacicich, was occupying rooms with Martin Radovich and another Austrian in a small cabin near the packing house section of West Third street beyond Walker. One day Calinbreno suddenly disappeared and Radovich was pained to learn that he had been separated from a bunch of coin amounting to \$76. Upon the discovery that his money had been stolen Radovich notified Constable Corr, and he in turn notified the other officers, including Sheriff H. V. Trafton. Cards were sent out all over the country and some weeks later it was learned that Calinbreno had been sentenced in Los Angeles county to two years in the penitentiary at San Quentin for burglary. Accordingly the local officers kept track of the time when Calinbreno's term would expire so that they could re-arrest him. He was released from the penitentiary yesterday, but as he walked out of the gate Sheriff Trafton was there to take him into custody. The fellow was arrested and the Sheriff brought him to this city last evening. Calinbreno was arraigned before

Justice Hawkins and his bond was fixed at \$1000 for his appearance in court when wanted. He is charged with grand larceny. Sheriff Trafton took the prisoner to Santa Cruz last evening and lodged him in the county jail.”

EP; 30 Jun 1906; item: “M. N. Lettunich & Company report the outlook for a fine crop of grapes on the Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas as extremely flattering.”

EP; 2 Jul 1906; born: “In Watsonville, Sunday, July 1, 1906, to the wife of George Novakovich, a son.” [*John “Stork”*; +1991]



Fig. 3-4.
John “Stork” Novacovich.

Paj; 5 Jul 1906; item: “[from article describing various Fourth of July decorations around town] ...The California Restaurant is a very neatly decorated establishment. Decorating material has been used to good advantage there...”

EP; 5 Jul 1906; article: “**EVERYBODY CALLED IT A PERFECT CELEBRATION. Watsonville’s Observance of Nation’s Birthday Gave Real Pleasure to 15,000 People.** A Fourth of July celebration without fire-crackers, fireworks, or any other kind of nerve-racking, vile-smelling, explosive nuisance! Until yesterday who had ever heard of such a thing, except as a possibility?

“Yesterday was Fourth of July, and it was celebrated in most glorious fashion in Watsonville, and from dawn to midnight there wasn’t a pop. Even local people were agreeably surprised. Visitors went home late at night well satisfied with their day of enjoyment, calling it a perfect day, and in their various ways signifying that they had found Watsonville not only ‘on the map,’ but so well situated and so well managed that it had given them the best time of their lives.

“In the afternoon, after everybody including the orphans had been fed...there was a continuous program of games, races, etc...Among the juveniles, many of whom were from the Orphanage, the race winners were: ...15 yards, slow ball race, 1st Geo. Lewis, 2d Elmer Sresovich...50 yards, sack race, 1st Frank Sresovich...50 yards, backwards, 1st T. Murphy, 2d Frank Sresovich...Two bats race, 1st Martin and Barry, 2d Cuneo and Sresovich...”

EP; 6 Jul 1906; item: “Mike Pintor, a Slavonian employed by Pratchner and Chadwick, met with an awful accident yesterday while at work on the Ocean Shore railroad near Wilder’s, and in consequence Pintor will be a cripple for life.

“He was using a hollow iron tube as a pry, in which, in some manner inexplicable, had been placed a stick of dynamite, which exploded.

“It took off the entire right hand and a portion of the left hand and mangled his body badly. Dr. W. A. Phillips and Dr. Harry Piper were called and dressed the wounds, and the unfortunate man was taken to Miss Hanley’s sanitarium.—Santa Cruz Surf.”

EP; 11 Jul 1906; item: “Charlotte McAuliffe to Marko Kukuliza—Lot 73.65x172.58 feet on northwest side of Kearney street, Watsonville, adjoining Smith; \$10.”

EP; 11 Jul 1906; item: “Florence A. Bliss to Andrew Strazicich—Lot 21, Waters’ subdivision of the Pajaro Valley Nursery tract, Watsonville; \$10.”

Paj; 12 Jul 1906; item: “Chief of Police Rasette has returned from Oakland where he was successful in making service of subpoenas on John Krole [Kralj] and Martin Radovich, two former residents of this city, who are wanted to substantiate a charge of burglary against a recently captured man whose offense was committed in the packing house district of this city nearly two years ago.”

EP; 14 Jul 1906; article: “**CHARACTER PARTY.** Last night a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. Newman gave them a surprise visit which developed into one of the most enjoyable character parties yet accounted for...A number of the guests were dressed in fanciful costumes. The characters represented were...Chinese Bride, Mrs. Lettunich; Chinese Lady, Miss Marisch...

“One of the games indulged in was made spirited by a contest for prizes. This was called a gum contest...first prize for ladies, a hat pin placque, was won by Mrs. Lettunich...”

EP; 14 July 1906; article: “**MASQUE CARNIVAL AT SKATING RINK.** A masquerade ball is a funny thing, but a masquerade carnival on skates is infinitely more amusing...The bright, the humorous, apt or comical costumes were sufficient to keep you smiling, and everyone seemed so earnestly happy and the movement of the scene was so constant, so quickly changing, that it contained interest in every minute.

“[The judges] made their selections while the Grand March was going on and announced the winners at 10 o’clock when all masks were thrown aside...Miss Kathryn Zar took the ladies prize. She portrayed a typical Western cowboy girl. She had all the breeze of a ‘cow puncher’ and a ‘bronco buster,’ carrying a six-shooter and lariat and togged out in leggins and sombrero...”

EP; 14 July 1906; item: “N. Alaga of the firm of Copriviza & Alaga, is spending a two weeks’ outing at Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 16 July 1906; class. ad: "FOR SALE. Six 4000 gallon water tanks, will be sold cheap. Apply to Luke Scurich."

EP; 18 Jul 1906; item: "GRAND GROVE OF DRUIDS. Santa Cruz, July 17—Nearly 500 delegates are in Santa Cruz to take part in the 42nd annual grand grove of Druids and the grand circle of Lady Druids. The first session was held yesterday morning at Odd Fellows' hall and was called to order by Noble Grand Arch, Antonovich...The following committees were appointed: ...Correspondence—J. Gospodnetich..."

EP; 19 Jul 1906; born: "In Watsonville, July 15, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Stolich, a son." [*Peter J.*; +1948; *married Alves*]



Fig. 3-5. Peter J. Stolich.

EP; 20 Jul 1906; item: "William Huntsman and wife to J. Scurich—Lot 50x172 feet, being parts of lots 15 and 16, Peckham subdivision of Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 21 Jul 1906; item: "G. Alexich is down from San Francisco on fruit business and greeting old friends. The firm he represents, Ivancovich & Company, has purchased the apple crops of O. S. and R. S. Tuttle orchards."

EP; 23 Jul 1906; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children are spending the summer vacation at Hotel Capitola."

EP; 24 Jul 1906; item: "Mateo Lettunich and son, Nicholas, are spending a two weeks' outing at Tassajara Springs."

EP; 24 Jul 1906; item: "Within a few days after a birth in a family we should be pleased if the father would send us the birth notice, giving date, place, name of father and sex of child, signing the notice, of course, so that we may know that it is authentic. Many seem to think this the physician's duty, but it is a noticeable fact that few notices are sent in until they are too old for news."

EP; 25 Jul 1906; item: "Nicholas Alaga has returned from a two weeks' visit at Tassajara Hot Springs."

EP; 26 Jul 1906; item: "George and Mary Novakovich have filed their answers to the complaint of John Copriviza of Watsonville."

EP; 27 Jul 1906; item: "**'Tony' Lettunich's Commission Store in Los Angeles Burglarized.** Says last Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner: A barefoot boy, scarce-

ly more than 10 years of age, attempted to rob the office of A. B. Lettunich, commission merchant, and came within two letters of working the combination of the merchant's safe containing \$100, at 617 East Third street, about nine o'clock last night."

EP; 30 Jul 1906; item: "The Santa Cruz Medical Society of which Dr. S. C. Rodgers of this city is President, and Dr. H. E. Piper of Santa Cruz Secretary, will meet in Watsonville this evening...At the conclusion of the meeting the members of the Society will partake of a banquet at the California restaurant."

EP; 30 Jul 1906; ALL: M. Doobaz [Drobaz], Votin Labas, G. Miloslovich.

EP; 30 Jul 1906; item: "Miss Estelle Milcovich is here from Oakland on a visit to her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Deck."

EP; 4 Aug 1906; item: "The dried apricot crop of Pajaro valley this season will amount to about 60 tons as against some 400 tons last season, and of this year's output Geo. W. Sill, who has earned the title of 'dried fruit king' of this vicinity, has purchased 55 tons in the aggregate from the following named orchardists: ...Rilovich Bros...[of 18 orchardists]"

EP; 6 Aug 1906; item: "At 7 o'clock Sunday morning an alarm of fire called the department to Kearney street where a packing shed and small stable belonging to J. Simonovich [Simunovich] were in flames. The stable was burned, but only light damage was done to the shed. The fire was discovered by Benny Church the small son of the family living next to Simonovich, and he immediately gave the alarm. Two horses which are kept in the stable at night had been turned into the yard, and aside from the value of the structure, which was nominal, the only loss was a few bales of hay and some harness. The packing shed was very badly burned at the west gable but not otherwise injured."

EP; 7 Aug 1906; item: "Last Sunday afternoon at Forester's hall Grand President Mrs. Mary Phillips of Oakland and Grand Marshall Mrs. Mary Krilanovich of Santa Cruz installed the following officers of the Ladies' Protective Union for the ensuing term: [no Slavs]"

EP; 8 Aug 1906; item: "Whether or not Copriviza & Alaga should be permitted to finish the construction of the building they have begun and on which they were stopped by Chief of Police Rasette, will be left to the discretion of the Building Committee. The Board seemed inclined to allow the construction to go ahead under the circumstances, as most of the building is out of the fire limits."

EP; 8 Aug 1906; item: "At noon today the firemen were called out on account of a small blaze on the B. F. Church property on Kearney, adjoining J. Simonovich, who has twice within the past few days been menaced by flames. The fire started in the Church barn, just across the fence from Simonovich, and proved to be the burning of about half a bale of alfalfa hay, the only feed in the barn. Before the fire department reached the scene the hay was dragged out of the barn and the blaze was quickly extinguished. The frequency with which fires are occurring in the vicinity named demands careful investigation in order to ascertain who or what is responsible for them. It is stated, on what is considered good authority, that a fire started there last night, but was gotten under control without the aid of the firemen."

Paj; 9 Aug 1906; item: "Last evening a surprise party was given to Master Harold Kane at the home of his parents on Maple avenue. A number of the little fellow's friends were present and the evening was passed in a pleasant manner. The serving of ice cream and cake was an enjoyable feature of the occasion. Those present were: Leonti Sheehy, Mary Bowen, Sarah Shortt of Oakland, Lucille Lettunich, Juanita Speckens, Vivian Perez, Mildred Speckens, Stella Jessen, Theresa Sheehy, Margarite Sheehy, Madeleine Riordan, Wilma Kane, Styletta Kane, Elsie Gouland, Stephen White, Earl Faul, Nicholas Lettunich, Mervyn Prindiville, Arthur Himmah, John Sheehy, Tom Riordan, George Leddy, Eugene Williams, Arthur Prindiville."

EP; 9 Aug 1906; item: "Says last Sunday's issue of the Los Angeles Times: 'Shipping coals to Newcastle is looked upon as something of a joke, but shipping fruit to Los Angeles is a good thing when it is good fruit. That is what happened yesterday, when Watsonville shippers consigned to A. B. Lettunich, No. 617 East Third street, the biggest carload of apples ever received in this city. There were 1391 boxes, a total of 70,000 pounds of this fruit. The biggest single carload before this was one of 1032 boxes.'"

EP; 9 Aug 1906; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children have returned home from their stay at Capitola."

EP; 14 Aug 1906; item: "N. Stojanovich, formerly of the Garden City fruit store in Watsonville, but now residing in San Jose, came over from that city this morning for a visit to his daughter and friends. He is much improved in health."

EP; 15 Aug 1906; item: "Nick Galich was arrested...on a charge of petit larceny preferred by Copriviza & Alaga, from whom it is alleged he stole a dish pan. He was arraigned in Justice Hawkins' court...and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail."

Paj; 16 Aug 1906; item: "Two new members were last night initiated into Grove No. 135, Ancient Order of Druids, at Foresters' hall, this city. They are G. L. Fulton and Martin Tomovich..."

EP; 27 Aug 1906; married: "At Holy Cross Rectory...Edward Robert Ware and Miss Evelyn Grace Sresovich, both of Soquel." *[date and place were not mentioned; maybe San Francisco; daughter of Luke G.]*

Paj; 30 Aug 1906; article: "**END OF LONG PERIOD OF LEGAL FIGHTING. During Which Every Member of Court of Appeals Gets New Light and Reverses Judgment.** The case of Copriviza vs. Rilovich, after four years wandering through the courts, seems at last to have come to the end of its journey. On Friday last the Supreme Court made an order refusing to grant Rilovich Bros. a re-hearing and the judgment of the District Court of Appeal, in favor of Copriviza, now stands as final.

"This case has had a curious career. It was commenced in May, 1902. In October of the same year it was tried before Judge Smith and a jury. The trial resulted in a verdict and judgment for Copriviza. Rilovich Bros. appealed to the Supreme Court and the case was assigned to the District Court of Appeal where it was orally argued in November last.

"Early in the present year that court filed an opinion reversing the decision of Judge Smith and holding that the greater portion of the judgment was barred by the statute of limitations. Copriviza then asked for a re-hearing which was granted, and in June of this year the Court of Appeal rendered a decision unanimously affirming the judgment of Judge Smith.

"Rilovich Bros. then petitioned the Supreme Court to have the case removed to that court and reargued. This petition is that which has just been denied. The judgment, with interest and costs, now amounts to about \$3600."

Paj; 6 Sep 1906; item: "The inquest held to inquire into the cause of death of J. W. Freeman who was killed at Pajaro station...was concluded at Wyckoff & Aston's undertaking parlors...by Deputy Coroner Wyckoff of this city. The testimony of H. L. Bishop, firemen of train No. 10, which ran over Freeman, and John W. Winter-son, the man who crossed the track with Freeman and most miraculously escaped death himself, proved that Freeman's death was purely accidental and a verdict to that effect was rendered by the jury composed of... William Pulisevich..."

Paj; 6 Sep 1906; item: "The District Court of Appeals has...filed a remittitur in the appeal of Martin Rilovich of Watsonville against the judgment of the Superior Court of this county in the case of Copriviza against Rilovich. The District Court affirms the judgment of Judge Smith,

the opinion being delivered by Justice Hall and concurred in by Justices Cooper and Harrison.”

Paj; 6 Sep 1906; item: “Stephen Scurich leaves tomorrow on a business trip to San Francisco and will be gone three or four days.”

Paj; 6 Sep 1906; item: “M. Kukuliza, senior member of the fruit packing firm of M. Kukuliza, with quarters on Kearney street, met with a serious accident yesterday while hauling gravel from the Scurich gravel pit. There was a large slide of gravel which struck the young man, breaking his left leg. A physician was called and reduced the fracture, and the patient is resting nicely.”

EP; 7 Sep 1906; item: “George Copriviza vs. Martin Rilovich et al.—Satisfaction of judgment.”

Paj; 13 Sep 1906; item: “Invitations are out for the wedding of Antone B. Lettunich, of Los Angeles, but former resident of Watsonville, to Miss Amelia Zarick, of Sacramento, the same to take place at the Cathedral of Blessed Sacrament in the Capital City on Sunday.

“Previous to his locating in Los Angeles Mr. Lettunich was a leading fruit packer and shipper of this city for many years, and by his upright and honorable business methods made a host of friends in this valley. At present he is one of the leading produce and commission merchants of Los Angeles.”

Paj; 13 Sep 1906; ALL: Bonny Rozich.

EP; 19 Sep 1906; item: “**Steve Strazicich Was Not Convicted of Selling Liquor Between 1 and 5 a.m...** The next matter to come before the board [of aldermen] was the case of Steve Strazicich, proprietor of the Morning Star restaurant, who had been charged by James Watson with violating the liquor ordinance of the city; that is selling or giving away intoxicating liquors between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. The complaint charged that such an offense was committed on the morning of Aug. 30th...

“Police Officer L. Sandberg was called as a witness...The witness stated that on the morning of Aug. 30th, between 2 and 3 o’clock, he had occasion, in the course of his official duties, to pass the Morning Star restaurant. He said that he heard loud boisterous talking inside the restaurant, which fact led him to believe that drinking was being indulged in. He listened attentively outside and heard someone say: ‘You can make mine Port wine.’ Just then he was called across the street to look after another matter and did not return to the Morning Star for about 20 minutes. Upon his return he met one of the party in the restaurant coming out of the door and asked him if he had been drinking and the fellow replied in the affirmative.

“Sandberg says that he then went into the restaurant and found James Watson, Frank Garcia, Mercedes Rathu and another woman in one of the boxes. There were several empty liquor glasses on the table, but the officer did not see any of the members of the party drinking.

“Attorney J. E. Gardner, who conducted the examination on behalf of the city, questioned Officer Sandberg concerning the details of the case and was told that the officer asked the man in charge of the place what he meant by selling liquor at that hour in the morning. The man, who gave his name last evening as Tony Radovich, had stated to Officer Sandberg on the morning the offense is alleged to have taken place that he had not sold any liquors. Sandberg stated on the witness stand that Radovich told him upon that occasion that the members of the party were friends of his; that he had not sold any liquor, but had given it away. Radovich was reminded by the officer that giving away liquor between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. was as much in violation of the liquor ordinance as if he had sold the drinks.

“James Watson was next sworn and testified that on the morning of Aug. 30th he and Frank Garcia and two women were drinking liquor in the Morning Star restaurant between the hours of 2 and 3 o’clock. The drinks were paid for, according to Watson’s testimony, by Garcia. He (Watson) took rum and gum, one of the party took Port wine and the other two beer. When asked how he was so positive of the time Watson said Garcia, who had a watch, told him the time. It was about 2:45 a.m. when Officer Sandberg came into the restaurant. In reply to a question put to him by Alderman Horgan Watson said that he did not remember about Strazicich throwing him out of the place on the morning of Aug. 30th...

“Mr. Strazicich then took the stand and testified in his own behalf. He said that he had always tried to live strictly up to the laws and ordinances; that he gave his waiter and bartender the strictest instructions not to sell or give away a drop of liquor between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., no matter what inducements might be offered.

“Tony Radovich was then sworn and testified that he sold liquor just before 1 o’clock on the morning named, but served no such beverages after that hour. Watson, Garcia and their lady friends had partaken of nothing stronger than chocolate, black coffee, sarsaparilla, etc., after 1 a.m. Radovich admitted having left some liquor glasses on the table where the party sat when Officer Sandberg came in, but no liquor had been served in said glasses after 1 a.m. Radovich did not remember telling Sandberg that he did not sell the liquor after 1 o’clock but merely gave it to his friends.

“Frank Garcia, who had been about given up, entered the chamber of the Board of Aldermen at this time, but he was very groggy, seemingly having put in a great deal of overtime at a counter over which liquid refreshments are passed.

“He was placed upon the stand and asked if he remem-

bered having been in the Morning Star restaurant on the morning of Aug. 30th. The witness was just about as uncertain where he was on the morning of Aug. 30th as he was about his bearings last evening. Upon this showing he was allowed to leave the stand.

“Attorney Gardner stated that he had no further evidence to introduce and Alderman Palmtag moved that the matter be laid on the table. Alderman Horgan supported the motion and stated that he had known Mr. Strazicich for more than 20 years; that he had always been a good, law-abiding citizen and that he was opposed to revoking his license on the testimony of such witnesses (barring Officer Sandberg) as had testified in the case. Personally he would not believe Jim Watson under oath. He said that Mr. Strazicich had been compelled to throw Watson out of the Morning Star on the morning of Aug. 30th, and he believed that the charge was nothing more or less than spite work.

“Alderman Horgan said that there was practically no evidence in possession of the Board, as Officer Sandberg did not see the liquor sold or drank. If he believed Mr. Strazicich guilty as charged he would be the first to vote to take away his liquor license.

“Mr. Strazicich stated that he had been compelled to throw Watson out of his place on the morning in question and that Watson had stated that it would cost him (Strazicich) \$500.

“By a unanimous vote the members of the Board decided to table the matter, and Mayor Trafton cautioned Mr. Strazicich to be very careful in the future about selling liquor later than 1 a.m.

“Attorney Gardner explained that Watson had come into his office on the morning of Aug. 30th and wanted to swear to a complaint against Strazicich for selling liquor between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. He had questioned the plaintiff very closely, but was unable to ascertain what motive prompted his action. As City Attorney Mr. Gardner said that it was his duty to prepare the necessary complaint and have the matter brought before the Board for investigation.

“In case of a violation of that clause of the liquor ordinance which pertains to the selling or giving away of intoxicating liquors, except in the case of a druggist, filling a prescription given by a physician...the Board of Aldermen shall immediately revoke such license, and another cannot be granted to the same person again before the expiration of two years...”

EP; 19 Sep 1906; honor roll: 3rd year: Katie Rilovich, Lena Rilovich, Mitchell Stolich, Katie Knego.

Paj; 20 Sep 1906; article: “Yesterday’s Sacramento Bee has the following concerning the wedding of ‘Tony’ Lettunich, formerly of Watsonville, to a popular young lady of Sacramento:

“Miss Amelia Zarick, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Marco Zarick, well known residents of Sacramento, was married last Sunday to Antone Lettunich, a young businessman of Los Angeles. Miss Zarick is a popular young woman of this city, where she was born. The wedding ceremony took place at the Cathedral. After the ceremony the wedding party went to the home of the bride’s parents, where a wedding breakfast was served.

“The bride was the recipient of many handsome wedding presents. After the breakfast Mr. Lettunich and his bride left for Los Angeles, which city will be their home. As they boarded the train they were showered with rice and good wishes. They were accompanied to Los Angeles by Miss Minnie Chrisman, who was the bridesmaid.”

Paj; 20 Sep 1906; item: “John C. Copriviza vs. Mary Noakovich [Novakovich] and George Noakovich, her husband—On trial.”

Paj; 20 Sep 1906; item: “Peter J. Lettunich, Nicholas Lettunich and N. V. Lettunich were in Sacramento Sunday in attendance at the wedding of their brother, A. B. Lettunich of Los Angeles to Miss Amelia Zarick of the capital city. They returned Tuesday night.”

Paj; 20 Sep 1906; item: “Col. M. L. Megladdory, inspector of agencies for the San Francisco Call, has completed the transfer of the local agency of that paper from P. Sorensen to Nick Zar.”

EP; 21 Sep 1906; item: “J. Copriviza vs. Mary Novacovich—Argument begun.”

EP; 25 Sep 1906; married: “M. P. Butier, formerly of Watsonville, but now of San Francisco, and Mrs. Kate Lettunich of this city were married...Sunday morning in St. Patrick’s church in this city...Miss Rose Biele was bridesmaid, and Mateo Lettunich was best man. At the



Fig. 3-6.
Michael P. Butier
(1879-1971),
Catherine Miloslavich
Lettunich
(1883-1948).

conclusion of the marriage ceremony the contracting couple were driven to the residence of Mateo Lettunich, 110 Maple avenue, where a wedding breakfast was served. Later[,] congratulations were received from many friends. At noon the happy couple left for San Francisco,

where they will reside.” [*in one month, Rose Biele will marry Mitchell Kalich*]

EP; 26 Sep 1906; item: “AGENCY CHANGES. Nick Zar, who was collector for the Sunset Telephone Company for a number of years and who has lately been in the employ of Steinhauser & Eaton, druggists, having a good eye for business, has purchased the Call agency from P. Sorensen and will take possession on Oct. 1st. Thereafter Nick will devote his entire time to the interests of that enterprising paper. He will make his own deliveries so that subscribers are assured of good service and prompt delivery. His headquarters will be in Brink & Boin’s Cigar Store, and the Daily Call will also be on sale at all cigar stands. The Call is to be congratulated on securing this wideawake and businesslike young man as its representative in this city. Nick has many friends in Pajaro valley who will be glad to see him prosper and he will undoubtedly increase that paper’s already large circulation in this city and vicinity.”

EP; 1 Oct 1906; article: “LARGE CLASS AT FIRST COMMUNION. The large congregation present at St. Patrick’s church yesterday morning at 8 o’clock mass, was highly edified by the spirit of reverence and devotion that marked the receiving of the first communication by a large class of boys and girls of the parish. The girls were dressed in white and wore pretty wreaths on their heads. The young people presented a beautiful picture as they assumed the solemn obligation.

“At the conclusion of the communion Rev. Father Hassett gave a very interesting address to the young folks in which he took occasion to remind them of the great responsibility they were accepting in this, their solemn vows. He also examined them on various points of their catechism and exacted from them certain promises.

“Keen interest was awakened among the adults of the congregation in the beautiful services which marked the acceptance by so many young people of that which starts them on the way to a nobler, better life. Following are the names of the young people who accepted their first sacrament: Nicholas Lettunich...Lazarus Skocko, Peter Skocko...Lucy Skicko [Skocko], Louise Nirich... Lucille Lettunich...[of 52]”

EP; 3 Oct 1906; board of aldermen, payments: “...Geo. Strazicich, assigned claim: \$10...Geo. Strazicich, assigned to claim: \$5; Geo. Strazicich, assigned to claim: \$5...”

EP; 16 Oct 1906; honor roll: 5th grade: Pete Marinovich; 3rd grade: Katie Rilovich, Lena Rilovich, Katie Knego; 2nd grade: Antonio Scurich, Prosper Lettunich.

EP; 16 Oct 1906; item: “Some time ago Nick Zar lost a bicycle and yesterday it was recovered by Chief Rossette. The wheel had been used by the thief and then left at the

rear of McEwen’s livery stable. Several cases of this kind have been reported during the past few weeks and it is among the probabilities that a bicycle thief will find himself on the wrong side of the jail door before many moons.”

EP; 20 Oct 1906; item: “From the Sentinel: Mrs. Dorothy Podich was taken to Stockton Friday by Deputy Sheriff Moore and Mrs. H. V. Trafton. She was released from the same institution on the 20th of November [*sic*].”

EP; 25 Oct 1906; item: “A surprise birthday party was given to Miss Margie Waite in honor of her 10th birthday Wednesday afternoon...The afternoon was enjoyed by music, games, and recitations. Those present were... Helen Bolivich [Balovich]...[of 22]”

Paj; 25 Oct 1906; item: “The long looked for and much talked of St. Patrick’s Bazaar was opened with promising success...The booths are as follows: ...fish pond: ...Miss Annie Farlin...”

Paj; 25 Oct 1906; item: “John Nemanich et ux to Henry N. Lovering—Lot 25, Scurich’s subdivision, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 30 Oct 1906; item: “M. N. Lettunich of the fruit growing and packing firm of M. N. Lettunich & Company reports that the company finished last week harvesting the grape crop on the Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas. He reports a very good crop of grapes this season.”

EP; 31 Oct 1906; item: “Two gentlemen were here yesterday from Pacific Grove with a view to looking into a skating rink proposition. It is their intention to open up a rink in this city if they can get suitable quarters. The visitors were in consultation with the members of the Mateo Lettunich Company regarding the erection of a skating rink on the company’s lot, facing Rodriguez street and running through to the Stoesser alley. They wanted a building 68x288 feet with maple floor. The lot in question would be an ideal location for such a place of amusement, but such a building would cost quite a sum of money. A maple floor of the dimensions mentioned would cost nearly \$3000. Even with a maple runway 8 feet wide the floor alone would cost about \$2000. No definite arrangements have as yet been made. If the company is willing to erect the building the men from Pacific Grove are prepared to rent it for a term of years.”

EP; 1 Nov 1906; item: “John Copriviza vs. Mary Novakovich et al.—Findings and decision; subpoena.”

Paj; 1 Nov 1906; ALL: Sam Corich, N. Katusich, T. Lucich, G. M. Ormoich; Foreign: Toni Arneaich [Arnerich], Mateo Drobaz, John Opusich.

EP; 1 Nov 1906; item: “Geo. Dabelich, an active Democratic politician of the county seat, is here today greeting his friends.”

EP; 2 Nov 1906; item: “John Copriviza vs. Mary Novakovich et al.—Memorandum of costs and disbursements.

“John Copriviza vs. Mary Novakovich—Same; notice of entering a judgment in favor of defendants.”

EP; 7 Nov 1906; item: “Today Mitchell Stipovich of the California restaurant leaves this city for his boyhood home in Bersecina [Brsečine], Dalmatia, Austria, to visit his mother and brother, which place he left as a boy 25 years ago.”

EP; 7 Nov 1906; item: “John Strazicich was given a birthday party Monday at the home of his parents on Main street in this city. The afternoon was enjoyed in games and refreshments.”

Paj; 8 Nov 1906; item: “John Copriviza vs. Mary Novakovich, nee Mary Copriviza et al.—Order for judgment for the defendant.”

EP; 9 Nov 1906; item: “John Copriviza vs. Mary Novakovich et al.—Notice of motion for new trial.”

EP; 10 Nov 1906; item: “John Copriviza vs. Mary Novakovich et al.—Affidavit of service of notice.”

EP; 12 Nov 1906; item: “L. G. Sresovich, the pioneer fruit and commission merchant of San Francisco, was here yesterday on a business trip.”

EP; 13 Nov 1906; item: “Paul Hrepich, a lad of about 16 years, called at this office this morning to protest against our statement that he had been arrested at the scene of the Sargents wreck. Paul was there, all right, on the blind baggage of the second section, but he wasn’t arrested. He was on his way from San Jose to Los Angeles and had no intention of stopping at his home in Pajaro. In fact the stop was a rather unfortunate one as seen from the small boy’s view. He got his name in the paper as having been one of two boys arrested at the scene, and in consequence, as he expressed it this morning, he got one of the worst ‘lickins’ he ever got. When assured that we would place him in a proper light before a restless public he sauntered out with the remark: ‘No more blind baggage for me! Next time I want to go any place on the train I’ll walk.’ The sight of the Sargent wreck put Paul wise to the danger of beating trains, and he’s going to be good, now.”

EP; 15 Nov 1906; item: “Paul Alaga left for San Francisco today for a short visit.”

Paj; 15 Nov 1906; item: “Thos. Grusick, accompanied by

his mother and Misses Lucile and Kathryn Czar [Zar], left for New Orleans last night after spending five months here with relatives.”

EP; 17 Nov 1906; item: “**Names of Four Pajaroites on the List.** This morning Sheriff Trafton returned to the Superior Court in Santa Cruz the following list of names from which a new grand jury, consisting of a membership of 19, will be drawn on Dec. 3rd: ...L. Scurich...”

EP; 19 Nov 1906; ALL: Foreign: Jerome Boscorich.

EP; 19 Nov 1906; class. ad: “LOST—Nov. 12th, between city hall and Trafton’s mill, a gold ring, engraved with A. A. Reward, \$2.50. Leave at Copriviza & Alaga’s store.”

EP; 21 Nov 1906; honor roll: 5th grade: Pete Marinovich; 3rd grade: Mitchell Stolich, Lena Rilovich, Katie Knego; 2nd grade: Antonio Scurich, Prosper Lettunich.

Paj; 29 Nov 1906; item: “Supervisor Linscott has filed with the county clerk his new bond, with the following sureties: R. W. Eaton, \$5000; Dr. P. K. Watters, \$5000; Chas. Rossi, \$5000; Luke Scurich, \$2000; Andrew Holm, \$2000; Andrew Dethlefsen, \$1000.”

EP; 4 Dec 1906; mar. license: “Yesterday County Clerk Miller issued the following marriage licenses: Nicolas Lucich and Stane Rajicevich, both the Watsonville...”

EP; 4 Dec 1906; item: “Yesterday afternoon in Santa Cruz the new grand jury of this County was organized with the following membership: ...L. Scurich...[of 19]”

EP; 4 Dec 1906; item: “Luke Scurich went to Santa Cruz today as a member of the grand jury.”

EP; 5 Dec 1906; item: “This morning at about 6:40 o’clock an alarm of fire startled the late sleepers, but almost before it was realized that it was an alarm the blaze was extinguished. The rooms over the store of Copriviza & Alaga are occupied by a family named Gabriel, and it was through a bit of thoughtlessness that the lives of the family were endangered. Yesterday morning some ashes had been placed in a box on the upper back porch and the heat had smoldered there for 24 hours before breaking into a flame...”

Paj; 13 Dec 1906; item: “The Watsonville Transportation Company, which seems never to escape calamities, was hit rather hard again last night. As a result of the storm on land the old ocean became restless and joined in the fury of the elements. With thousands of tons of water hurled against them, the already weakening piling of the company’s wharf gave way and 150 feet of the structure

went out to sea. Fifty feet of this had already been cut loose from the land end, as it was expected to go out with the first storm, but with it 100 feet additional gave way. The roadbed and track of the electric line withstood the storm splendidly and no serious damage is anticipated.”

EP; 14 Dec 1906; item: “The annual election of officers of the Knights of Columbus took place at the regular meeting of the council last night, with the following result: ...Mateo Lettunich...[one of three trustees]”

EP; 15 Dec 1906; honor roll: 3rd year: Katie Rilovich, Lena Rilovich, Mitchell Stolich, Ellen Balovich; 2nd year: Antonio Scurich, Prosper Lettunich.

EP; 15 Dec 1906; born: “Watsonville, December 14, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jerkovich, a son.” [*listed as Peter in Calif. birth records, but was baptised David John, and died as David Jurkovich in 1933*]

EP; 15 Dec 1906; item: “**Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.** Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Resetar and Franich, fruit packers and shippers, has been dissolved. December 15, 1906. PETER RESETAR.”

EP; 17 Dec 1906; item: “M. Kaneko [maybe Knego] vs. W. H. Rich—Temporary injunction issued, upon filing of a bond by plaintiff in the sum of \$400.”

EP; 17 Dec 1906; obit: “Salinas, Dec. 15, 1906, Antonio Borovich, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Borovich, aged 11 months and 9 days.”

EP; 19 Dec 1906; item: “Geo. W. Sill has finished shipping apples for the season and has made a splendid record in view of the fact that this was considered an ‘off season.’ He forwarded 205 carloads of apples and the bulk of this stock was consigned to European points. The apples sent across the Atlantic met with high favor among buyers and consumers and brought prices that returned a very nice profit.

“Some of the reports received by Mr. Sill from Europe were far more flattering than ever before and prove that we may expect good returns in the face of all competition if we send out nothing but first-class fruit properly graded and packed.

“The packers who put up the apples purchased by Mr. Sill were as follows: Radovan and Balovich, 40 cars; J. P. Miovich & Company, P. W. Morse Company, J. S. Menasco, Loma Fruit Company, J. Pista & Company, A. Rilovich & Company, E. B. Lettunich, Resetar & Franich, Watsonville Fruit Company, Scurich Bros., Pajaro Valley Fruit Company, M. Grizich, Nick Lettunich & Company, N. M. Vuicich, Kosmos Gospodnetich, Lucich & Gordon, Holohan Estate, John Scurich & Company, E.

C. Bronson, Rappe & Seely, A. Balicich [Bilicich] & Company. Mr. Sill purchased and shipped over 81% of the Newtown apples of this valley and also leads any other Pacific coast shipper of this particular variety.”

EP; 19 Dec 1906; item: “Sheriff Howard V. Trafton has filed his official bond in the county clerk’s office, and the following are the sureties and the sums in which they qualify: J. E. Trafton, \$15,000; P. J. Thompson, James Redman and Stephen Scurich, each \$5000.”

Paj; 20 Dec 1906; article: “The case of the People of the State of California vs. John M. Ryan and John P. Ryan, wherein the defendants are charged with having disturbed the peace of one Michael Fahey, was called again...before the jury that was sworn in the fore part of the week...”

“This afternoon the defense put on J. M. Ryan, Steve Scurich, Pete Arano and Vicente Rodriquez as witnesses and the latter was on the stand at the hour of going to press.”

EP; 21 Dec 1906; article: “CITY WAS IN DANGER OF CONFLAGRATION. During an extremely high wind an alarm of fire was sounded at 5:15 this morning and a prompt response and efficient work on the part of the firemen, coupled with some redeeming features of early day building, saved the eastern half of the city from almost certain destruction by fire. As it was[,] the damage done was the burning of several redwood buildings at the rear of the Watsonville Laundry and Morning Star Hotel.

“The fire started back of the latter establishment, in a room used as a storeroom...That the fire was purely accidental in origin, goes without question...”

“The damage sustained by the Watsonville Laundry is estimated at \$1000, with insurance unadjusted. To the Morning Star hotel building, owned by Charles Kuhlitz, the damage is estimated at about \$400, uninsured, and Steve Strazicich, proprietor of the Morning Star, places an estimate of about the same amount on his loss, insured but unadjusted.

“To a ‘Pajaronian’ reporter today Mr. Strazicich said: ‘I have been in business in this house for 18 years. In that time there have been 13 fires within 300 yards of the lucky Morning Star, and it is still doing business. This fire was closer than comfort allows, though, and we were pretty well frightened.’ He made the above statement in the hotel kitchen. The range was going briskly although the burned ceiling and blackened walls looked anything but encouraging.”

EP; 24 Dec 1906; disp. ad:

For the **CHRISTMAS TABLE.**

J. H. Cutter Whiskey,
Port Wine,

Sherry, Angelica,
Clarets and White Wines, in Bottles or Bulk.
COPRIVIZA & ALAGA,
Phone, Main 63. 258 Main Street

Fig. 3-7.
Display ad in
Evening Pajaronian
of 24 Dec 1906.

Now is Your Chance

To bring your friends
or relatives from

**Europe to
California**

Extremely Low Rates, as follows:

Liverpool	\$71 50
Queenstown	\$71 50
Glasgow	\$73 90
London	\$74 50
Copenhagen	\$77 75
Gothenburg	\$77 75
Esbjerg	\$77 75
Hamburg	\$79 25
Bremen	\$79 25
Libau	\$81 25

These rates good only for a limited time. Best of accommodations and careful attention given all our passengers. If you can't call send us the money and we will mail you official tickets

S. F. BOOTH, Gen. Agent.
Union Pacific R.R. Co.,
Cunard Steamship Co.,
Office: Upstairs, Ferry Building,
San Francisco.

EP; 26 Dec 1906; article: "A. B. LETTUNICH HAS SERIOUS FIRE LOSS. Fire of unknown origin did about \$50,000 damage at Third street and Central avenue, Los Angeles, at an early hour yesterday morning. Six produce firms, heavily loaded with Christmas stocks, were the victims. Three of these were practically wiped out, though all will reopen at once. The building occupied by these three firms, the property of Secondo Guasti, was totally destroyed, entailing a property loss of more than \$50,000.

"Three cars standing on the Southern Pacific's switch in the rear of the burned district caught fire and two were destroyed together with their contents, apples and potatoes. The third was so badly burned as to be practically worthless.

"The heaviest individual loser was A. B. Lettunich, 617 East Third street. His stock of apples, Fard dates, costly cheese and other produce was completely destroyed. The contents of two of the burned cars also belonged to him, bringing his total loss up to \$10,000 with but \$1200 in insurance. Mr. Lettunich also was a heavy loser in the San Francisco fire, several cars of fruit belonging to him being destroyed..."

EP; 26 Dec 1906; article: "The hoodoo that has hovered over Mark Cosulich since the big quake, still stays with

him, judging from the following item clipped from the Daily Eureka (Humboldt county) Standard of Dec. 20th. By the disaster of April 18th Mark had a fine business wiped out by fire in San Francisco; then he came down to Santa Cruz, rented the Casino restaurant, and was burned out again losing all he had. Now he is up against it again:

"Dr. E. Backentose of the Zeba Humane Society... obtained a warrant...for the arrest of Mark N. Cosulich, a travelling insurance agent, on a charge of cruelty to animals. The specific charge is overdriving a livery horse so greatly that the animal...died soon after being unhitched...Cosulich signed an agreement to pay...\$150 for the horse..."

EP; 27 Dec 1906; born: "Watsonville, December 26, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Strazicich, a daughter." [*Lucille*; +1975; married *Backovich*]



Fig. 3-8.
Lucy Strazicich.

EP; 31 Dec 1906; item: "Manzanita Co. to Antone Scurich—North part of lot 19, Waters' Sub. of Pajaro Valley Nursery tract, Watsonville; \$10."



EP; 31 Dec 1906; born: "Watsonville, Dec. 24, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Luke Cikuth, a daughter." [*Ann*; +2010 at age 103; married *Rowland*]

Fig. 3-9.
Ann Cikuth.

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EP; 3 Jan 1907; item: "G. Borovich, who lives near the Salinas river, was arrested...on a charge of killing meadow larks, a violation of the game laws of California. Borovitch appeared before Judge Norris...and pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$25, which he paid."

EP; 3 Jan 1907; born: "Watsonville, Jan. 2, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pekoch, a daughter." [*Lucille*; +1994]

EP; 4 Jan 1907; married: "Miss Lucy Balich and Peter Rasorac [Kosovac] both of Watsonville, were united in wedlock at Santa Cruz, yesterday...after which they returned to their home in this city."

EP; 7 Jan 1907; item: "A letter from A. B. Lettunich,

formerly of this city, whose commission business house in Los Angeles was totally destroyed by fire on Dec. 23d...states that the firm has a temporary office at 309 Central avenue, and will remain there until the new building is erected at the old location. 'Toney' is not a bit cast down by his loss but is determined to at once re-establish his commission and brokerage business in the Southern metropolis on a bigger scale than before the fire."

EP; 7 Jan 1907; item: "Officers were installed by the Austrian-American Benevolent Society in Odd Fellows' hall...and the interesting ceremony was witnessed by fully 250 members and guests. A well rendered piano duet was contributed by Mrs. R. J. Cox and Miss Pearl Cox. A banquet was served, and when that was over dancing was begun and kept up until a late hour. Past President Luke Scurich installed the following officers: J. Mijanich [Miljanich], president; P. P. Stolich, vice-president; N. Stolich, recording secretary; Peter Stolich, financial secretary; N. Stolich, treasurer; J. Jakich [prob. Jagich], marshall; Steve Knego, sergeant-at-arms."

EP; 8 Jan 1907; text ad: "'Heart warmers' in the shape of good liquors are recommended by Copriviza & Alaga. Wines, too, in bottle or bulk."

EP; 11 Jan 1907; county supervisors, payments: "County Fund: ...Strazicich & Sersen, meals: \$35...Indigent Fund: Copriviza & Alaga, mdse: \$25..."

EP; 15 Jan 1907; item: "Installation of Woodmen... recitation, Kathyrene Zar..."

EP; 20 Jan 1907; list: "At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen the commissioners appointed to create and make an assessment district for the widening of Maple avenue, between Main and Union streets, rendered its report. As usual with legal documents of this kind pertaining to street assessment work the names of owners of property is not given, but simply lot numbers. The 'Pajaronian,' believing its readers would appreciate a complete record in the matter has...made a careful investigation of the records and maps and...presents the assessment list as the people want to see it..."

[only the Slavs are listed below]

"Lot No. — Name — Amount

- 2. Stephen Scurich: \$2.27
- 3. Mateo Lettunich Co.: \$5.15
- 9. Mateo Lettunich Co.: \$134.40
- 16. F. P. Marinovich: \$37.50
- 28. F. P. Marinovich: \$18.50
- 34. E. B. Lettunich: \$51.62
- 38. Luke Scurich: \$46.80
- 44. Stephen Scurich: \$26.27
- 55. Mateo Lettunich: \$5.70

59. S. Scurich: \$62.81

61. Mateo Lettunich: \$52

84. M. N. Lettunich: \$31.85"

EP; 21 Jan 1907; obit: "John Knego, who had been suffering from consumption for some time, died in this city yesterday morning. He was a native of Austria, was aged 19 years, had resided here about two years, and had been employed in the fruit packing houses. A mother in Ragussa [Dubrovnik], Austria, and 4 brothers in this city, Steve, S. P., Peter and Frank Knego, are left to mourn his death. The funeral will take place...from Odd Fellows' hall...under the auspices of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society...interment will be at the Catholic cemetery."

EP; 22 Jan 1907; obit: "The funeral of the late John Knego took place this morning...from Odd Fellows' hall under direction of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society, which was acting under instructions from the Austrian Military and Benevolent Association of San Francisco, the deceased being a member of the latter organization. A number of relatives and friends attended the funeral. High mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's church...and the body was interred in the Catholic cemetery on the Santa Cruz road. The following persons acted as pall-bearers: F. Balarin, M. Colendich, J. Jakich, M. Jerkovich, L. Secondo, and N. Sasilo [Sassilo]."

EP; 22 Jan 1907; article: "This morning...a runaway occurred at a point near the New York Bakery and J. P. Miovich, senior member of the firm J. P. Miovich & Company, fruit packers, met with a painful accident. With 4 or 5 of his employees in a one-horse farm truck, he had started to the L. C. Cornell place on the San Juan road to look after pruning operations. They had reached the New York Bakery, and Mr. Miovich sent one of the men in to get some bread. The horse became suddenly frightened and whirled around. The driver was thrown from the seat, but not injured, and Mr. Miovich, who was in the rear of the truck, attempted to jump out in order that he might catch the frightened animal by the bit, but in some manner he fell, striking his head against either one of the wheels or the sidewalk. He was picked up in a semi-conscious condition by Hugh McKay and the Hotel Johnson porter. The left side of Mr. Miovich's face was badly bruised and cut, but his injuries are not dangerous. The runaway came to a standstill on Second street, and the men that still remained in the vehicle drove back to the bakery and took Mr. Miovich to his home at the corner of Third and Walker streets. When seen by a representative of the 'Pajaronian' Mr. Miovich was in bed, suffering more from the nervous shock than from any other cause. He says that he will be all right in a very short time. His friends regret the accident, but are glad that it was no worse."

EP; 23 Jan 1907; item: “The prospects for a good year and increased demand for labor has developed a rise in the price of orchard pruning in this valley. Most of the work has been done by Slavonians and heretofore the price asked by them was \$1.75 a day without board. It is announced that the wage to be asked by them for that work is \$2.00. This move will make considerable difference to the orchardists because of their inability to obtain men to do the work in a satisfactory manner. The only other class of laborers obtainable, Japanese, are unreliable.”

Paj; 24 Jan 1907; obit: “Watsonville, Jan. 20, 1907, John Knego, a native of Austria, aged 19 years, 8 months and 8 days.”

EP; 25 Jan 1907; item: “Asa E. Day and Wm. Pulisevich, by commissioner, to Julia Lund—34 acres of Soquel Augmentation rancho, adjoining Eten and Richards; \$1354.77.”

EP; 25 Jan 1907; item: “Nick Marisch, representing the E. A. Fargo Company, liquor dealers of San Francisco, left this morning after a couple of days’ business and pleasure visit in Watsonville. While here he was the guest of M. N. Lettunich and family.”

EP; 28 Jan 1907; item: “S. W. Coffman has filed his bond as notary public with the recorder. James I. King and Luke Scurich are bondsmen, each to the amount of \$5000.”

EP; 29 Jan 1907; item: “E. B. Lettunich, who has been confined to the Watsonville Hospital for about a week, is getting along nicely.”

EP; 1 Feb 1907; article: “**THE BERRY CASE STARTED TODAY. The Whole Day Has Been Spent So Far in An Attempt to Secure a Jury.** The City Hall, where Police Judge Sans holds court, was crowded this morning at 10 o’clock when the case of Frank P. Berry, charged with selling liquor without a municipal license, was called...

“Judge Sans then placed the names of the [venire jury] in a hat and from the same the following were the first 12 names drawn:...M. N. Lettunich, F. P. Marinovich...”

“Attorney Gardner then made a statement of facts concerning the case and read the complaint, after which he and Attorney Burke proceeded to question the jurors as regards their qualifications to fairly try the case...”

“M. N. Lettunich—Know defendant but slightly; also know Lou Davis; have saloonkeeper as tenant; had formed no opinion on the case; could act fairly and impartially; would take the instructions of the Court in preference to the ideas of the attorneys—that is to a certain extent; might have certain ideas in the matter of his own; would exercise his best ideas and judgment in deter-

mining the case; would not be influenced by anything read in the papers nor anything heard in the jury-room; believe in the doctrine that the defendant is entitled to the full protection of the law under the constitution...”

“F. P. Marinovich, upon being questioned, said he knew the defendant by sight. He rented to a saloonkeeper, but would not let that fact have any bearing on his verdict should he be selected as a juror; would be guided by the law and evidence; knew of no reason why he should not be a fair and impartial juror. He believed that the defendant should be tried fairly, the same as any other citizen...”

“The prosecution excused M. N. Lettunich, F. P. Marinovich...”

EP; 1 Feb 1907; article: “**Leasing Orchards.** It is reported that a number of our Slavonian fruit buyers have leased Pajaro valley orchards lately for a term of years, and will take care of the same on their own responsibility. Alaga Bros. have leased the General Kirkpatrick orchard on the Santa Cruz road for a term of three years, and Peter Resetar, it is said, has leased the Fred Hicox orchard on the Salsipuedes road for a term of five years. Other orchards in the valley have been reported as leased, but we have been unable as yet to verify the fact.”

EP; 2 Feb 1907; disp. ad: [county-wide contest for children, selling the “Midget Directory”]: “What is the matter with over 5000 votes scattered amongst the business and professional men of Watsonville. They would make some young heart glad to see them opposite their name in this contest...Nicholas Strazicich still holds his place...Nicholas Strazicich, Wats’ville: 700...”

“The Midget Directory of Santa Cruz Co. for 1907 is on sale at many of the stores during this contest. Price: 50c.

“Pacific Directory Co., 226 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz. A coupon of 50 votes goes with the sale of each directory.”

Fig. 3-10.
Display ad in
*Evening
Pajaronian*
of 1 Feb. 1907.

EP; 5 Feb 1907; board of aldermen, payments: “...Strazicich & Sersen, meals: \$19.60...”

EP; 5 Feb 1907; item: “F. P. Marinovich is in San Francisco on business.”

EP; 5 Feb 1907; item: "Tony Zadlovich [Zadielovich] went to San Francisco this morning."

EP; 6 Feb 1907; item: "John Corr and Lawrence Sandberg, constables of this township, yesterday filed their bonds as such officers in the county recorder's office. The bonds are each in the sum of \$1000. Mr. Corr's sureties are P. J. Thompson and James Redman, while Harry D. Freiermuth and S. Scurich are Mr. Sandberg's sureties."

EP; 9 Feb 1907; disp. ad: "FREE SCHOLARSHIP VOTING CONTEST. For February 7th. NOTICE—We desire to say that we have adopted this method of placing the 1907 Pocket Directory of Santa Cruz county before the people to obtain a more prompt and thorough circulation, and in consideration of this we are willing to share our profits with those of the young people who are interested in securing the prizes offered. The Directory itself is more than value received and nothing but words of praise is heard from those who have examined it carefully. The price is but 50 cents per copy and they can be had at many of the stores during this contest. COUPON of 50 votes goes with each Directory sold..."

"Nick Strazicich, Watsonville, 1350 [7th place]..."

"PACIFIC DIRECTORY CO., 226 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, Cal."

EP; 9 Feb 1907; item: "DRUIDS' NIGHT. There was a big attendance at the session of Watsonville Grove No. 135, U.A.O.D. last evening in Foresters' hall to greet the Grand Noble Arch of the organization in California, M. Pozzi of San Francisco...Entertaining speeches were also made by Chas. E. Peckham, S. Strazicich and H. A. Peterson. The evening's entertainment concluded with a fine banquet at Strazicich's Morning Star restaurant in honor of Mr. Pozzi's visit..."

EP; 9 Feb 1907; article: "HE GOT THE PUP. A few weeks ago J. J. Barry of the Pajaro side lost a very valuable setter dog. It was a setter by habit although by pedigree it was half shepherd and half bulldog. However, 'Jack' didn't care to lose the animal, so he enlisted the services of Constable G. R. Cano to locate the lost pup. Cano never leaves a trail until he gets his clew run to earth, and this case proved to be no exception to the rule. It led him to Prunedale and to the cabin of some Slavonians whom he believed had knowledge of the canine's whereabouts. He returned to Barry and asked to have a complaint sworn to so that he could get out a search warrant, but the owner of the dog didn't have time to go to court with the case, so Cano went back to the cabin and ran a 'blazer' on the Slavonians. 'Do you understand English?' he asked of a likely appearing foreigner. 'A little,' was the answer. 'Then you listen to me! I am the legally authorized representative of his excellency

Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States of North America, and in the regular discharge of my duty I am commissioned to take into custody and imprison (and here he pretended to read from a big document) any person or persons not otherwise specified who have violated section eleven thousand, Article twelve of the Code of Civil Procedure or any paragraph appertaining thereto under any circumstances as aforesaid in regard to the dog.' The listening man had turned slightly pale when the president's title was mentioned but by the time Cano had finished his bluff the fellow was so frightened that he could not speak. He didn't understand anything except that there was trouble about the dog. He led the way to an inner room and opening the door delivered up the half-bull and half-shepherd setter."

EP; 11 Feb 1907; item: "L. Scurich, A. P. Roache and Chris Storm are in Santa Cruz today doing service on the grand jury."

EP; 11 Feb 1907; item: "Owing to the illness of Nick Zar, the enterprising agent for the San Francisco Call, who is confined to his bed with a slight attack of pneumonia, any subscriber not receiving his paper regularly will greatly oblige him by reporting same to his brother-in-law, Mr. Steve Scurich, who is looking after his business, and complaints will receive prompt attention."

"—M. L. MEGLADDERY, S.F. Call Representative."

EP; 12 Feb 1907; item: "TRIAL JURORS. The following is a list of citizens in this Supervisorial district who may be called upon ere long to serve as trial jurors in the Superior Court:...Phillip Marinovich...William Pulisevich..."

EP; 14 Feb 1907; class. ad: "LOST—5 good sized pigs, wandered from Redman ranch, Aromas, Feb. 2. Reward paid for their return to W. V. Lettunich, Aromas, Cal." *[must have been N. V.; there was no W. V.]*

EP; 15 Feb 1907; item: "Miss Kitty Zar has resigned her position with the Telephone Company."

EP; 16 Feb 1907; disp. ad: "...Nick Strazicich, Watsonville, 2150 [7th place]..."

"The outstanding coupons are nearly all in the office and now it will depend upon the ones who get the greatest number of orders for the MIDGET DIRECTORY before Thursday, March 14th..."

EP; 18 Feb 1907; item: "Nick Zar, who has been sick for some time, is again on deck and conducting his Call agency."

EP; 19 Feb 1907; item: "Irene E. Dow to Andrew Balich—Lot 93x58½ feet at NW corner of Chestnut avenue and Church street, Santa Cruz; \$10."

EP; 19 Feb 1907; item: “Miss Clara Madigra has resigned her position as stenographer with the M. N. Lettunich Co., and left this morning for San Francisco, where she has accepted a more lucrative offer in the same line of work.”

EP; 23 Feb 1907; article: “MISSION AT ST. PATRICK’S. Rev. Father Bon Tempo, a Dalmatian Missionary, began a mission last Sunday at St. Patrick’s church, in this city for the spiritual benefit of the Austrian Catholics of this community. The Mission, which is largely attended by our Slavonian friends, will terminate next Friday. Father Bon Tempo, it will be remembered, was here some four or five years ago. He is an eloquent, earnest speaker, and his life has been devoted to ministering to the spiritual needs of his countrymen. At the conclusion of his mission here he goes to Amador county.”

EP; 23 Feb 1907; item: “Yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wright a birthday party was given in honor of the fifth birthday anniversary of their little daughter, Marion. The following guests were present... Anna Scurich...[of 19]”

EP; 25 Feb 1907; item: “Messrs. Steve Scurich and Frank Rosa sold, last week, through the agency of J. P. Soares, two span of fine mares to San Francisco parties. Both span brought \$1100, which demonstrates the present active demand for good horseflesh.”

EP; 25 Feb 1907; item: “One of the biggest scores ever turned out of a professional ballgame resulted from the game played for nine hotly contested innings on the Maddux ball ground by the two teams captained respectively by Charlie Maddux and Pete Marinovich...The score was 40 to 22 with the Maddux bunch on the big end. The lineup was as follows: Marinovich Team...P. Marinovich: p [pitcher]...S. Stolich: s.s. [shortstop]...”

EP; 28 Feb 1907; item: “Mr. and Mrs. S. Scurich and Miss Kitty Zar went to San Francisco this morning for a several days’ visit.” [*sisters*]

EP; 2 Mar 1907; honor roll: 3rd year: Katie Knego, Katie Rilovich, Lena Rilovich, Mitchell Stolich.

EP; 4 Mar 1907; item: “Mrs. Geo. Strazicich is visiting friends at Pacific Grove and Monterey.”

EP; 4 Mar 1907; item: “S. Scurich is home from a several days’ visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 8 Mar 1907; county supervisor payments: “...L. Scurich, jury fees: \$19...”

EP; 11 Mar 1907; item: “Notice of Intended Sale—L. C.

Matzen to P. S. Sambuck and Andrew Balich; business at 170 Pacific Av., Santa Cruz, March 16, 1907.”

EP; 11 Mar 1907; item: “Copriviza vs. Novatrovich [Novakovich]—Order extending time.”

EP; 16 Mar 1907; item: “Mrs. S. Scurich has returned from a visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 19 Mar 1907; item: “M. N. Lettunich has returned from a several days’ business trip to Sacramento.”

EP; 25 Mar 1907; item: “M. N. Lettunich returned last evening from a business visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 26 Mar 1907; item: “George Capriviza [Copriviza] vs. Andrew Surlich—Abstract of judgment.”

EP; 26 Mar 1907; item: “Prof. Suzzalo, one of the leading instructors of Stanford University, was here this afternoon.”

EP; 26 Mar 1907; item: “The body of A. Vucerovich, who was accidentally killed on the Ocean Shore R.R. line at Santa Cruz yesterday morning, and who resided in this city for a few days in January, [is] being held at the undertaking parlors in the county seat until further orders. It is thought that he belonged to a fraternal society in Angels Camp, and if so they will likely provide for his burial.”

EP; 26 Mar 1907; item: “A. Balich, of Watsonville, and P. S. Sambuck, of San Francisco, have bought the well-known liquor store of L. C. Matzen at 170 Pacific avenue, Santa Cruz. Mr. Balich has heretofore been in the apple packing business here.”

EP; 28 Mar 1907; item: “M. N. Lettunich, with his family, started for a month’s visit to the southern part of the State today. The trip will include Los Angeles, Redlands, Riverside, and other places in the vicinity.”

EP; 30 Mar 1907; marriage: “The wedding of Miss Lucy Secondo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Secondo, and Luke Bakich, a prominent fruit packer of this city, is announced to take place...tomorrow, Easter Sunday. After the ceremony the young couple will leave for San Francisco, and on their return will take up their residence in Watsonville. Many congratulations will attend their marriage.”

EP; 1 April 1907; article: “...A Slavonian driving a truck loaded with old cans, bottles, rubbish, etc., queried the office of the Chief of Police to know where he could find a dumping ground for his load. He was told that the Grove lot was the only place. Going there he found it

impossible to get to the requisite spot and so concluded to drive outside the city limits. He went out Walker street and was industriously distributing his cargo along the county road when warned that it was against the law to do so. Next he began to throw his cans into the Storm field. Mr. Storm saw him, and hitching up a buggy followed the man to town intending to prosecute him. The now frightened Slavonian whipped his horses to a run and swung into a driveway on Sixth street leading to a back lot without an exit. There he abandoned the team and jumped over a fence into Alderman King's yard, and then through to Ford street and out toward Walker. Mrs. King told her husband of the appearance of the fleeing man and J. I. mounted a wheel and followed him, finally giving up the chase at a packing house near the depot. Later Chief Rasette located the man and on his showing that he did not understand the law, and his agreement to pick up the offending rubbish, he was not locked up. The Chief took charge of the abandoned team and returned it to its owners."

EP; 2 Apr 1907; item: "S. Scurich was at Santa Cruz today on court business."

EP; 2 Apr 1907; item: "Geo. Strazicich of the Railroad Exchange hotel is having the interior of that hostelry greatly improved. A line of supporting columns has been run through the dining room and all of the interior has been treated to a renovation. Mr. Strazicich believes in keeping up with the movement of progress."

EP; 3 Apr 1907; item: "San Francisco, April 3—Rev. Father Henry Bontempo, one of the best known and most loved Jesuit priests of this city, was found dead in his bed early yesterday morning, death being due to accidental asphyxiation from gas. Father Bontempo had retired at 10 o'clock in the best of health and spirits and it was his intention to leave the following day for an extended missionary trip through the State.

"[The late Rev. Father Henry Bontempo was the eloquent Dalmatian Missionary who conducted a mission at St. Patrick's church in this city a short time ago, for the Slavonian Catholics of this city. Missionary work amongst the Austrian population of this country had been his life's work, and in his chosen field he was universally known and highly esteemed. His mission here was largely attended, and his untimely demise will bring heartfelt regret to all who knew him.—Ed. Pajaronian.]"

EP; 3 Apr 1907; item: "F. P. Marinovich went to San Francisco this morning on a business visit."

EP; 3 Apr 1907; item: "Peter Mihovilovich, Frank Hrepich, John Ivilich [Ivelich], Jack Hrepich, Martin Knego and Mark Bahich [Bakich] left today for a two week's visit to their old stamping ground in Amador county."

EP; 3 Apr 1907; item: "Mr. and Mrs. S. Balovich and daughter left this morning for a two week's visit to friends in San Jose, Stockton and Amador county. Shortly after their return to Watsonville they will leave for an extended visit to their old home in Austria."

EP; 3 Apr 1907; item: "Co-partnership Dissolution. The partnership heretofore existing between Frank Radovan and Samuel Balovich in the fruit packing business has this day been mutually dissolved by Mr. Radovan purchasing from Mr. Balovich all the real and personal property interests of said firm in this city and valley. All persons having any claim against said firm will present them to Mr. Radovan not later than April 20th. Those indebted to the firm will also pay him the same by the above date. The fruit packing business will be conducted in the future by Mr. Radovan. Signed: FRANK RADOVAN, SAMUEL BALOVICH. Dated, April 3d, 1907."

EP; 4 Apr 1907; item: "Lawrence J. Dake et ux to John B. Gospodnetich et ux—Lot 100x140 on W. Side Garfield St., Santa Cruz, \$5."

EP; 5 Apr 1907; honor roll: 3rd grade: Katie Rilovich, Mitchell Stolich, Katie Knego; 2nd grade: Antonio Scurich.

EP; 8 Apr 1907; ALL: Mitchell Miljos [Miljas].

EP; 11 Apr 1907; item: "SUB-COMMITTEE NAMED. At the call of Chairman E. A. Hall the committee, appointed by the Pajaro Valley Orchardists' Association to work out a solution of the apple picking, packing and marketing problem met...yesterday...J. J. Morey consented to act as secretary. The committee was unable to report any material progress, a discussion among its members resulted in the appointment of a sub-committee of nine members, representing the interests involved—three orchardists, three packers, and three brokers. As members of the sub-committee the chair named for the brokers, Geo. W. Sill, Jas. Sheehy and Otto Rafael; for the growers, C. H. Rodgers, A. N. Judd and C. O. Silliman; for the packers, W. H. Benteen, A. W. Tate and S. Scurich. The sub-committee will submit its report at a meeting of the committee to be called at a future date by the chairman..."

[The Watsonville Transportation Company boondoggle was a long and tedious affair, starting back in 1903. Many Watsonville Slavs were original stockholders, and Steve Scurich was on the original board of directors. But though the articles were many, most did not contain Slav surnames. The articles that did contain Slav surnames are included in this book; the others are not. The result is that a complete story of the boondoggle cannot be learned from this book. The article below is as close to a

synopsis as this book gets. Other articles on the affair can be found via the index.

(The people who did the microfilm research for this book were instructed to find articles that contained Slav surnames or mention of Slav businesses. The Watsonville Transportation Company was not a Slav business.)]

EP; 12 Apr 1907; article: “**Judd Replies.** Watsonville, Cal., April 12, 1907. Editor ‘Pajaronian:’—Mr. Luke Scurich and myself called upon Mr. Haack on the morning of April 4th, and called his attention to some glaring falsehoods...in his paper of the previous day, in the item headed ‘Kilburn Case in Court.’ First item: ‘Judd busied himself instructing Juror Scurich.’ Second item: ‘The case is attracting considerable interest by reason of the high standing, in the county, of the defendant, F. A. Kilburn.’ Third item: ‘A mild sensation was created when it developed that A. N. Judd, of this city, had, during the absence of the District Attorney, and at other times, constituted himself the advisor of the jurors.’ Fourth item: ‘He had prepared several typewritten copies of a statement concerning the matter which had been distributed among the jurors in the jury-room during the absence of the District Attorney for the purpose of influencing the jurors against the defendant.’ Fifth item: ‘Mr. Springer, the foreman of the Grand Jury, testified, in effect, that he had seen a typewritten statement but did not know where it came from. It transpired that other jurors had also read this statement and were influenced by it.’ Sixth item: ‘A. N. Judd was examined. He admitted that he had dictated and distributed the statement referred to. That he went to the Grand Jury and on the first occasion District Attorney Knight was not present. He also stated that he had instructed Luke Scurich, one of the jurors, that he should not take part in the proceedings against the defendant, because the juror was at one time a stockholder in the Watsonville Transportation Company.’ Seventh item: ‘Mr. Judd stated that he had known Mr. Kilburn for twenty-three or four years. That he was formerly his friend but was not on friendly terms with him now and that he (Judd) had worked up the case against the defendant. He did not seem to realize that in his zeal to secure the indictment of the defendant he had violated the properties, or had improperly influenced the jurors.’

“Mr. Scurich and myself took up the several specific statements seriatim and showed him the fallacy of each. Mr. Haack claimed he wanted to be fair and would make proper corrections. On the 6th I called on Mr. Haack again and offered to pay for the transcribing of the stenographer’s notes if one line of material fact were true in the Register’s tissue of falsehoods; otherwise, he was to pay for and publish the facts. The proposition is getting mouldy now and evidently the taint of the policy of H. H. Main still sticks to the paper, which was that a criminal will pay more for his immunity than an honest man will pay for his conviction, such a policy leads me to believe

that Mr. Haack does not intend to do me justice and is a ‘knocker.’ Wishing to set myself right before the public and the honest stockholders in the Transportation Company, I deny in toto the misstatements contained in the Register’s article, and

“Regarding item number four I will say that on the calling of the meeting of the Grand Jury on Tuesday, I went up, as pre-arranged, to meet the District Attorney to take up the Kilburn cases. It appears the District Attorney did not know the jury would meet so soon, and went to Sacramento. On inquiry Mr. Springer told me the jury would adjourn at noon. I then asked permission to present a statement covering the names of witnesses wanted—the two cases of perjury, and one of conspiracy, against F. A. Kilburn et al. The first case of perjury was before the former Grand Jury. The second case of perjury was in the Main and Rogers case, and in these cases I asked for the following witnesses to be subpoenaed: Marshal A. Frank, H. H. Main, W. J. Rogers, Charles M. Cassin, H. S. Fletcher, H. C. Stratton, Attorney Wright of the Kemp Van Ee people, Samuel Leask, and some banking people, if I remember aright. I had three copies of my statement typewritten. One I gave to Foreman Springer, one to Secretary Lucas, and the one intended for the District Attorney was given, I think, to a Mr. Bloom, who claimed to be a partner of Messrs. Rogers and Kilburn in the steamer ‘Aurelia,’ and, I believe, in some lumber companies. Mr. Bloom was very partisan in the interest of his former partner. Here is a sample of his statement to the Grand Jury: ‘There’s nothing in it. A lot of farmers down there are sore because the wharf went out three days after they had bought the property from Rogers, who had paid with his own money, for the construction of the steamer, wharf, road, franchise, real estate and contracts, and Jed is kicking because he did not get a commission on some lands he sold to them.’

“The District Attorney and some of the witnesses arrived Thursday morning. Mr. Knight concluded that he would take up the second case of perjury. I called his attention also to the partisanship of Mr. Bloom and in fact that Mr. Scurich had been considered a stockholder of the Watsonville Transportation Company. He excused Mr. Scurich but not Mr. Bloom and yet in spite of him (Bloom) an indictment was had with but 15 jurors present. So you see, my ‘zeal’ went for naught, as nothing I said in the alleged circulars could be considered by the jurors and as no case could be determined upon (or evidence taken) until the District Attorney arrived.

“That boon to criminals, the statute of limitations, always works against justice and the fact is another proof that criminal law as well as many Court decisions are made in the interests of criminals, because thieves, boodlers and perjurers are willing to pay more for such laws than the honest public will pay for just ones.

“I did want the Grand Jury to take up the conspiracy case. The evidence in all of the transactions of the Wat-

sonville Transportation Company proved beyond a doubt, in my mind, that there was a gigantic scheme to rob the widow and orphan. I believe Rogers, Kilburn and Main were the trio which made the quorum in the Board of Directors. Poor Main, as he said, 'he was clay in the hands of the potter.' 'I done just as I was told.' I believe the first part of the scheme, to rob their friends, neighbors and the old and decrepit who had laid aside enough to live on decently and die honorably was launched when the '26½ per cent profit to investors' was promulgated in the 'prospectus' and 'facts and figures;' and the crime of the 19th of August, 1903, taking unto themselves \$21,500.00 in cash and 60 per cent of all the stock of the corporation, which act forever gave them entire control of the company, is another part of the scheme. They could, and did, vote bonds and other debts upon those who got their stock honestly. Think of it! The statute of limitations prevents trial or conviction of the self-confessed thieves, for as Mr. Kilburn said before the committee on options in Mr. Wyckoff's office, that 'they all had the goods on them.' 'Not me,' said Steve Scurich, who was present, 'this is the first time I ever knew that 6000 shares of stock was given to Rogers.' Mr. Kilburn told the committee that he 'always intended to give his stock back to the company.' Yet I am creditably informed that he tried to unload his stock on the Charles Ford Co., but it was refused.

"The crime of the 19th of August, 1903, the erasing of the books, the option on those shares of the boodle stock for cash to the Kemp Van Ee people were some of the links in the conspiracy. It was through Mr. Wright, for the Kemp Van Ee attorney, that we (the committee) found out that the company had been sold out, (that is an option given for the majority of the stock) for cash, while we, who got our stock honestly, were to take stock for stock, and, worst of all, shoulder all the debts of the old company.

"This committee that was selected to get the options from the defrauded stockholders refused to do so until an expert was appointed and a clear expose of the thievery could be shown. It was before this committee that the discovery was made that the President was in the habit of signing stock in blank (12 certificates so signed still remaining in the book). I believe this was brought about by the machinations of the trio, and is another link in the chain, while another was added when Messrs. Rogers, et al., 'placed' over \$50,000.00 worth of the boodle stock in this community, evidently for quash purposes, for it was noticeable how hard some worked and are still working, to head off investigation; that later proof was had that prominent citizens got large blocks of this stock. It was painful to note their energy in their futile attempts to prevent H. S. Fletcher being appointed as expert, and again greater energy was used to prevent receiving his report. One of these beneficiaries wanted 'licensed expert.' Later they got one of their own choosing, one of

the real 'licensed' article, and, no doubt, he was as favorable to the boodlers as possible. Yet it took an order of the Court, granted to the honest stockholders, to get a chance to see it. In this report, known as the 'Goode Report,' the matter of shortages of the secretary, and manager, were shown and the fact that Treasurer Kilburn's books only accounted for but \$3000 of \$150,000 of bond money, when the by-laws of the company declared that no money should be paid out by the Treasurer unless by proper vouchers signed by the secretary and president. I believe it was a part of the conspiracy when all the boodle stock was held out and was not sold or assessed at the time the 10 per cent assessment was made.

"What a run to cover there was, my fellow-stockholders! They tried all kinds of schemes to unload, by the escrow route and devious other ways. The energy displayed by the holders of two of the largest blocks of this 'placed' stock was amusing. With their heads under a leaf they thought they could not be seen. I believe that a suit for conspiracy, if it could be had, would uncover the rankest kind of fraud in the bond deal. On good authority some of these bonds were given without any money passing to the company. There is a dark page in the history of the Watsonville Transportation Company, to-wit: in the loaning of money to the company, disposing of the money of the bonds and the bonds themselves. In fact I believe a suit would show where the shortage of \$71,000 went and where Certificate No. 401 was 'placed.' But the law, made for boodlers, says we are too late! Too late for a hearing! Even if the entire treachery and thievery was discovered today, for the first time, the boodlers would go free. Yet they made paupers; hastened men to their graves and shattered all confidence in this community in any legitimate enterprise, no matter how safe and sane. The only financial redress the honest stockholder has is to sue for a contribution from the boodlers. This will help some. If all act now something can be done. Linger a little longer and that 'boon to criminals' will give them the laugh on you, and from indications Mr. Haack and his crowd will laugh with them.

"The question is: Do you want some of your money back?

"Shall criminals be punished? Poor old Judge McKean, they got his all. Will they keep his grave green? Do the graves of other victims cry out for justice? Will you rebuke these moral lepers as an example to your children, or will you wink at crime, thereby showing the youth that thieving and boodling is the best policy, and honesty gathereth no moss? — A. N. JUDD."

EP; 13 Apr 1907; article: "The charter membership of the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce, which is being organized at Freiermuth's hall this afternoon, is as follows: ...Mateo Lettunich...[of 50]"

EP; 17 Apr 1907; item: "S. Strazicich, of the Morning Star Hotel, left this afternoon for a two week's visit to Tonopah, Goldfield and other parts of Nevada. 'Steve' intends to take a well-earned short rest from active business duties."

EP; 18 Apr 1907; mar. license: "Peter P. Stolich, aged 30, of Watsonville, and Stella Anculing [Arkulin], aged 21, of Oakland were licensed to wed in San Francisco yesterday. Mr. Stolich is a well known apple packer of this city and has a large circle of friends."



Fig. 3-11.
Peter P. Stolich
(1875-1946) and
Stella Arkulin Stolich
(1883-1975).

EP; 20 Apr 1907; item: "...A meeting of the Chamber and all applicants for membership was called for this evening at 7:30 at Freiermuth's hall for the purpose of participating in the parade. The following committees were appointed: ...Committee on Agriculture—Henry Struve, P. J. Thompson, James Williamson, Mateo Letunich, H. A. Peckham..."

EP; 20 Apr 1907; item: "M. Larkin was initiated at the regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America last night and when the ceremonies were concluded an adjournment was taken to the Morning Star Hotel, where mine [sic] host, Stavicich [Strazicich], had prepared an appetizing array of oysters, chickens, and many other meats cooked to just the right turn..."

EP; 22 Apr 1907; article: "Today Stephen Scurich, the well known property owner of this city, while using the faucet in his flower garden found it suddenly choked and on investigation discovered some wriggling object trying to make its way through the opening. In his effort to dislodge it from the faucet Mr. Scurich could not avoid giving it such injury that when finally removed it soon died.

"Now what do you suppose it was, insect, reptile, bird or fish? Well it's up to the friends of the Watsonville Water Company? Ask some of the Aldermen. All we can do with our limited knowledge of water creatures is to attempt a description of it: Body almost transparent and about 4 inches in length; mouth like that of a leech; head

one-quarter inch in length; eyes small as pinpoints and evidently not of any use; shape of body tapering either way from flat thickness of three-eighths inch in center to nothing at tail end, and to one-thirty-second inch thickness at head.

"When the samples of water were shown to the Board of Aldermen during the late big rain[,] friends of the company called for suspension of judgment because of the unprecedented rainfall. Well, it has not rained lately. Furthermore this curio exhibit by Mr. Scurich is not a mud turtle, as might have been expected at the time mentioned, but is—or was when it came out of the Watsonville Water Company's pipe a living, wiggling sickening looking object such as might have been bred in the slime furnished by the non-resident owners of the Watsonville Water Company to the people of this city as drinking water—ugh!! What about it, Messrs. Aldermen?"

EP; 22 Apr 1907; ALL: Frano Balarin.

EP; 23 Apr 1907; item: "The Superior Court's time is engaged today in trying to straighten out a few of the legal tangles involved in the Fahey-Ryan case, now on appeal from Judge Hawkin's court in this city. When the case was tried before a jury in this city recently the Ryans, father and son, were found guilty of disturbing the peace of their neighbor and relative, Fahey. An appeal was taken. Among the witnesses from Watsonville today who had to lose a day's time at the county seat were: ...F. P. Marinovich, S. Scurich..."

EP; 23 Apr 1907; article: "NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED...The committee of 20 appointed sometime ago by the Orchardists' Association to discover and recommend means of reforming conditions in the local apple market met yesterday.

"In order to concentrate discussion and be able to return a concrete report the committee of 20 appointed a sub-committee of nine, consisting of three growers, three packers and three brokers to reduce the matter into concrete form. The sub-committee, after earnest discussion of the matter in all of its bearings, concluded that it would be necessary to form a Packers' Association. The idea being that the members be so bound by by-laws and pledges as to prevent the cutting of prices that has resulted so disastrously for the growers in the past.

"On the Packers' Association proposition the sub-committee appointed Messrs. A. W. Tate, Jr., and Luke Scurich, to interview the packers and see what could be done, also to induce them to attend the meeting of the committee of twenty.

"The following report of the sub-committee was received and read: 'Mr. Chairman: The sub-committee appointed at the last meeting of the Orchardists' Committee met in the rooms of the Board of Trade April 16.

After thoroughly discussing the present conditions of the apple industry from the viewpoint of the interests represented by the committee—growers, brokers and packers—it was unanimously decided to recommend to you that a Packers' Association be formed. This association to include all packers of apples in Watsonville or vicinity, with the object of bettering the conditions of the apple industry in general, and especially to fix a secret minimum price on apples below which no member of the association shall sell any fruit.

“A committee consisting of Mr. L. Scurich, of the “lump sum” packers, and Mr. C. H. Baker, of the commission packers, was appointed to interview the packers to ascertain who were willing to join such an association and to invite them to be present to discuss the matter with you today. Respectfully submitted, A. W. TATE, JR., Chairman.”

“Mr. Scurich stated that he had interviewed many of the packers but could not find anything of a favorable nature to report. Some of the packers asserted that it was too early while others gave the excuse that they might not be engaged in packing this year.

“Mr. Baker’s report was to the effect that the packers doubted the probability of securing a majority of the packers in an agreement. Thirty to forty per cent of the packers could do nothing as an association and unless a good majority could be secured there would be no good obtained by signing.

“Chairman Hall regretted the receipt of such discouraging reports when all had hoped the matter was so nearly settled to the satisfaction of all. He called attention to the fact that something must be done or the apple industry as now conducted would become a thing of the past. Those growers who spray their trees and by other expensive means produce the best fruit must get a better price or quit the business. He then asked if any of the packers, of whom a large number were present, had anything to say.

“Mr. Benteen said that he had offered to stand in on any proposition agreeable to all and that he could only reiterate his oft-repeated offer. He thought, however, that an established grade should be fixed before a minimum price could be made.

“Mr. Tate moved that a committee of the packers be appointed to draft by-laws for the packers’ association and call a meeting of the packers for their discussion or rejection. This, he thought, would get the matter in a tangible form and show where all of the packers stand. Mr. Tate’s motion was unanimously carried and the chair appointed A. W. Tate Jr., C. H. Baker and Luke Scurich a committee of three to draft by-laws for the organization and to call a meeting of the packers for the purpose of organization.”

EP; 24 Apr 1907; honor roll: 5th grade: Pete Marinovich; 3rd grade: Katie Knego, Mitchell Stolich, Katie Rilovich, Lena Rilovich; 2nd grade: Antonio Scurich.

EP; 24 Apr 1907; item: “M. N. Lettunich is home from a business trip to Los Angeles.”

EP; 24 Apr 1907; item: “Articles of corporation were filed with County Clerk Miller today organizing a corporation to be known as the ‘Rilovich Co.’ the principal business being fruit packing and shipping. K. Rilovich and R. Rilovich are the principal stockholders. D. F. Maher is the attorney for the corporation, holding one share of stock.”

EP; 25 Apr 1907; item: “The District Court of Appeals has denied the defendant’s petition for a rehearing from Judge Smith’s decision in the case of Luke Scurich vs. Wood, Curtis & Co., the prominent Sacramento commission merchants. The particulars of this litigation have been published heretofore in the ‘Pajaronian.’ Judge Smith’s decision has been considered an honest and fair one by all fruit growers, but not to the liking of commission houses. Therefore the Sacramento firm, through their attorneys, L. T. Hatfield of Sacramento, and C. M. Cassin of W. T. Jeter of Santa Cruz, have put up a hard fight to reverse the same. Luke Scurich, through his attorneys, Wyckoff & Gardner of this city, has successfully combated them at every point in the legal battle, and Judge Smith’s decision still stands.”

EP; 26 Apr 1907; item: “This week’s Templeton (lower Monterey county) Advance has the following item of local interest: ‘N. Mortizia, fruit packer of the firm of I. H. Tuttle & Co. of Watsonville, arrived here a couple of days ago to re-pack three-car loads of fancy Newtown Pippins which were stored in John Hudson’s warehouse last November. Mr. N. Mortizia expects to have all the work done by next Thursday. Two cars were shipped last week for Goldfield, Nevada, and the last car will be shipped to San Francisco. Mr. Mortizia says the apples are keeping as good as any apples in cold storage in San Francisco, that they are very clean and sound, but not up to the grade in size for the reason that farmers in this town do not take as good care of the trees as in Pajaro Valley. The trees should be well pruned and better cultivated, then the Newtown Pippins will be as large as the ones in Pajaro. Mr. Mortizia also says that in his opinion the coming season in Templeton will be about 20 cars of good, solid Newtowns. He thinks these apples don’t need any cold storage if they keep as well as they did this year. They have been packed six months wrapped in paper.’”

EP; 26 Apr 1907; item: “M. N. Lettunich went to San Francisco on a business visit today.”

EP; 27 Apr 1907; married: “Watsonville, April 21, 1907...Pete Gurash and Annie Stolich, both of Watsonville.” [*see next Fig.*]



Fig. 3-12.
Peter Gurash
(1872-1929) and
Anna Stolich Gurash
(1885-1955).

EP; 27 Apr 1907; obit: “Watsonville, April 27, 1907, L. Bakich, a native of Austria, aged about 30 years.”

EP; 27 Apr 1907; article: “With every indication pointing to the fact that he had been foully murdered[,] the body of young Luke Bakich was found lying by a clump of bushes on the Santa Cruz road this morning at a point just beyond the home of Chris Storm.

“The poor fellow’s head had been crushed into an unrecognizable mass of fleshy pulp by some inhuman foe who had used a large redwood picket which was found near the body covered with blood smears and tangled bits of gory hair.

“P. H. Daley, member of the local butcher firm of Daley & Quinn Bros., but who resides at Freedom, was coming into town at an early hour...when he discovered the body of a man lying at the edge of a clump of bushes at the place mentioned above.

“After a hasty examination of the scene, and noting in particular that the dead man’s pockets had been turned inside out, Daley hastened to town and notified the officers...

“Luke Bakich has resided here for the past six years and was a member of the firm of Bakich & Scurich, apple packers on the upper Rodriguez street, where the dead man had built a home. The new house at 509 Rodriguez street was completed in time for occupancy by Bakich and his bride (nee Secondo) after their marriage last Easter Sunday. The new home was a happy one and the young husband was proud of the fact that he had won his wife from a host of admirers among people of his own nationality.

“It may develop that therein lies the secret of his murder, which undoubtedly was the most vindictive as well as brutal occurrence which has ever taken place in this peaceful valley.

“Whether or not this fact had anything to do with the awful beating given to the body of the young man remains to be seen, but it is very certain that robbery had

nothing whatever to do with the attack. Like most of his countrymen Bakich was a strong man, and on a traveled road in early daylight there must have been some stronger motives than robbery to incite anyone to attack him with such an uncertain weapon as a picket.

“Bakich & Scurich had secured the orchards of Mitchell and Arana, in the Amesti district, and it was the late custom of the former to make a daylight start to ride there every morning on a bicycle to superintend spraying operations.

“At the point where the body was found there is a slight depression in the county road and near the fence, on the west, weeds and bushes grow thickly, although they are not high enough to make a good hiding place such as might be chosen by one intending to halt the first passerby and demand his money. But although the two front pockets of Bakich’s trousers were turned inside out, a back pocket contained a purse with two rings and some \$14 in coin in it.

“It is more probable that the brush was used as a temporary place of concealment by some powerful man whose object was to halt Bakich and strike him down as he dismounted from his wheel. Whatever the cause bitter hatred marked every blow struck by the murderer. The picket was not used to stun a victim lest he resist robbery, but was aimed to destroy life—to crush it, and make the form that held it suffer in yielding it up.

“The inquest was held...this afternoon at Wyckoff & Aston’s undertaking parlors, under direction of Coroner S. C. Rogers and evidence was heard by the following jury: J. B. Holohan, H. S. Struve, J. M. Herbert, J. A. Linscott, F. P. Marinovich, Luke Scurich and T. J. Gaffey.

“The first witness was D. F. Fulmer. He is a blacksmith with a shop in Freedom and testified that he was on his way there this morning at about 20 minutes past six, when his attention was called to a man lying by the roadside. A Japanese, one of two riding with him, first noticed the body. Mr. Fulmer stopped and went close enough to discover that the man was dead, but he did not touch the body. He went on toward Freedom and meeting P. H. Daley, the butcher, told him of the matter.

“The next witness was L. Ritter, a painter of this city. He left town about 5:55. Saw a man pushing a wheel up the Brodis hill, but did not see him after reaching the top of the hill. Mr. Ritter also testified to the position of the body, saying that it lay face upward, with one knee drawn up, and with one hand on the left breast and the other pushed into the waistband. Between the body and the bicycle found there, there was a fence picket, evidently pulled out of the nearby fence.

“Dr. A. W. Bixby said that he and Dr. G. S. Easterday had performed the autopsy. They found several large wounds on the head, one long one running transversely at the back of the head, and a number of fractures on the top of the skull and the face...

“Sheriff H. V. Trafton, who spent most of the day investigating the murder, stated...that up to three o’clock today there had not been a particle of direct evidence to assist in locating the perpetrators of the deed.”

EP; 27 Apr 1907; item: “Sheriff Trafton, District Attorney Knight and Court Reporter Williamson are over from Santa Cruz this afternoon on the Bakich murder case.”

SF Call; 28 Apr 1907; article: “WATSONVILLE, April 27.—With head crushed and battered beyond human semblance the body of Luke Bakich, a bridegroom of a month, was found this morning lying in the Santa Cruz road between the city and Freedom. A large redwood picket smeared with blood was picked up nearby. Evidently the murderer had stunned his victim and then struck him savagely again and again until life was extinct. Some of the pockets of the dead man were turned inside out, but the authorities believe that the motive of the crime was revenge and not robbery.

“Bakich, who was the junior member of the fruit packing firm of Bakich & Scurich, was a popular member of the Austrian colony of Santa Cruz county. Easter Sunday he married Lucia Secondo, an 18-year-old girl, who had several suitors, not all of whom lived in this vicinity. Recently she received some threatening letters from San Francisco and Oakland. The writer—whose name is not known—seemed actuated by a desire for revenge, and Mrs. Bakich turned that communications over to the postal authorities.

“Other members of the local Austrian colony received similar messages, and a relative of the young wife said today that he saw no merit in the theory that Bakich had been singled out as the victim of a vengeful plot.

“The officials at work on the case report that, although the two front pockets of Bakich’s trousers were turned inside out, a back pocket contained a purse in which were two gold rings and \$14 in coin.

“Bakich was a strong man and it is the theory of investigators that the person who attacked him with such an uncertain weapon as a fence picket must have been inspired by a motive stronger than robbery.

“Bakich & Scurich had obtained control of the orchards of Mitchell & Arana in the Amesti district, and recently it has been the custom of Bakich to ride to these orchards on a bicycle every morning to superintend spraying operations. This morning as usual he left his home at daylight. At the point where the body was found weeds and bushes grow thickly beside the road, and it is possible that the brush was used as a place of concealment by some powerful man whose object was to halt Bakich and strike him down as he dismounted from his wheel.

“Coroner Rodgers of this city and District Attorney Knight of Santa Cruz began an inquiry into the death of Bakich this afternoon. Thus far there is no evidence to disprove the theory of murder for revenge.

“L. K. Secondo, keeper of an East street restaurant, is a brother of Mrs. Bakich. When informed of the tragedy...he said: ‘Bakich had no enemies so far as I know. Several men wanted to marry my sister, but when Bakich came along she decided that she liked him better than any of the others and she married him Easter Sunday. He was young, only 31, and everybody seemed to like him. Still I think he was the victim of revenge.’”

EP; 29 Apr 1907; article: “LOCAL AUSTRIANS OFFER BIGGER REWARD. Sheriff Trafton, who has remained here ever since the tragedy of Saturday seeking clues upon which to work out the capture of the murderer of young Luke Bakich, has given due consideration to every theory advanced by the Austrian residents of the valley, some of whom hold to the suggestion of murder for robbery, but most of whom admit that the case has every appearance of murder for revenge. The sheriff inclines much to the latter theory while giving every attention to everything which might indicate that the work was that of a maniac.

“All of the Austrian citizens of Watsonville are most anxious for the apprehension of the murderer, and have authorized the sheriff to offer a reward of \$500, to which he has added another \$50. With the assistance of the local officers he is doing everything in his power to ferret out the murderer and bring him to justice and while suspicions have been created pointing to someone in this community as the guilty person, up to this hour investigation has failed to show anything conclusive...

“As to the manner of Bakich’s death Sheriff Trafton has no doubt that the picket found near the body was only used as a means of stunning the victim and that the awful beating which resulted in crushing his head and face was administered with a piece of pipe or other similar weapon. He has strong hope that the next 24 hours will develop some tangible theory upon which to work, but at present deems it good policy to keep to himself the line along which developments are expected.”

EP; 29 Apr 1907; obit: “The funeral of the late Luke Bakich, who was so cruelly murdered last Saturday morning by some unknown scoundrel, took place this morning from the pretty home he had so recently built and furnished on Upper Rodriquez street. A requiem high mass was celebrated at St. Patrick’s church, and the large edifice was crowded with friends of the deceased who had come to pay their respects to the memory of one who had never been known to harbor an ill will against any person...The pallbearers were: F. P. Marinovich, Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich, Antone Scurich, Peter Stolich and John Scurich.”

EP; 29 Apr 1907; item: “Steve Strazicich, the popular proprietor of the Morning Star Hotel, is home from a two weeks’ visit to different mining towns in Nevada. Two

days were spent at Tonopah, two at Manhattan, one at Seven Troughs, one at Reno, and the balance of the time was devoted to Goldfield.

“He found the times good and prosperous in all the towns and many new and good camps were constantly springing up in different sections of the State. But Goldfield eclipsed them all in his opinion. Steve was there the afternoon the long continued miners’ strike was settled and saw the army of men returning to their work in the mines...While in Goldfield Steve secured a lot near the business center of town and had erected thereon a building. He also has other investments there, but they are being attended to by a business associate of his. Watsonville suits Mr. Strazicich for a home and the location of his main business enterprise. He will visit Goldfield again later in the season.”

EP; 29 Apr 1907; item: “Nick Banicevich, who has been in the employ of Steve Strazicich for the past six years left here today noon for Goldfield, Nevada, where he is to engage in business with Peter Sersen, a nephew of Mr. Strazicich. Nick is a good fellow, in every sense of the term, and he has a host of friends here who, while they wish him every success in life, regret to see him go so far away.”

EP; 30 Apr 1907; item: “Mrs. N. Mortizia went to San Francisco today for a visit to relatives.”

EP; 30 Apr 1907; item: “Chief Rasette and Constable Corr are still devoting most of their time to running down clues and investigating theories advanced in the hope that they will soon be able to run to earth the murderer of the late Luke Bakich...The officers have a good clue on which they are working at present. They are very reticent concerning the same, rightfully claiming that a publication of it might hinder them in the capture of the culprit. No longer do the officers take any stock in the theories advanced that the murder was the act of a highwayman or a maniac.”

EP; 30 Apr 1907; item: “John Copriviza vs. Mary Nava-koivch [Novakovich] et al.—Order extending time to June 1st.”

EP; 1 May 1907; item: “Fruit box shooks are beginning to arrive by the carload lots. Last season most of the packers did not contract for large enough orders ahead of time, as a result of which they had to place mid-season orders at an advanced price and with a prospect of delay in receiving shipments. Through the activity and courtesy of the local railroad office the shipments were rushed along in good order from the mills in the northern part of the State. This year the fruit men who contracted for their box shooks last fall are congratulating themselves. To illustrate: J. P. Miovich & Co. are receiving this week

five carloads of shooks from the box trust which they contracted for last year at the rate of 9½ cents per un-made box; today the quotation for the same is from 15 to 17 cents. So it can readily be seen that the fruit packers who contracted early for shooks have a license to congratulate themselves.”



EP; 1 May 1907; born: “Watsonville, April 29, 1907, to the wife of John Franich, a son.” [Martin; +1974]

Fig. 3-13.
Martin Franich.

EP; 2 May 1907; item: “**Officer Is Still Devoting Time to Bakich Murder Case.** Probably before another 24 hours roll around there may be developments in the hunt for the murderer of the late Luke Bakich. Sheriff Trafton, Chief Rasette, Constables Corr and Sandberg have been working diligently on the case, but none of them are ready to give out any details of their work as yet, except that the public need not be surprised if the murderer was soon in custody. Sheriff Trafton arrived again from Santa Cruz this morning and assumed charge of the hunt. A portion of the day he spent in the vicinity where the murder was committed. Several amateur sleuths have done some work on the case, but like the officers, they are uncommunicative about the same.”

EP; 2 May 1907; item: “F. P. Marinovich went to San Francisco this morning.”

EP; 3 May 1907; item: “**Officers Are at Sea.** The sheriff and local police report ‘nothing doing’ in their search for the murderer of Luke Bakich. They have tried the ‘sweating’ process on a few in order to get information, but have failed to secure as a result thereof any kind of a clue that would help them in their search for the cold-blooded murderer. Sheriff Trafton went back to Santa Cruz this afternoon, and just before his departure he gave the ‘Pajaroanian’ the above information.”

EP; 3 May 1907; item: “Today, in the Superior Court, Joseph Secondo was appointed special administrator of the estate of the late Luke Bakich, which consists of a house and a lot on Rodriguez street and money in the bank, of a total value of \$5500. D. F. Maher is Mr. Secondo’s attorney in the matter.”

EP; 4 May 1907; item: “The bond of Joe Secondo as special administrator of the estate of the late Luke Bakich, which is valued at \$5750, has been fixed at \$9000, with Peter Scurich and Peter Stolich as sureties. Bakich

died intestate and his widow, Mrs. Lucy Bakich, aged 19, is his only known heir.”

EP; 4 May 1907; item: “In re estate of Luke Bakich, deceased—Request for appointment of a special administrator; petition for appointment of special administrator; order appointing special administrator; bond of special administrator; letters of administration issued to Joseph Secondo.”

EP; 4 May 1907; item: “Sheriff Trafton will have posted at once throughout this vicinity notices stating that a reward of \$725—\$50 by himself and the balance by the Austrian residents—will be paid for evidence that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of the late Luke Bakich. Copies of the notice will also be sent to the officers in neighboring towns. It is earnestly hoped that someone will claim the reward and justice will be meted out to the murder.”

EP; 6 May 1907; ALL: Foreign: Mr. Mateo Prahevica.

EP; 7 May 1907; item: “Peter Sersen is a Santa Cruz visitor today.”

EP; 8 May 1907; item: “Nick Banaz, at one time a leading apple buyer and shipper of this city, is now a prosperous merchant in Long Beach, near Los Angeles. He conducts a large fruit market there and, as usual, Nick wears a long smile of prosperity.”

EP; 10 May 1907; county supervisors, payments: “County Fund: ...Scurich, S., witness fees: \$2.80...”

EP; 11 May 1907; item: “SANTA CRUZ ITEMS FROM EXCHANGES. John Millich, a resident of this city for the past 30 years, passed away Friday afternoon at two o’clock at his home at 9 Broadway. Death came after 10 years of illness which always confined him to his home. Deceased was 68 years of age and a native of the Island of Mijet [Mljet], Dalmatia, Austria.”

EP; 11 May 1907; item: “We, the undersigned duly qualified electors of the State of California, and of, and residing in the City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California and in the political division for which the candidate is represented, hereby make the following nominations for the office of Mayor to be filled at the next ensuing municipal election to be held on the 13th day of May, 1907, in the City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz—James A. Linscott, of No. 33 East Third street. The principle said candidate represents is ‘Progress and Prosperity’...Signed: ...Mateo Lettunich...Stephen Scurich...[of 39]”

EP; 11 May 1907; obit: “Santa Cruz, May 10, 1907, John

Millich, a native of Austria, aged 68 years.” [*brother-in-law of George and Andrew Strazicich*]

EP; 13 May 1907; item: “The petition for a family allowance in the estate of Luke Bakich, deceased, has been granted.”

EP; 13 May 1907; item: “M. N. Lettunich and family have returned from an extended trip through the southern part of the State. They have been gone about seven weeks, and have greatly enjoyed the change.”

EP; 13 May 1907; item: “Wm. Pulisevich, who has been buying oranges in Southern California for a number of months past, arrived home on Saturday. He came up by private conveyance. Will has his weather eye out now for good apples.”

EP; 14 May 1907; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Sam Balovich and daughter, Jack Hrepich, George Hrepich, John Balovich and Marco Sozarevich formed a party that left this morning on a trip to Europe, where they will visit their home in Austria. A number of their friends were present at the depot to wish them a pleasant journey.”

EP; 15 May 1907; item: “Today J. S. Menasco sold the 1907 apple crop of his orchard, near Corralitos...to J. P. Miovich & Co. for \$10,000...The orchard consist of about 45 acres of well aged apple trees, mostly Newtowns. Mr. Menasco is one of the few orchard owners in this valley who has about a full crop of apples on his trees. No one takes better care of his orchard than he does and he is never backward about spending money to accomplish such result. The price paid is a fancy one.”

EP; 16 May 1907; obit: “Watsonville, May 16, 1907, Mary Strazicich, a native of Austria, aged 41 years.” [*see Fig. 1-10*]

EP; 17 May 1907; item: “MacDonald & Son have leased the Steve Scurich packing house on Third street for a term of years. The building is now 60x100 feet in dimensions. It is the purpose of the Messrs. MacDonald to increase the size of the building considerably next year.”

EP; 17 May 1907; item: “A lively blaze occurred at Soquel at midnight at the Luke Sresovich place on the upper Capitola road, opposite the Averon place. The fire started from an incubator and spread rapidly, destroying the barn and contents, which included a lot of hay. The horses and two wagons were saved, but one rig was destroyed.

“The winery, with a lot of cooperage, and 2000 gallons of wine, were lost. A son who lived in one of the outbuildings, lost all his clothes and \$20. The tank house caught fire and in the fall the water from the tank kept the

fire from spreading and extinguished a part of it. The residence near was saved.”

EP; 17 May 1907; article: “**Mrs. Mary Strazicich, First Austrian-Slavonian Woman in Watsonville Died Yesterday Morning.** Mrs. Mary Strazicich, wife of Geo. Strazicich, proprietor of the Railroad Exchange departed this life...after an illness of two months duration. She died surrounded by her sorrowing family and consoled by the last rites of the Catholic religion.

“Mrs. Strazicich, who was aged 41 years, was a native of Dalmatia, Austria, where she taught school for seven years before coming to the United States. She had the distinction of having been the first Austrian-Slavonian woman to settle in Watsonville, having been here for three years before the arrival of another of her countrywomen. She was also the first Slavonian woman married here. She enjoyed the respect and affection of a large circle of friends, who all deplore her demise and sympathize sincerely with her bereaved husband and family in their affliction.

“Mrs. Strazicich left behind to mourn her loss, her husband George Strazicich and four sons Nicholas, George, John and Emile...”

EP; 18 May 1907; article: “About 60 vehicles carrying relatives and friends of the deceased lady, followed the hearse conveying the remains of Mrs. Mary Strazicich to the Catholic Cemetery for interment this morning. Almost all the Slavonian population of the Pajaro Valley as well as a numerous representation of other friends were in attendance.

“A wagon completely filled with wreaths and other floral offerings formed part of the funeral procession...The pallbearers were: Steve Strazicich, John Hrepich, M. Knego, John Balovich, Sam Hrepich and Luke Scurich.”

EP; 18 May 1907; item: “Peter Knego left on a visit to San Francisco this morning.”

EP; 18 May 1907; item: “We take this method of returning our sincere and grateful thanks to all friends and acquaintances who so kindly manifested their loving sympathy for us in our recent bereavement and especially to Messrs. Wyckoff and Aston, and Mr. Luke Scurich for their conduct of the funeral. GEO. STRAZICICH AND FAMILY.”

EP; 18 May 1907; item: “The Entertainment Committee of the Chamber of Commerce today held a meeting and appointed Mr. R. P. Quinn chairman of the Fourth of July Celebration Committee, who appointed the following committees to solicit subscriptions: ...Packers and Shippers: ...Stephen Scurich...[of 4]”

EP; 20 May 1907; ALL: Bozo Gluhan.

EP; 22 May 1907; article: “In the matter of securing funds for the Fourth of July celebration Watsonville is having excellent results. Yesterday the committees appointed by Chairman R. P. Quinn began their canvass...The committee to see the packers and shippers, Jas. Sheehy, chairman, C. H. Baker, Stephen Scurich and W. H. Benteen, made no report but there is no doubt but that the results of their canvass will be satisfactory...”

EP; 24 May 1907; honor roll: 3rd grade: Katie Knego, Katie Rilovich, Mitchell Stolich.

EP; 25 May 1907; article: “There was an important meeting of the executive committee of the Fourth of July celebration, and R. P. Quinn, director-general, last night. It was determined to considerably extend the scope of the celebration beyond the original plans and make it practically a four days’ celebration...”

“The following committees were named: Reception committee, to meet the city’s guests during the celebration and make them have a good time: ...Mateo Lettunich, Luke Scurich...Committee on games: ...N. Alaga, Steve Scurich...”

EP; 25 May 1907; item: “Yesterday Messrs. Wyckoff & Gardner, attorneys for Luke Scurich, received notice that the case of Wood, Curtis & Co. vs. Scurich had been finally decided in favor of Mr. Scurich, by the Supreme Court. This case is one in which the plaintiff, a commission merchant in Sacramento, brought suit against Mr. Scurich for damages for failure to deliver two car loads of bellefleur apples. Mr. Scurich’s answer set up as a defense that while the market was low the plaintiff failed to pay for cars delivered and had refused to accept more, but when the market rose and it was too late for Mr. Scurich to procure the apples, demanded the remaining cars. Judgment went for Scurich in the Supreme Court. Wood, Curtis & Co. appealed to the District Court of Appeals, and that court affirmed the decision of the lower court and denied a petition for rehearing. The company then petitioned the Supreme Court for a hearing, which petition has just been denied, and this puts an end to the litigation.”

EP; 29 May 1907; article: “LUMP SUM BUYERS RESENT CRITICISM. Editor ‘Pajaronian.’ Dear Sir: —In behalf of the cash lump buyers, packers and shippers, I desire to reply to the remarks of W. H. White, agent of the Earl Fruit Company, which appeared in Saturday’s issue of your paper. *[the article referred to could not be found; perhaps it was in a different paper]*

“Mr. White stated that the businessmen of Watsonville will notice a great difference this coming season when the growers have sold their fruit in bulk, since this plan

will cause it to be handled by a class of people who do not patronize their stores.

"I refer Mr. White to the merchants of this town, from the smallest to the largest, whom we patronize, along with our families. The lump buyers also employ help who are residents of this city and spend their money here, and do not belong in Los Angeles, as most of the packers employed by Mr. White last season did.

"Furthermore, I would like to ask Mr. White how many boxes, and what quantity of nails, paper and other material he buys from our local merchants. Also I would ask him whether the money made in Watsonville by the Earl Fruit Company is invested here or elsewhere. What amount of taxes does the same company pay in this city, and how much money does Mr. White personally spend with the local businessmen. Some of the cash lump fruit buyers have been here for over 20 years and have done business with every grower in the Pajaro valley. We have always found growers thoroughly posted concerning the value of their crops, and fully capable of transacting their business without the help of a guardian. If any of them need any information there is no objection, of course, to their going to Mr. White, agent of the Earl Fruit Company, to obtain it. But I will say that unless he gives them more correct information than he did on this occasion it would be wiser not to consult him.—LUKE SCURICH, Chairman, Cash Lump Fruit Buyers."

EP; 29 May 1907; list: "The committee, comprising Jas. Sheehy, W. H. Benteen and Stephen Scurich, appointed to secure subscriptions from the packers of Watsonville, have had this success so far: J. P. Miovich & Co., \$10; Prettyman & Wolf Co., \$10; I. H. Tuttle & Co., \$10; San Monte Fruit Co., \$10; Stephen Scurich, \$10; James Sheehy, \$10; M. N. Lettunich, \$10; S. J. Duckworth, \$20; Stolich Bros., \$7.50; Novakovich & Stolich, \$5; Luke Scurich, \$5; Secondo Bros., \$5; N. M. Vuisich [Vuicich], \$5; M. Kukuliza, \$5; F. P. Marinovich, \$5; Earl Fruit Company, by W. H. White, \$5; Lee Wah, \$5; M. E. and C. E. Martinelli, \$5; Wm. J. McGrath, \$5; Zar Bros., \$2.50; B. Pista, \$2.50; N. Ducich, \$2.50; Stephen Pekock, \$2.50; Alaga Bros., \$2.50; K. Gospodnetich, \$2.50; John Pista & Co., \$2.50; C. Rappe, \$2.50; Peter Mengol, \$2.50; N. Radovich & Co., \$2.50; John Simunovich, \$2.50; Chris Milanovich, \$1; John Lucich, \$1. Total: \$179.50."

EP; 30 May 1907; item: "Mateo Lettunich and his son Louis [Lewis], went this morning to Santa Clara to see the Passion Play."

EP; 31 May 1907; item: "L. G. Sresovich, the well known fruit packer, arrived here this morning from Capitola."

EP; 1 Jun 1907; item: "Wood, Curtis & Co. vs. Luke Scurich—Notice of motion to tax costs."

EP; 3 Jun 1907; item: "**A Splendid Program Will Be Rendered at Moreland Notre Dame Academy...** Tomorrow the commencement exercises will be held in St. Patrick's hall...Marche de Fete, Op. 22 (48 hands), Behr—...Third Pianos—Lena Strazicich...Anna Scurich; 'Reverie de Vie,' Op. 81, (selected)—Violins—...Nicholas Strazicich..."

EP; 4 Jun 1907; list: "The graduation exercises of the pupils of Moreland Notre Dame Academy are being held this afternoon at St. Patrick's hall...Following is the list of the award of medals and premiums: ...Premiums for excellence in studies:...2nd grade: ...Annie Marinovich; 1st grade: ...Annie Scurich, Angela Strazicich."

EP; 4 Jun 1907; board of aldermen, payments: "...Copriviza & Alaga, supplies: \$1.70..."

EP; 4 Jun 1907; item: "J. P. Knudsen is having the front of his saloon in the Luke Scurich building remodeled in a way that will greatly improve the appearance of the place. The plate glass window is being moved back several feet and the vestibule at the entrance extended across the entire front of the saloon."

EP; 4 Jun 1907; item: "Last evening Court Pajaro Valley Rose, No. 44, Foresters of America, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: ...junior beadle, Nick Zar..."

EP; 4 Jun 1907; item: "Stephen Scurich has returned from a business trip to San Francisco."

EP; 4 Jun 1907; item: "Zeke Mann sold his orchard to the Lettunich company today for a satisfactory figure."

EP; 4 Jun 1907; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children have returned from an extended visit to Southern Calif."

EP; 5 Jun 1907; item: "Messrs. Copriviza and Alaga are making numerous improvements in their place of business, one of the most important being the complete change in position and thorough renovation of the bar. Also connection will be made directly between the grocery and saloon."

EP; 6 Jun 1907; item: "Johnnie, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Strizicich [Strazicich] of the Morning Star Hotel, whose hip was severely injured by a fall while playing, about a week ago, is improving and will be able to leave his bed next Sunday. It is believed that the injury will not prove permanent."

EP; 8 Jun 1907; honorary promotions: 3rd grade: Katie Rilovich, Lena Rilovich, Mitchell Stolich, Katie Knego; 1st grade: Willie Marinovich.

EP; 8 Jun 1907; married: “Santa Cruz, June 5, 1907... Paul Matulovich [Matulich] and Minnie Berticevich, both of Santa Cruz.”

EP; 10 Jun 1907; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Lettunich and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. Newman, Misses Rucker and Savaker, and Henry Alexander, were among the Watsonville visitors to Santa Cruz yesterday.”

EP; 13 Jun 1907; class. ad: “FOR RENT—A 5-room cottage with outbuildings, etc., and barn large enough for 4 horses. Apply to Steve Scurich.”

EP; 15 Jun 1907; item: “The residence of Mrs. A. T. Dresser was the scene...of a delightful reception tendered Mrs. Mabel Morgan by the pupils of her music class. Music, of course, played a prominent part in the entertainment offered, and the following informal program was given: ...piano solos, [Miss] Katie Balovich...”

EP; 17 Jun 1907; ALL: Mattio Dagich, Marks Lazarivich [Marko Lazarevich].

EP; 17 Jun 1907; item: “In the matter of the estate of Luke Backich [Bakich], deceased. Order appointing day of settlement of account...”

“In the matter of the estate of Luke Backich, deceased—Order fixing day for hearing application for letters of administration.”

EP; 19 Jun 1907; item: “Nick Zar has disposed of his newspaper route and will go to work at the Spreckels sugar factory at Salinas.”

EP; 22 Jun 1907; item: “A. Binsacca, for many years proprietor of the Cosmopolitan (now California) Restaurant in this city, but who has been conducting a cafe in San Francisco for some time past, is here on a visit of business and pleasure.”

EP; 22 Jun 1907; item: “SAN BENITO NEWS. Nick Bencovich, the restaurant man, (and old-time resident of Watsonville), was arraigned before Justice Agnew this week on the charge of dispensing liquors in his place after the midnight hour. The man in charge of the place last Saturday night accommodated a thirsty friend. The nightwatchman observed the procedure, and filed the complaint. A fine of \$25 was imposed.”

EP; 24 Jun 1907; item: “On the 14th of last May Sam Balovich and family left Watsonville on a return trip to his old home after an absence of 30 years.

“A sad incident occurred just before the journey was completed and made his arrival a sad one instead of one of joy as he had anticipated. When the family arrived at the city of Spltitz [Split], 18 miles from their journey’s

end, they were met by Mr. Balovich’s brothers and many other old friends. As it was necessary to remain overnight in the city of Spltitz the party secured rooms at a local hotel. In the crowd was an older brother of Sam Balovich, the returning prodigal. This brother’s name was Antoin. On his way to his room that night Antoin met with an accident which precipitated him down a stairway. He received such injury that he died about an hour and a half later.

“Sam Balovich accompanied the remains to their old home at Dole-Braca [Dol, Brač], where the funeral took place on June 5th. Deceased, who was aged 65 years, left a mother 93 years of age, three brothers, George, Sam and John, and a sister Mrs. Mary Arenerich [Arnerich]. John Balovich is a resident of Watsonville, as was also another brother, the late Nick Balovich. The family are offered condolences.”

EP; 24 Jun 1907; item: “Andrew Schopp, ‘Pony’ Maheu, Wm. Martin and Will Pulizevich went to San Juan this morning in an auto to take part in today’s celebration.”

EP; 24 Jun 1907; item: “Watsonville was well represented at the San Juan celebration today. Several parties traveled there in automobiles. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McGlashan made the trip in their choo-choo wagon. A. Schoop, D. Maheu, Paul Alaga and Will Pulisevich traveled over in a gasoline car steered by Professor Cox. Sid Menasco, L. Hansen, J. H. Hess formed another auto party; Charles Rowe performed the journey in his new Studebaker touring car, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Leddy and Mrs. Storm went in one of Carl Christiansen’s fast machines. Many from the valley drove over in private conveyances. The San Juan people have provided a fine day’s program for the enjoyment of their visitors.”

EP; 26 Jun 1907; promotion by exam: 5th grade: Pete Marinovich; 4th grade: Florence Smith; 3rd grade: Ellen Balovich; 2nd: Antonio Scurich; 1st grade: Johnnie Strazicich, Lena Strazicich.

EP; 27 Jun 1907; obit: “Dalmacia, Austria, June 2, 1907, Antoin Balovich, a brother of John Balovich of this city, aged 65 years.”

EP; 27 Jun 1907; item: “A curious case of involuntary suicide committed by a bird took place yesterday at the residence of P. Stolich, 131 Fifth street, this city. A sparrow that was building its nest under the eaves of the house somehow got a piece of twine it was using as building material twisted around its neck and when the bird attempted to fly it was brought up short when it reached the end of the string and strangled to death through the tightening of the hangman’s noose it had accidentally put its head through...”

EP; 28 Jun 1907; item: "Ida B. Fischer and husband to Peter Stolich—Lot 50x169 feet on southeast side of Elm St., adjoining Prindeville, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 28 Jun 1907; item: "Mrs. Lucy L. Bakich and J. Secondo drove over to Santa Cruz today on business at the Superior Court."

EP; 29 Jun 1907; item: "Luke Scurich et als. to Adamson Fruit Co.—Lots 1 and 2, Judd's addition, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 29 Jun 1907; item: "Agreement for right-of-way—Mitchel Arbanas to Union Traction Co., across land at Rodeo Gulch, \$300."

EP; 2 Jul 1907; item: "In the matter of the estate of Luke Bakich, deceased—Bond of administrator."

EP; 2 Jul 1907; board of aldermen, payments: "...John Balovich, labor: \$3..."

EP; 3 Jul 1907; item: "Joseph Secondo has been granted letters of administration in the estate of Luke Bakich, deceased. The appraisers appointed were J. J. Morey, C. A. Palmtag and Luke Scurich."

EP; 5 Jul 1907; article: "**One Hundreth and Thirty-first Anniversary of American Independence Observed Locally**...The first day of Watsonville's grand Fourth of July celebration dawned most propitiously. A clear sky, bright sun and tempering breeze showed that nature had taken kindly to the effort and purposed to offer every favorable condition...Main street, from the bridge to the Catholic church, a long, broad, smooth, clean stretch of modern streetway, was and is one of the best decorated thoroughfares ever prepared for a celebration in a small city...The Austrian-American Benevolent Society, about 40 strong...made a very creditable showing..."

EP; 5 Jul 1907; item: "G. Alexich, formerly in the fruit shipping business in this city, was here from San Francisco yesterday."

EP; 6 Jul 1907; article: "CRIMINAL OPERATION CAUSE OF DEATH. Mrs. Annie Strazicich, wife of Andrew Strazicich, a native of Austria, aged 33 years, died in this city this morning, under circumstances which promise a sensational expose of methods of performing certain surgical operations forbidden by law.

"Following instructions from District Attorney Knight, as soon as the death of Mrs. Strazicich occurred Mrs. Josefa Dean was taken into custody and held for examination on a charge of having been instrumental in the deplorable result of the case.

"District Attorney Knight, who, previous to the

woman's death had secured a statement from her, came down this morning to direct the holding of an autopsy and inquest.

"A summary of the history of the case was given by District Attorney Knight as follows: 'The woman is named Annie Strazicich, 33 years of age. Eleven years ago she was married to Andrew Strazicich in this city. As a result of her marriage she has been the mother of four children, all girls, the eldest nine years of age and the youngest about seven months old.

"In her dying statement made to District Attorney Knight while she was in a perfectly clear state of mind, and witnessed by Nurse Fleming of El Pajaro General Hospital, Court Reporter Williamson and Dr. E. E. Porter, Mrs. Strazicich stated that she knew Mrs. Josefa Dean, and had known her for several years; that she knew Mrs. Dean was in the habit of going about among the families of the city, particularly to those of foreign birth, and telling them that it was unnecessary for them to have large families if they would see her.

"About the latter part of April, the woman said, she went to Mrs. Dean's house, where an operation was performed. Two days later a second operation was undergone, after which Mrs. Strazicich became very ill, growing worse until the middle of May, when Dr. Porter was called. He found her in a very bad physical condition and after treating her for a couple of weeks ordered her taken to a hospital. She was taken to the El Pajaro General Hospital and remained there about three weeks.

"Her case was a very bad one from the first, but she steadfastly refused to divulge who was responsible for her condition, until the first of July, when, as stated by the 'Pajaronian' at the time, she made a statement charging Mrs. Dean.

"An autopsy was performed...by Drs. S. C. Rodgers, Guy Miller and E. E. Porter, and the immediate cause of death was found to be septic peritonitis...

"District Attorney Knight this afternoon swore to a complaint charging Mrs. Josefa Dean with murder and a warrant was issued. The woman was already under arrest pending the charge. She will be taken to Santa Cruz this evening and will be returned here later on for her preliminary examination."

EP; 6 Jul 1907; obit: "Watsonville, July 6, 1907, Mrs. Annie, wife of Andrew Strazicich, a native of Austria, aged 34 years." [see Fig. 1-29]

EP; 6 Jul 1907; item: "Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lettunich are here from Los Angeles on a visit to relatives and old friends. 'Tony' is one of the leading fruit commission merchants of the southern metropolis."

EP; 8 Jul 1907; item: "The funeral of Mrs. Annie Strazicich, wife of Andrew Strazicich, who died in this city on July 6th, took place...today from the family

residence, No. 28 Sudden street...The pallbearers were: Steve Strazicich, Luke Cikuth, George Copriviza, Luke, Steve and Anton Scurich.”

EP; 8 Jul 1907; item: “The arraignment of Mrs. Josefa Dean, charged with murder committed in performing a criminal operation, is announced to be made before Judge Hawkins in the Justice Court tomorrow morning. District Attorney Knight will prosecute and Attorney P. E. Zabala will defend the prisoner.”

EP; 9 Jul 1907; item: “Certified copy of decree setting apart homestead in estate of Luke Bakich, deceased.”

EP; 9 Jul 1907; item: “The following estates were appraised in the Superior Court yesterday...Luke Bakich, \$6090.84.”

EP; 9 Jul 1907; item: “In the matter of the estate of Luke Bakich, deceased—Hearing of petition to set aside homestead; order setting aside homestead.”

EP; 9 Jul 1907; item: “The trial of Mrs. Josefa Dean on the charge of practicing medicine without a license did not take place as announced in the Justice Court today. She will be brought for trial before Judge Hawkins on July 11th.”

EP; 11 Jul 1907; item: “Card of Thanks. For the many kind and sympathetic acts rendered unto us previous to and after the death of our beloved wife and mother[,] heartfelt thanks are hereby extended. ANDREW STRAZICICH and FAMILY.”

EP; 11 Jul 1907; item: “The preliminary examination of Mrs. Josefa Dean, an elderly pioneer lady of this city, charged with murder in having committed a criminal operation on the late Mrs. Annie Strazicich, was called before Judge Hawkins...this afternoon.

“Mrs. Dean is represented by Attorney Ed. Martin, of Santa Cruz, and Attorneys Geo. P. Burke and T. J. Gaffey, of this city. District Attorney B. K. Knight is conducting the prosecution.

“The only witness who testified up to the time of closing the ‘Pajaronian’s’ forms was County Court Reporter W. H. Williamson. He related how the late Mrs. Strazicich had dictated to him her dying statement in which she charged Mrs. Dean with having committed a criminal operation.

“The case is attracting considerable attention, particularly amongst the old residents of this section who have known the accused lady for these many years.”

EP; 12 Jul 1907; class. ad: “PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR SALE—To be sold by administrator of estate of Luke Bakich at number 509 Rodriquez street...on

Saturday, July 27th, 1907, the following: One bundle of red box lining paper; 6 bundles of fruit wrapping paper; 6 bundles of box heads; 1 old cook-stove, 4 holes; 14 bundles of cleats; 6 bundles of box sides; 28 bundles, tops and bottoms, for boxes; 2290 empty apple boxes; 1½ kegs of nails; 1 wagon jack; 1 fruit wagon; 1 truck; 1 light spring wagon; 1 old bicycle; 1 stable broom; 1 stable fork; and 1 iron for box nailing. Property can now be inspected at number 45 lower Rodriquez street, below First street. For particulars apply to Joseph Secondo, administrator, or David F. Maher, attorney.”

EP; 12 Jul 1907; item: “A sudden drop in berries took place on lower Main street yesterday afternoon...Pete Reseta [Resetar] was driving an express wagon loaded with berry boxes when the hind axle broke letting the wagon box hit the ground in a forcible manner. As the damage was beyond immediate repair Pullen’s transfer wagon was called and the berry boxes loaded into it, not much the worse for the accident. Enough of the crimson juice of the berries was spilt, however, on the street to make it appear that bloodshed had recently taken place there.”

EP; 12 Jul 1907; item: “The preliminary examination of Mrs. Josefa Dean, charged with murder, was continued in the Justice Court before Judge Hawkins this afternoon. Attorney Burke, for the defense, cross-examined Dr. Porter and sought to establish a connection between the Santa Cruz Medical Society and this case. The district attorney offered Mrs. Strazicich’s dying statement in evidence.

“Mrs. Mary Stoker was called as a witness and testified that she had attended Mrs. Strazicich during a part of her last illness. She told of a visit of the defendant to the deceased and of a conversation that took place between them relating to the alleged criminal operation. Mrs. Strazicich’s dying deposition was admitted as evidence against the protests of Attorney Burke, and the court adjourned for a recess at 4:30 p.m. She was held to answer in \$5000 bail.”

EP; 13 Jul 1907; item: “As announced in the ‘Pajaronian’ of last evening Judge Hawkins held Mrs. Josefa Dean to answer before the Superior Court on a charge of murder in having committed a criminal operation on the late Mrs. Annie Strazicich and placed her bail at \$5000. Late in the afternoon she furnished such bond, with S. J. Duckworth and J. B. Milks as sureties.”

EP; 15 Jul 1907; item: “Messrs. Martin, Burke and Gaffey, attorneys for Mrs. Josefa Dean, contemplate making petition for a writ of habeas corpus for release of their client, deeming the evidence insufficient to hold her for trial.”

EP; 15 Jul 1907; item: "Nick Lettunich who has been rustivating at the Aromas fruit farm, returned home yesterday."

EP; 15 Jul 1907; item: "Mrs. S. Strazicich and son will leave Tuesday for a few weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Oakland."

EP; 16 Jul 1907; item: "Anton Thomas returned yesterday from a visit to his former home in Dalmatia, Austria. He left here nine months ago and made the journey to Dalmatia in 19 days; but the return journey to Watsonville lasted 29 days owing to a slower steamship and delays in Texas caused by heavy rains and floods that had carried away railroad bridges. Mr. Thomas stopped two days in Paris and two days in New York on the way. While he admits that Paris is a gay place, he considers New York to be the greatest city on earth for business, progress and growth. He found his native country prosperous but says he much prefers the United States to live in, and he has seen no part of them that looks better to him than the Pajaro valley."

EP; 17 Jul 1907; item: "MANY HUNTERS' LICENSES GRANTED...The State will take in from this county... alone more than \$150, as each of the licenses cost \$1. No licenses have been issued to foreigners by this county. It is thought that they deem \$25 a too large amount for a hunter's license. The following is a list of the persons to whom licenses have been granted: ...Peter Stolich, N. Vuicich...Mitchell Krilanovich..."

EP; 18 Jul 1907; item: "Miss Magdalen Ruth of Santa Clara was the guest of honor at a social party given by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Daley at their residence on Maple avenue...Those present at the party were: ...Lucille Lettunich...[of 9]"

EP; 20 Jul 1907; item: "At the meeting of the Fair Executive Committee at the Board of Trade rooms last night Chairman A. N. Judd named the following committees:

"Horticulture: ...Mateo Lettunich...Frank Radovan; Viticulture: ...Lewis Cikuth...Paul Nicola; Canned Goods: ...Stephen Scurich; Curios: ...Mrs. Lucia Scurich, Mrs. Luke Scurich; Textile Fabrics: ...Mrs. M. N. Lettunich; Embroidery: ...Miss Teresa Farlin."

EP; 20 Jul 1907; item: "Peter Sersen of the California Restaurant is home from a week's visit to Salinas valley towns."

EP; 22 Jul 1907; item: "Mr. and Mrs. S. Scurich and children left today for a two week's visit at Santa Cruz."

EP; 22 Jul 1907; ALL: Luke Arbanas, Steve Knezevich, M. Perovich, G. Simunkovich [Simunovich]. Foreign: N. Pazarevich.

EP; 23 Jul 1907; item: "ELECTRIC ROAD LITIGATION. City of Watsonville vs. Monterey, Fresno and Eastern Railway, a corporation: ...affidavits of Mateo Lettunich, Luke Scurich, F. P. Marinovich...[were] read in evidence by Attorney Sheehy..."

EP; 24 Jul 1907; item: "In honor of her cousin, Leland Ring of San Francisco, little Anna Marie Ring... entertained a party of tiny friends at the residence of her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Ring on Maple avenue...The guests were: ...Lucille Lettunich...[of 13]"

EP; 25 Jul 1907; item: "[happenings in Salinas] A number of Watsonville people are over today to witness the initial races of the fair. The following from that city are registered at the Hotel Jeffrey: ...J. Luzich..."

EP; 26 Jul 1907; item: "[Santa Cruz items] Quite a number of Watsonville people have been spending their vacation at Santa Cruz during the present season, a condition of affairs which we notice with considerable pleasure. I. H. Tuttle and family and S. Scurich and family are among the Watsonville people now stopping in the cottage city."

EP; 26 Jul 1907; born: "Near Watsonville, July 23, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. Luke Arbanas, a daughter." [Kate; +2001; married Varni]



Fig. 3-14. Kate Arbanas.

EP; 29 Jul 1907; ALL: John Zuffich. Foreign: N. Gtjeporic, Ivo Zuffic.

EP; 30 Jul 1907; item: "In the matter of the estate of Luke Bakich, deceased—Return and account of sales of personal property."

EP; 31 Jul 1907; item: "Watsonville Canton Patriarchs Militant has secured from Past Grand Patriot George Jessen the privilege of using as a drill ground the Lettunich Co. lot on Rodriquez street, rented by him. The lot has been cleared and electric lights installed around; and the Canton[,] about 25 strong[,] is drilling steadily in preparation for the competitive drill to take place during the Grand encampment at Santa Barbara in October..."

EP; 6 Aug 1907; board of aldermen, payments: "...S. Strazicich, assign claim James Cook: \$6.75; S. Strazicich, assign claim T. Carr: \$6.75..."

EP; 6 Aug 1907; born: "Santa Cruz, Aug. 5, 1907, to the wife of M. Krilanovich, a daughter." [Marie; +1993; married Cook]

EP; 7 Aug 1907; item: "Mr. and Mrs. S. Scurich and children are home from a two weeks' visit at Santa Cruz."

EP; 7 Aug 1907; item: "Rev. Father A. Glumac, an Austrian priest, stationed at San Francisco, is in town for a few days, the guest of Mr. Luke Scurich. Father Glumac is an accomplished linguist, speaking seven languages. He has been the recipient of many courtesies from his compatriots in this city."

EP; 8 Aug 1907; obit: "In Calabasas District, near Watsonville, August 7, 1907, Annie Matzon, aged 30 years 7 months and 21 days...."



Fig. 3-15.
Anne Germolis Matson
(1876-1907).
Wife of Mike Matson.

EP; 9 Aug 1907; item: "...Tuesday a gentleman named Bardmess, living on Ford street, lost his purse containing over \$30. Like a sensible man he came to advertise it. In the meantime it had been found and advertised by Nick Zar, an honest young man, and through the 'Pajaronian' loser and finder were brought together to their mutual satisfaction..."

EP; 9 Aug 1907; county supervisors, payments: "... Indigent Fund: Copriviza, Geo., mdse: \$50...Strazicich, Geo., meals: \$4.35..."

EP; 9 Aug 1907; item: "**Santa Cruz Items.** M. Krilanovich and S. T. Launer pleaded not guilty this afternoon in Judge Stanley's court for selling liquor to Morris Beauregard, a minor. The time of trial has not been set."

EP; 10 Aug 1907; obit: "The funeral of Mrs. Anne Matzon, who died at the family home in the Calabasas district on Thursday, took place this morning...The pallbearers were: Luke Scurich, F. P. Marinovich, Peter Stolich, L. Tercovich, Martin Rilovich, Geo. Novakovich. Many friends and neighbors attended the funeral of this estimable woman, who leaves a husband and four children to mourn her death."

EP; 10 Aug 1907; item: "In the matter of the estate of Luke Bakich, deceased—Petition for a family allowance and tombstone."

EP; 12 Aug 1907; item: "Mrs. Marie Miocevic, who lives with her husband on the Wiley place, was arrested this morning on a charge of disturbing the peace, sworn to by George White and issued by Judge Bridgewater.

The woman, who has been acting strangely for some time, resisted arrest and gave four officers who brought her to town a hard tussle. She was taken to Santa Cruz this afternoon to be examined concerning her mental condition."

EP; 13 Aug 1907; item: "Mrs. Marie Miocevic who was arrested yesterday on a charge of insanity, was taken to Santa Cruz by Constable Sandberg and Police Officer Devine. Having been adjudged insane by a board of physicians and committed to Stockton Asylum, she was conducted there yesterday by Under Sheriff Rountree."

EP; 14 Aug 1907; item: "A meeting of the Ladies' committee of the Fair Association on textile fabrics, the members of which are Mesdame M. A. E. Hawkins (chairman), M. N. Lettunich, C. B. Lewis, A. R. Wilson, Dr. Emma Pope and Miss E. McDonald, was held at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon. A most creditable and unique exhibit is being planned."

EP; 15 Aug 1907; item: "The first car of Bellefleurs will go out today. This is a car practically shipped by Frank Radovan and consigned by Otto Raphael to Chicago. This car consists of stock well selected and packed in the most artistic manner with fancy paper, and without a doubt will bring a good price. Never before in the history of the valley has a car of Bellefleurs been sent out this early in the season. Mr. Radovan deserves great credit. He has done a great deal of hard work and has spared no effort or expense to establish a reputation for his Bellefleurs by getting such a fancy car into one of the principal markets. This early car will prove a great advertisement for Pajaro Bellefleurs because of the good condition of the fruit and the attractiveness of the pack. One-half of each alternate tier is left unwrapped and the apple laid with the red blush upward and exposed."

EP; 15 Aug 1907; item: "Fall Pippins, grown by M. B. Tuttle; Bellefleurs, grown by L. Scurich[;] and Skinner Seedlings, grown by J. P. Miovich & Co., all fine specimens, are the latest exhibits of Pajaro valley fruit added to the collection on view at the Board of Trade rooms."

EP; 15 Aug 1907; item: "WOMEN WANTED. Twenty-five experienced girl apple sorters. Register your names now. EDMUND PEYCKE COMPANY. Located in the west end of M. N. Lettunich & Co.'s packing house, West Third street."

EP; 15 Aug 1907; disp. ad: "Edmund Peycke Company, 335 Central Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. Packers and Shippers of Apples, We Buy for Spot Cash. Packing house located in West End of M. N. Lettunich & Co.'s packing house, below S. P. depot, West 3d St. J. C. COBB, Agent. A. J. Wilson, Mgr., Mansion House."

EP; 16 Aug 1907; class. ad: "WANTED—To buy a light cart. Call at Copriviza & Alga's [Alaga's], 258 Main St."

EP; 16 Aug 1907; class. ad: "WANTED—Apple haulers. Any team owner wishing to do apple hauling from the orchards, by contract or otherwise, call at Copriviza & Alga [Alaga], 258 Main street."

EP; 16 Aug 1907; item: "Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gilbert and son, who have been the guests of Mrs. M. N. Lettunich at the Del Monte Fruit Farm for a few days, have returned home to San Francisco."

EP; 16 Aug 1907; item: "Four of the largest Bellefleur apples exhibited so far this season are now to be seen in the window of the Chamber of Commerce office. They were grown by Mateo Lettunich on the Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas."

EP; 17 Aug 1907; item: "F. G. Gaddie is preparing to raise to a height of eight feet the house situated at Walker and Second streets, owned by Geo. Copriviza, which will be remodeled for use as a packing house."

EP; 17 Aug 1907; item: "Susie J. Lewis et al. to Mitchell Secondo—Lot 150x275, bounded by Palmer, Hughes, Cunningham and Cooper's Sub., Watsonville, \$25. Also right-of-way."

EP; 19 Aug 1907; item: "A horse belonging to P. Resiter [Resetar] ran away this morning near its owner's packing house on Salsipuedes creek and rushed in the barn. The buggy to which it was hitched struck the door-way, causing the harness to give way, when the horse left the vehicle outside and ran into his stall."

EP; 19 Aug 1907; ALL: A. Sorcarovich, Cris Sjekavica. Foreign: Anton Vokas.

EP; 20 Aug 1907; item: "A. B. Lettunich, one of the leading fruit and commission merchants of Los Angeles, is here visiting friends and relatives. 'Toney' is a good southern booster of his old home—Pajaro valley."

EP; 22 Aug 1907; item: "M. Secondo has placed on exhibition at the Board of Trades rooms 3 apples of the King variety, grown by him in his orchard in San Miguel canyon, which are worthy of being shown at the State fair. These apples each measure 14 inches in circumference and together weigh 3 ¼ pounds."

EP; 22 Aug 1907; item: "Proprietor Strazicich is having important improvements made on the Railroad Exchange Hotel. The top story is being remodeled and a new roof constructed; the rooms will also be replastered and renovated and supplied with electric lights."

EP; 23 Aug 1907; item: "Attorney James A. Hall has applied, on behalf of Luke Scurich, for letters of administration on the estate of Stephen Stolich, who was killed by a train near Pleasanton last June."

EP; 24 Aug 1907; item: "In the matter of the estate of Stephen Stolich, deceased—Petition for letters of administration."

EP; 31 Aug 1907; item: "Judge Hawkins has overruled the demurrer which was interposed in the case of W. F. McAdam vs. Rilovich Brothers. The defendant[s] were given 10 days in which to file an answer..."

EP; 3 Sep 1907; item: "The following affected property owners have filed a protest against the widening of Maple avenue from Union to Main street, as provided for in the resolution of intention adopted by the aldermen on August 6th: ...Mateo Lettunich...M. N. Lettunich...Manzanita Co...[of 31]"

EP; 4 Sep 1907; item: "M. N. Lettunich went to Santa Cruz this morning to pass the day there."

EP; 5 Sep 1907; item: "The trial of Mrs. Josefa Dean, a pioneer resident of this valley and who has many friends here, on a charge of murder, will be called in the Superior Court on September 18th. The defendant is accused of causing the death of Mrs. Annie Strazicich through malpractice."

EP; 5 Sep 1907; item: "A. B. Lettunich, who is one of Los Angeles' leading fruit and commission merchants, was here last evening greeting old friends."

EP; 6 Sep 1907; honor roll: 6th grade: Pete Marinovich; 4th grade: Mitchell Stolich, Lena Rilovich, Kate Rilovich, Katie Knego; 2nd grade: Willie Marinovich, Prosper Lettunich.

EP; 6 Sep 1907; item: "Luke Scurich was a passenger on the morning train to Santa Cruz today."

EP; 7 Sep 1907; item: "**Santa Cruz Items.** Luke Scurich of Watsonville, with bond fixed at \$1000, was yesterday appointed administrator in the estate of Stephen Stolich."

EP; 7 Sep 1907; item: "In re estate of Stephen Stolich—Order appointing administrator."

EP; 10 Sep 1907; ALL: V. Bascovich [prob. Boscovich].

EP; 11 Sep 1907; list: "**The Lake Avenue Street Improvement Will Cost \$18,689, of Which Property Owners Pay Two-thirds.** City Engineer C. B. Lewis has filed with the city clerk the following report of the Lake

avenue street work: 'This is to certify that the Granite Rock Company has graded, macadamized and guttered Lake avenue from the northeastern wall line of Walker street, northeasterly to the southwestern wall line of Main street and the northeastern wall line of Main street northeasterly to the city limits...and that said work has been completed and done to the official line and grade...'

"The 'Pajaronian' has taken the city engineer's list of 153 'unknown' owners of lots assessed to pay for said street work, compared the same with the city map with the result that the following is about a correct list of the owners:

[Owner—Lot #—Amount]

"Geo. Strazicich, 1, \$186.71; M. Rilovich, 2, \$112.29; S. Strazicich, 3, \$254.54; Mr. Balovich, 12, \$94.06; Wm. Pulisivich, 26, \$171.92; S. Scurich, 28, \$4.35; A. B. Lettunich Co., 34, \$76.29; A. B. Lettunich Co., 35, \$75.91; S. Scurich, 74, \$2.96; L. Cikuth, 141, \$78.69; L. Scurich, 143, \$5.30..."

EP; 11 Sep 1907; item: "In re estate of Luke Backich [Bakich], deceased—Claim of Wyckoff & Aston for \$142.25 allowed and approved Sept. 10, 1907."

EP; 11 Sep 1907; item: "In re estate of Stephen Stolich, deceased—Letters of administration issued to Luke Scurich, September 10th; Luke Scurich's bond filed upon qualifying, with order appointing appraisers."

EP; 11 Sep 1907; item: "F. P. MARINOVICH BUYS GREEN BLOCK. Dr. Nat Green has sold his two-story business block on the corner of Union and Peck streets to F. P. Marinovich. The price paid for the same is said to be in the neighborhood of \$12,000. The dimensions of the lot are 74x85 feet. On the same is a two story combination brick and wooden building. The ground floor tenants are Rochdale Co., Marshall's tamale parlors and Otto Raphael's brokerage office. Almost all the entire upper floor is leased to Watsonville Parlor of Native Sons for lodgeroom and banquet hall purposes. Dr. Green still retains the ownership of the row of frame store buildings adjoining the property...and running to the rear of the Pajaro Valley Bank block."

EP; 12 Sep 1907; article: "Wright's Station, Sept. 12.—Slowly but certainly the re-opened tunnel near here, upon which the Southern Pacific has spent three-quarters of a million dollars in the past year, is closing again, and the situation is today almost as bad as it was when work was first started.

"...The catastrophe of April, 1906, practically destroyed the old tunnel, and now, after the new one has been pronounced completed, the great masses of earth and gravel that were shaken from equilibrium over a year ago, are settling with telling effect upon the supports of the newly finished work, and every few days the pressure upon some part of the inside timbers becomes so great

that they give way, letting down thousands of tons of loose debris into the right-of-way.

"The 400 Austrian laborers who have been at work on the reconstruction since the first of June of last year were withdrawn but a few days ago to be used in converting the Glenwood tunnel from narrow to broad gauge width, and a gang of track layers and section men were to follow them in the 6000 foot tunnel at Wright's and complete the work by making it ready for the through trains that were soon to have been placed in service. The frequently recurring landslides of the past few days have put an end to that, however, and the whole tunnel must be reconstructed, lined throughout with an impenetrable dome of concrete, before it will be safe to inaugurate a train schedule..."

EP; 13 Sep 1907; article: "**Exhibits Divided into Sections.** It is intended to divide the horticultural exhibit at the coming fair into booths, which will be named after the section of the valley from which said exhibits come. This will be done in order to demonstrate the fact that all good fruit is not grown exclusively in the bottom lands.

"...Mateo Lettunich [will be in charge of] the Aromas district...Frank Radovan [will be in charge of] the packing houses..."

EP; 16 Sep 1907; item: "Nat Green et ux to Philip Marinovich—Lot 85x74 at S. corner Union and Peck Sts., Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 17 Sep 1907; list: "City Engineer C. B. Lewis has filed with the city clerk the following report of the East Third street improvement work..."

"The 'Pajaronian' has taken the city engineer's list of 71 'unknown' owners of lots assessed to pay for said street work, compared the same with the city map with the result that the following is the correct list of the owners:

[Name—Lot #—Amount]

"Mateo and M. N. Lettunich, 2, \$177.64; S. Scurich, 9, \$.58; F. P. Marinovich, 11, \$7.61; F. P. Marinovich, 19, \$2.86; S. Scurich, 32, \$129.78; S. Scurich, 33, \$.86; M. N. Lettunich, 69, \$.09..."

EP; 17 Sep 1907; item: "The estate of Stephen Stolich of Watsonville, deceased, has been appraised at \$413.40."

EP; 17 Sep 1907; notice: "NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California. In the matter of the Estate of Stephen Stolich, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Luke Scurich, Administrator of the Estate of Stephen Stolich, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, made on the 17th day of

September, A.D. 1907, to the said Luke Scurich as such Administrator, at the Law Offices of James A. Hall, over Bank of Watsonville, in the City of Watsonville...the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate. LUKE SCURICH, Administrator of the Estate of Stephen Stolich, deceased. Dated: September 17th, A.D. 1907. James A. Hall, Att'y for Administrator."

EP; 18 Sep 1907; item: "**Santa Cruz Items.** Mayor Palmer has signed the resolution unanimously passed at Saturday night's session of the city council, wherein Michel Krilanovich's liquor license was revoked on account of information filed some time ago, that he had sold liquor to minors."

EP; 18 Sep 1907; item: "C. F. Domianovich, formerly circulator for the Oakland Critic, has taken a position as clerk with the firm of D. Alexander & Sons."

EP; 19 Sep 1907; article: "**WANT THE DYING STATEMENT REJECTED.** Santa Cruz, Sept. 19.—The trial of Mrs. Josefa Dean of Watsonville, charged with felony, it being alleged that she committed a criminal operation on Mrs. Annie Strazicich, also of Watsonville, said operation declared to be directly responsible for her death, is on trial before a jury in the Superior Court.

"Yesterday afternoon District Attorney Knight introduced what purports to be the dying statement of Annie Strazicich, which included testimony that he later proceeded to substantiate by the testimony of the dead woman's husband, and by which he was endeavoring to establish the dying woman's mental competency, but which Mrs. Dean's attorney, W. P. Netherton, took exception to on the ground of irrelevancy. It was the argument of this point that consumed the entire afternoon up to the hour of adjournment.

"Today the lawyers for the defense, Netherton, Martin and Gaffey, again argued to have the statement thrown out, while District Attorney Knight is putting up a forceful plea this afternoon to allow the same to stand. The lawyers will not conclude their talkfest until this evening...

"The jurors sworn to try the case are: James Anderson, G. M. Shippy, L. B. Huddleson, P. P. Perry, E. J. Corbett, P. Conroy, George Wells, J. Black, G. L. Bradford, J. Sickler, A. A. Cox and F. Quistorf.

"Thos. Soberanes, G. B. Huston and Andrew Strazicich are here from Watsonville today waiting to give their testimony."

SFCall; 19 Sep 1907; item: "**DAUGHTER OF ALCALDE ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.** (Special by Leased Wire to The Call) SANTA CRUZ, Sept. 18.—The trial of Mrs. Josefa Dean for murder by an alleged criminal operation on Mrs. Annie Strazicich of Watsonville was begun today before Judge Smith. The jury was chosen and the opening statement made by District Attorney

Knight. Mrs. Strazicich's dying statement, charging the defendant with the crime, was read. The case is one of much interest, Mrs. Dean being well known as the daughter of Jose Bolcoff, a Russian[,] at one time alcalde in Santa Cruz during the Mexican regime. Her mother before her marriage was Candido Castro, of a prominent Spanish family and owners of Refugio rancho. Mrs. Dean's husband was a supervisor of Santa Cruz county. There is a strong array of legal talent for the defense."

EP; 20 Sep 1907; item: "Mercede Grobel, a Mexican, was brought to town by Deputy Sheriff Kennedy Thursday, and is in jail on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The Mexican had been at work up the coast, and came yesterday seeking work on the railroad at tunnel No. 4. It is charged that he entered a bunk-house last night intoxicated, where all the lower bunks were occupied. He demanded one of them of a Slavonian in the place, at the same time emphasizing his demand with 'I'll kill you,' and oaths. He then attacked the Slavonian, who was cut on the hand by the knife. The fellow was overpowered and brought to town.—Santa Cruz Surf."

EP; 20 Sep 1907; article: "**Evidence All In and the Lawyers Are Now Making Their Arguments.** [Special to the 'Pajaronian.'] Santa Cruz, Sept. 20...The fate of Mrs. Josefa Dean of Watsonville charged with having committed an operation which resulted in the death of Mrs. Andrew Strazicich, will rest this evening with the jury which has heard the evidence of the case during the last three days.

"This morning Dr. S. C. Rodgers of Watsonville and Dr. Clarke of Santa Cruz were put on the stand to give expert medical testimony as to the probable condition of Mrs. Strazicich's mind at the time she made the deposition charging Mrs. Dean with the crime.

"Andrew Strazicich, husband of the deceased lady, was also put on the witness stand again by the defense. The defendant, Mrs. Dean, took the stand and denied the commission of any wrongful operation which would cause death.

"District Attorney Knight is near the conclusion of a most eloquent argument for the prosecution. He stated that the case against the defendant had been clearly proven and demanded a conviction.

"Mr. Knight will be followed by Attorney W. P. Netherton for the defense, who is expected to make one of the best oratorical efforts of his legal career in Mrs. Dean's behalf.

"Following Netherton the district attorney will make an argument in rebuttal and then Judge Smith will deliver his charge and the jury will retire to make up its verdict."

EP; 21 Sep 1907; item: "A pleasant and most enjoyable surprise party was tendered Miss Eva Rice...at the home of her parents on Kearney street...Those present were: ...Katie Knego...[of 11]"

EP; 21 Sep 1907; item: "MRS. DEAN ACQUITTED. Last evening Mrs. Josefa Dean, a pioneer resident of this valley, was acquitted by a jury in the Superior Court of this county of the charge of having caused the death of the late Mrs. A. Strazicich as the result of an alleged criminal operation.

"After receiving the court's instructions, which seemed to suggest an insufficiency of evidence, the jury was only out about 20 minutes when it brought in a verdict of not guilty.

"Mrs. Dean's attorneys were Edward Martin (himself a pioneer and who has known his client for upwards of 50 years in this county), W. P. Netherton and Thos. J. Gaffey...

"The outcome of the case has been watched with considerable interest, particularly on the part of old residents who have long known the accused lady. Many of them have not been backward at all in openly criticizing the motives of those who prompted the prosecution, in which they except the district attorney. Anyway, aged Mrs. Dean is clear, and the charge of murder does not rest against her reputation any longer."

EP; 23 Sep 1907; ALL: Alex. Dubric, Mato Gluhan.

EP; 23 Sep 1907; item: "Red Pearmains contributed by Miovich & Company, and Bellefleurs by John Olsen, both excellent specimens of their different varieties of apples, are the latest additions to the Board of Trade's exhibit of local products."

EP; 24 Sep 1907; item: "C. F. Damianovich has resigned his situation with D. Alexander & Sons and left at noon today to accept a similar position with S. N. Wood & Co. at Oakland."

EP; 26 Sep 1907; article: "...Nick Matulich reported to Constable Corr...that one Lester Crawford, who had been employed by him picking apples on Mrs. Burton's ranch, had drawn his pay and disappeared with a new bicycle owned by Mr. Matulich. The constable was well acquainted with this Crawford, having arrested him and sent him to Whittier Reform School as an incorrigible about six years ago, his offense at that time having been the theft of a bicycle.

"Mr. Matulich swore to a warrant for the arrest of Crawford...and Constable Corr went to work on the case. He found that the fugitive was headed for Oakland, where his mother lives, and after notifying Sheriff Traf-ton, telephoned to Whittier for Crawford's mother's street address. This was promptly supplied and the next step taken was to telephone the sheriff of Alameda county, who duly gathered in Mr. Crawford almost as soon as he arrived home, and also recovered Mr. Matulich's bicycle. The Alameda county sheriff wired Constable Corr to come and take over his prisoner and he

will go to Oakland for that purpose by the early train tomorrow."

EP; 27 Sep 1907; item: "Frank Radovan has leased from John P. Fantes for the term of five years a farm containing 57¾ acres in the Casserly district. The greater portion of the place is in apple trees in full bearing."

EP; 30 Sep 1907; ALL: Geo. Jelincich.

EP; 30 Sep 1907; article: "**Our Undeveloped Grape Lands.** The Pajaro Valley Fair of 1907 is a topic of more than momentary interest and every means to keep public interest awake concerning it is worthwhile. The different departments of the fair are all important in their relation to the prosperity of the community and a secondary position must not be assigned to the department of viticulture...C. H. Murphy (chairman), Louis Cikuth, Luke Scurich, E. Scrivani, L. Avancini, Paul Nicola and Joe Dueso form the committee that have charge of the viticultural department of the fair..."

EP; 1 Oct 1907; article: "The following property owners have filed a protest against the proposed method of collecting the costs for the opening and widening of Maple avenue between Main and Union streets: ...Mateo Lettunich Co., Manzanita Co., Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich, M. N. Lettunich...F. P. Marinovich..."

EP; 1 Oct 1907; honor roll: 6th grade: Pete Marinovich; 4th grade: Ellen Balovich, Mitchell Stolich, Lena Rilovich, Kate Rilovich; 2nd grade: Lena Strazicich, Prosper Lettunich.

EP; 2 Oct 1907; item: "M. N. Lettunich went to Santa Cruz this morning to attend to his apple shipments from that place."

EP; 3 Oct 1907; article: "City Engineer C. B. Lewis has filed with the city clerk the following report of the Upper Main street improvement work:

"The 'Pajaronian' has taken the city engineer's list of 49 'unknown' owners of lots assessed to pay for said street work, compared the same with the city map with the result that the following is the correct list of the owners:

[Name—Lot #—Amount]

"...M. Grizich, 20, \$122.28..."

EP; 4 Oct 1907; item: "100 CARLOADS. The merit of apples raised in this valley has long been recognized, but the industry has never received the care and attention it deserves. About seven weeks ago Lauritzen & Perinich shipped a consignment of San Benito county apples to London, England. The returns from this shipment have just been received, the apples bringing 19 shillings a box,

a most satisfactory showing. Messrs. Lauritzen & Perinich, who are expert apple men of years experience, state that the apples raised here are the equal of any grown anywhere. With proper care of the orchards, they insist, growers will always be able to command good prices, but that unless more attention is paid to spraying, the orchards will be ruined. The firm will ship 100 carloads of apples from Hollister this year. This is rather a surprising showing as very little attention is paid to the industry, locally.—Free Lance.”

EP; 5 Oct 1907; item: “Specimens of Black Twig apples and Winesaps, contributed by W. A. Sanborn, and of Smith’s Ciders, contributed by J. P. Miovich & Co., all of which are choice and beautiful colored apples, are the latest additions to the Board of Trade’s exhibit of local fruit...”

EP; 7 Oct 1907; item: “Booths for the display of specimens of the manufactures and of other articles characteristic of their native countries have been allotted in the Pajaro Valley Fair to the following nationalities: Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Austria, Portugal, Spain, China, Japan, American Indians and Hawaii. The fair management hopes that the nations represented will make an effort to rival each other in the excellence of their exhibits. A national song or dance, given if possible in costume, is expected to form a feature of the program for each of these booths on the last night of the fair.

“The ‘Products of All Nations’ department is supervised by the following committee: Mrs. M. A. E. Hawkins (chairman), Dr. Emma Pope, Mrs. Bert Lewis, Mrs. M. N. Lettunich, Mrs. James B. Holohan, Miss Elizabeth MacDonald, and to this committee has been added Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Sepulveda, Mrs. L. Scurich, Miss Mary Kelly, Mrs. A. Faustino, Mrs. Eugene Connell, Mr. M. Soares and Mr. F. Moriyasu.” [see 19 Oct 1907]

EP; 7 Oct 1907; ALL: Tom Georica, N. Gutunich.

EP; 8 Oct 1907; item: “A carload of Belleflowers of unusually large and choice quality, packed by M. Lettunich & Company and shipped by Otto Raphael was dispatched from the Watsonville railroad yard to an eastern point today. The apples were strictly of three tier size and were packed in boxes measuring 9x12 inches. Three tier apples are not generally shipped; but this carload is of such exceptional quality that it cannot fail to attract attention to the Pajaro valley where ever it goes.”

EP; 8 Oct 1907; item: “Mrs. M. W. [N.] Lettunich and Mrs. S. Scurich were visitors to San Jose yesterday.”

EP; 9 Oct 1907; item: “Copriviza vs. Novagovich [Novakovich] et al.— Affidavit of mailing notice of motion for hearing dismissal of case.”

EP; 9 Oct 1907; item: “A pleasant birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Strazicich...in honor of their daughter, Lena, it being her ninth birthday. Those present were Rosie Felix, Mamie Felix, Elsie Regan, Florence Regan, Ella Strazicich, Ethel Johnson, Katie Strazicich, Mrs. Felix, Mrs. John Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Strazicich, Howard Rogison, Nick Banicevich...”

[explanation of the “split” grade levels to be seen from this point on]

EP; 9 Oct 1907; article: “DIVIDING THE YEAR FOR SLOWER PUPILS. At their last regular meeting the school trustees of this district inaugurated a most praiseworthy rule in regard to graduations, making a semi-annual graduation possible for those pupils who failed to pass the examination at the close of the term.

“The plan, which is already in operation in Santa Cruz and elsewhere, is to have two classes, ‘A’ and ‘B,’ in each room, and if, for instance, a pupil should fail to pass out to the seventh year he or she remains in class ‘A’ in the seventh until, at the end of six months there shall be another examination, and it will then be possible for the pupil to advance into class ‘B’ in the eighth, where, by good work and at the discretion of the teacher, class ‘A’ can be attained before the end of the term, and the year’s work saved.

“It happens, frequently, that a pupil, through overconfidence or indolence, fails to secure the required percentage and must remain in his grade for another year. The effect is bad. Besides the loss of a year’s time, which falls as a hardship on the parents as well as the child, there is a loss of ambition which influences the future work of the pupil.

“The change makes it possible for a student who has failed at the examinations to catch up with his former classmates before they leave the next grade. He has but to work hard, and he can be ‘in at the finish.’”

EP; 10 Oct 1907; item: “Martin Knego had an almost miraculous escape from being cut to pieces under the car wheels yesterday in the Watsonville railroad yard. He was engaged in loading apples...and while walking across the track failed to notice an approaching engine, which struck him and hurled him clear of the track. He was carried to his home and medical help summoned, and was found to be suffering from shock and contusions. None of his bones were broken, however, and though his injuries are serious his recovery is considered certain.”

EP; 10, Oct 1907; item: “**Protestants Representing a Majority of the Street Frontage Are Overruled by Aldermen.** Mayor Linscott, Aldermen Horgan, Covell, Fowler, Prettyman, Peterson, and Palmtag were present...at the special session of the board held to consider the objections of certain owners of property on Maple

avenue against the widening of that thoroughfare between Main and Union streets. A petition signed by the following property owners was read protesting against the aforesaid improvement on the score that it would not increase the value of their property: ...Mateo Lettunich Co., Manzanita Co., Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich, M. N. Lettunich...F. P. Marinovich...

"H. S. Fletcher, representing the Bockius Co. and a number of other Maple avenue property owners, quoted the act of the legislature of 1903, governing the widening of streets, according to which the majority of the frontage rules in regard to whether an improvement which involves the taxation of property shall be made. The protestants in the case of Maple avenue held about 800 feet majority in the district affected, Mr. Fletcher said.

"Luke Scurich, on behalf of the Manzanita Co., of himself, and of F. P. Marinovich, followed the same line of argument as Mr. Fletcher, as also did Mateo Lettunich..."

"City Attorney Sheehy read the act of the legislature passed in March, 1889, called the amended Vrooman act, bearing on the case.

"H. S. Fletcher, in reply, referred to the act of March, 1903, styled 'the street opening act' which amended the act of 1889. The city attorney argued that the city charter worked in conformity of the act of 1889, and advised the board to overrule the objection of the protesting parties.

"Resolution No. 237, overruling said objections to the proposed street improvement was then read and its adoption moved by Horgan, seconded by Peterson, and was passed by a unanimous vote.

"The city clerk read the resolution No. 238, providing for the widening of Maple avenue by the appointment of F. A. Kilburn, O. D. Stoesser and J. E. Steinhauser as commissioners to take charge of the work. Moved by Horgan and seconded by Fowler, this resolution was passed by a unanimous vote.

"Resolution No. 239, providing for the work of widening Maple avenue, was then read, its adoption moved by Palmtang, seconded by Horgan, and passed by a unanimous vote of the board..."

EP; 10, Oct 1907; item: "Aromas is rapidly becoming one of the greatest apple growing sections in the Pajaro valley. Over 100 carloads of apples will be shipped from that district this season. M. N. Lettunich & Co. are running their packing house on their wonderfully productive farm to its full capacity. About 100 people are employed on the property. Work is provided for a number of Aromas girls. The Del Monte Fruit Farm is credited with having one of the finest apple crops in this section the present season. Most of the product is exported. It is shipped generally to the Sandwich Islands, China, Japan, New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines. This season a new market has been opened in South Africa, a large shipment having been made to

Cape Town, where there is every indication that a great demand will be developed for the apple product of the Pajaro valley."

EP; 11, Oct 1907; item: "**Assignee Sues Certain Stockholders of Watsonville Transportation Co.** Today's S. F. Call adds still another chapter to the history of the corrupt management of the Watsonville Transportation Co., for their share in which two different grand juries of this county returned indictments against W. J. Rogers and H. H. Main of San Jose, and F. A. Kilburn of this city. Here it is:

"The stockholders of the insolvent Watsonville Transportation Company have been sued for the unpaid balance due on their shares. Twenty-five thousand \$100 shares were subscribed for, only \$60 being paid on each. Suit was brought yesterday by Samuel Rosenheim, assignee of the insolvent company, for the remaining \$40 due on each share. This unpaid balance constitutes the only available asset of the company.

"Seventy or eighty persons are named as defendants. The largest stockholders, with the amount due by each, follows: Fulton Iron Works, \$2680; M. N. Lettunich, \$2000; F. P. Marinovich, \$2000; Luke Scurich, \$2000; A. Thompson, \$1200.

"The chief creditors of the Watsonville Transportation Company are: The Pajaro Valley Bank, \$25,000; Wyckoff & Gardner, attorneys, \$2403; Dickerman & Torchiana, attorneys, \$1400; W. L. Holman, \$2000; R. E. Brooks, \$1400; Loma Prieta Lumber Company, \$3082."

EP; 11 Oct 1907; board of supervisors, payments: "...County Fund...Strazicich, A., witness fees: \$8.10..."

EP; 16 Oct 1907; item: "Ellen G. Hatch and husband to Louis R. Farlin—Lot 42, Bockius subdivision No. 2, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 17 Oct 1907; article: "...Following is a list of those showing plate exhibits at the [Pajaro Valley] fair: ...J. P. Miovich & Co..."

EP; 18 Oct 1907; obit: "Friends in this city have received information that N. N. Banaz, a former resident of Watsonville, died suddenly from heart disease at his ranch near Ragusa, Dalmatia province, Austria, on the 11th of last month. The deceased was a pioneer fruit packer and shipper of this city, but left here about 15 years ago for his native country, where he purchased a ranch and has since resided. At the time he left Watsonville he was in partnership with Luke Scurich and their packing house was located on lower Main street. The deceased was an estimable and honorable gentleman and had many friends in this valley. 'Nick' Banaz of Los Angeles, but formerly of Watsonville, is a nephew of the deceased."

EP; 18 Oct 1907; obit: "Ragusa [Dubrovnik], Austria, September 11, 1907, N. N. Banaz, a former resident of Watsonville, aged about 65 years."

EP; 19 Oct 1907; article: "...One of the largest and best arranged apple displays [at the Pajaro Valley Fair] is that of J. P. Miovich & Co., one of the old-time apple packing firms of this city and which this year has the reputation of having made one of the 'big buys' of the year—the J. S. Menasco orchard for \$10,000. It was a nervy buy but has turned out successfully for this enterprising firm..."

EP; 19 Oct 1907; article: "...In department 33 of the [Pajaro Valley] Fair, in which are exhibited the products of all nations, the following nations are represented by specimens of their work: Denmark, England, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, China, Japan and the Hawaiian Islands..." [*Slavs (Austria) not represented*]

EP; 21 Oct 1907; ALL: Luke Arbanas.

EP; 22 Oct 1907; item: "Luke Scurich went to the county seat this morning on court business."

EP; 22 Oct 1907; item: "V. Stjanovich [N. Stojanovich], formerly in business in this city, is over from San Jose greeting his many friends."

EP; 23 Oct 1907; article: "The suit of the Pajaro Valley Bank against Stephen Scurich of Watsonville was begun in the Superior Court at Santa Cruz...This suit was instituted by the bank to recover on a promissory note for \$25,000 given by the Watsonville Transportation Company, signed by R. W. Eaton as president and H. H. Main as secretary of the corporation, and endorsed by Directors F. A. Kilburn, W. J. Rogers and Stephen Scurich.

"It appears that various sums were paid on the original note, which was bearing interest at the rate of 5½ per cent, until the balance remaining due was \$19,000. From this liability all of the officials of the corporation obtained some sort of a release—all except Scurich. He was left to bear the whole thing.

"Attorney C. B. Younger of Santa Cruz is acting for Scurich..."

"The following witnesses have been summoned by the defendant: Luke Scurich, R. W. Eaton, H. S. Fletcher and J. J. Morey."

Paj; 24 Oct 1907; item: "B. N. Trobock of the firm of Trobock & Bergen Co., a leading commission house of San Francisco, was here today visiting friends."

Paj; 24 Oct 1907; item: "The Santa Cruz County Promotion Committee met in Watsonville last night after enjoying a most excellent preliminary banquet prepared and served at that excellent caravansary the California Restaurant..."

EP; 24 Oct 1907; item: "Luke and S. Scurich went to Santa Cruz again this morning on court business."

EP; 25 Oct 1907; item: "M. Kalich yesterday received 10 dozen crawfish from the Columbia river, also a large consignment of smelt and tomcod from Puget Sound. This is the first time that any of these fish from northern waters have been brought to Watsonville, and they were all sold out within half an hour."

EP; 25 Oct 1907; item: "Attorney George W. Smith went to Santa Cruz this morning on professional business."

EP; 25 Oct 1907; item: "Nick Marish the representative of E. A. Fargo and Company, is in town on business."

EP; 25 Oct 1907; item: "One of the most extraordinary escapes from a fatal accident occurred this morning on the railroad track near the intersection of West Third and Walker streets. Sam Margaretovich [Margaretich] was driving a horse owned by the Pekoch Company, which was hauling a wagon load of apples owned by Geo. W. Sill, and had just emerged from the packing house yard...when train No. 81 came along. The horse took fright and backed into the train with the result that all of the steps of the cars on one side of the train were torn off and one wheel of the wagon. That the horse and driver were not killed is simply a miracle."

EP; 26 Oct 1907; item: "According to advices recently received from Washington by Postmaster Wright of this city, there will shortly be on sale in the local office the very latest convenience to be authorized by the department. This is the International Reply Coupon.

"To quote Mr. Wright: 'The purpose of these coupons is to provide a means of obtaining return postage by any person in a foreign country to whom you may send a letter requiring a reply. These coupons cost six cents and can be exchanged for five cents or its equivalent in postage in any of the following countries: ...Austria, Bosnia, Herzegovina...'"

EP; 26 Oct 1907; article: "The committees charged with making the awards at the late Pajaro Valley Fair have finished their work and the list is appended.

"...Horses: Matched span, 6 horses—Lucich & Gordan...Fruits and vegetables: Smith Ciders—1st, J. P. Miovich & Co..." [*of hundreds of categories, these were the only Slavs listed; curious, considering that in 3 years, at the first Apple Annual, the Slav exhibitors will practically own the place*]

EP; 26 Oct 1907; item: "John Copriviza vs. Mary Navakorich [Novakovich] et al.—Motion to dismiss motion of plaintiff for new trial and same is granted by court."

EP; 28 Oct 1907; article: “KNEGO SUES SOUTHERN PACIFIC. Today Martin Knego...filed a complaint... against the S.P. Co. praying that he be awarded \$299.99 damages for injuries he sustained on October 9th in the company’s freight yard in this city.

“On that date Knego, who was engaged in loading apple cars, had occasion to go to the depot office on business. Two engines were in the yard shunting and switching cars and a number of brakemen were assisting in the work. Knego passed the end of a string of flat cars, on each side of which brakemen were standing and just as he crossed the track a switch engine on the other track butted him and knocked him down, as a result of which he was severely injured. Knego alleges that the brakemen gave him no warning of the near approach of the switch engine. No date will be set for the trial until a return has been made of the summons on the S.P. Co.”

Paj; 31 Oct 1907; item: “A copy of the design for the diploma to be awarded to the prize winners at the late Pajaro Valley Fair is now being displayed in a window of the Board of Trade rooms. The design is extremely artistic and was executed in pen work and litho-photo by Carl Gardner, brother of Attorney J. E. Gardner of this city.

“Under a scroll at the top of the diploma are the words, ‘Pajaro Valley Fair Awards This Diploma to _____.’

“With space between is a large picture of College Lake. At the lower left corner sits Pomona, and a cornucopia of fruit is being emptied at her feet. Just above her head is a picture of a field of sacked potatoes; opposite is a pictured-field during one of the valley’s marvelous yields of onions; below this is the High School; farther down is represented the Lettunich loganberry and apple orchard; in the lower right hand corner is a view of the Eaton strawberry field, the largest berry acreage in the world; in the lower center is a scene of the Kelly-Thompson stock ranch.”

EP; 31 Oct 1907; item: “Between the hours of 5 and 8 this morning someone entered Sam Margaretovich’s [Margaretich’s] cabin on Walker street, broke open a trunk with an ax and took a lady’s gold watch, Elgin movement, a double gold chain with a watch-charm and 60 cents in money. Margaretovich reported the burglary to Constable Corr, who went and examined the premises and is now investigating the matter. A man was seen walking up and down outside the cabin by nearby residents, but was not seen to enter the place. The robber overlooked, in his haste, a valuable necklace that lay in the trunk beside the articles he stole. The only chance of capturing the thief is, if sale of such a watch and chain is attempted to be made within the next few days.”

EP; 4 Nov 1907; item: “Attorney Geo. Smith was at the Monterey county seat yesterday on business of a baseball nature.”

EP; 7 Nov 1907; item: “Steve Knego to Steve P. Knego—Lot 15, Walker’s subdivision No. 1, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 8 Nov 1907; board of supervisors, payments: “...Smith, Geo. W., reporting: \$21.50...”

EP; 9 Nov 1907; item: “A German Club was organized by Miss A. Y. Coeke, at the residence of Miss Oda Redman last night. The object of the organization is to promote the study of the German language...The following [are] the officers and members who were present last night: Miss Anna Farlin, president; Miss Ruth Tuttle, vice-president; Harold Hushbeck, secretary...”

EP; 11 Nov 1907; item: “Paul Perinich departed for Bakersfield this morning on a brief trip.”

EP; 15 Nov 1907; honor roll: 4th year: Katie Knego, Mitchell Stolich, Lena Rilovich, Kate Rilovich; 2nd year: Lena Strazicich, Willie Marinovich.

EP; 16 Nov 1907; item: “Lease—John Ryan to Antone Scurich—5 acres on the northerly side of Salsipuedes creek, 4 years from January 3rd, 1907.”

EP; 18 Nov 1907; item: “That Paul Salasar does not belong to the common run of chicken thieves was made evident...Sunday morning, when he walked into the Morning Star restaurant and took a nice little ‘springer’ from its resting place in the show window and placing it under his coat turned around and walked right out again—into the waiting arms of Officer Devine...”

EP; 18 Nov 1907; item: “Dominic Batistich, who has just bought the Waldo vineyard on Ben Lomond, celebrated the building of his new winery on the old Peterson place, above Felton, a week ago Sunday. The editors of the two Slavonian weeklies were down from San Francisco for the occasion. Mr. Batistich is well pleased with his two investments on the mountain, and intends to go back to Australia [*sic*] next spring with a view to establishing a colony of his countrymen here.—Boulder Creek Echo.”

EP; 18 Nov 1907; ALL: Guttunich, Nick; Podich, Mijo; Foreign: Kravich, Ivo; Lamat, Jose.

EP; 26 Nov 1907; item: “**Going Home with the Coin.** A bunch of Austrians who have been working on the Southern Pacific for past few years leave tomorrow for the old country, where most of them expect to again take up their residence.”

EP; 27 Nov 1907; item: “George Strazicich, of the Railroad Exchange hotel, went to San Francisco today.”

EP; 30 Nov 1907; article: "PROPERTY OWNERS PROTEST. Some time since Mayor Linscott and the Board of Aldermen conceived the idea of opening Front street from Main street to a point where the Salsipuedes creek empties into the Pajaro river, from the latter point to a connection with the county road, certain work was to be done by Supervisor Linscott. Shortly afterwards it was decided to open up and continue Front street on the south side from Rodriguez to Walker street. The expense of this street opening was provided for by an irregular shaped district taking in about one-third of the area of assessable property in the city. After the street was opened it has been the plan of the mayor and aldermen to build a levee along the river frontage, said work to be paid for by the whole city.

"There has been considerable difference of opinion as to the feasibility of the proposition in helping to keep the winter floodwaters from the Salsipuedes creek coming into the eastern portion of the city and in accordance therewith the following protest, representing a majority of the property frontage in the proposed assessment district have filed the following protest, on which the aldermen will take action at their meeting on Tuesday evening:

"We, the undersigned property owners, holding and owning a majority of the frontage in the district that will be affected by the opening of Front street, as specified in your resolution of intention, dated Oct. 18, 1907, and numbered 243, hereby protest against such opening for sundry good and sufficient reasons, viz: [reasons named but omitted here]"

"[signed] ...Manzanita Company, Nick Zar...Nick Stojanovich...M. N. Lettunich & Co., Peter Stolich... Joseph Secondo, Mitchell Secondo...Louis R. Farlin...Peter Resetar..."

EP; 3 Dec 1907; item: "Joseph Molina, a veteran of the Civil War, became temporarily deranged at his home in this city yesterday afternoon, and imagining that an attempt had been made to poison him, sought to escape from the house...[W]hen one of his daughters tried to detain him he threatened her with a stick...[H]is wife appeared and he attempted to attack her with the stick, but was prevented. He then went away, but later was found by two local officers, who provided him with supper, a room and an attendant at the California restaurant..."

EP; 3 Dec 1907; item: "Frank P. Marisch of the Marisch Construction Company of Goldfield, Nev., is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Lettunich."

EP; 4 Dec 1907; item: "Geo. Mullia [prob. Mulja], plaintiff vs. Frank H. Moore, defendant—Order of court."

EP; 7 Dec 1907; board of supervisors, payments: "...Church, Geo., labor: \$10..."

EP; 11 Dec 1907; item: "Thos. A. Macey to Andrew Balich—Lot 60x200.42 on east side of Campbell St., north of Brown, Santa Cruz, \$10."

EP; 12 Dec 1907; item: "Of interest to the Austrian people of Watsonville and vicinity, is the fact that Rev. Father A. Glumac, of San Francisco, arrived in this city today, and will hold services at St. Patrick's church until next Monday. He will celebrate Mass tomorrow and Saturday at 8 o'clock a.m., and on Sunday at 9:20 a.m. Confessions will be heard before and after masses, and in the afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., and evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m."

EP; 12 Dec 1907; item: "In re estate of Luke Backich [Bakich], deceased—Decree showing that due and legal notice to creditors has been given; affidavit of publication."

EP; 13 Dec 1907; item: "Wm. Pulisevich left last night for Los Angeles, which city he will make his headquarters until next spring. 'Bill' expects to again handle his share of the orange crop in the south and will likely have his packing house at either Redlands or Riverside. Last year he operated mostly in the Hollywood district. In addition to dealing extensively in oranges Mr. Pulisevich also owns and conducts a department in the biggest general market headquarters in the southern metropolis. He will return here in the spring in plenty of time to be in at the 'opening' of the Pajaro apple campaign."

EP; 14 Dec 1907; honor roll: 6th grade: Pete Marinovich; 4th grade: Mitchell Stolich, Kate Rilovich, Katie Knego; 2nd year: Willie Marinovich, Lena Strazicich, Prosper Lettunich.

EP; 14 Dec 1907; item: "Stanley A. [*sic* no surname] et al. to Edw. B. Lettunich—Lot 170 feet deep on northeast side of Main street, between Kuhlitz and city hall, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 17 Dec 1907; item: "E. B. Lettunich has purchased from Robert Easton the latter's Main street property on the north side of the fire engine house. The dimensions of the lot are about 23x170 feet. The two-story frame building on the same is being improved under Mr. Lettunich's order and when completed the premises will be occupied by James Ryason for saloon purposes. Mr. Lettunich has made a most desirable buy of Main street property."

EP; 19 Dec 1907; marriage: "...Peter Resetar, a well known orchardist and fruit packer of this valley, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Annie Peacrovich [Pecharevich], a popular young belle of Santa Cruz...Mrs. F. P. Marinovich and Peter Vezilich,

godmother and godfather of Miss Peacrovich, gave the bride away. After the ceremony the bride and groom went to the home of a friend where a delightful wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Resetar left on the noon train for San Francisco where they will spend their honeymoon. When they return they will reside at the groom's home on the Hiscox place near Watsonville."

EP; 19 Dec 1907; honorary promotions: 6th grade: Pete Marinovich; 4th grade: Mitchell Stolich, Lena Rilovich, Kate Rilovich, Katie Knego; 2nd grade: Lena Strazicich, Prosper Lettunich, Willie Marinovich.

EP; 19 Dec 1907; married: "Watsonville, Dec. 19, 1907, by Rev. Father Hassett, Miss Annie Peacrovich [Pecharevich] of Santa Cruz to Peter Resetar of Watsonville."

EP; 21 Dec 1907; item: "E. Zar has purchased through the agency of J. F. Kane a house and lot on Ford street from Chas. L. Todd."

EP; 21 Dec 1907; item: "PUPILS PROMOTED AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL. The plan of promotion by semi-annual record and examination receives its first trial in the Watsonville schools and the result is pleasing to all concerned. These pupils have passed in addition to those whose names were published recently in the honorary promotion:"

Promoted by examination from low 5th to high 5th: Florence Smith; low 4th to high 4th: Ellen Balovich; low 3rd to high 3rd: Antonio Scurich; low 2nd to high 2nd: Johnnie Strazicich; low 1st to high 1st: Tony Grizich, Ella Strazicich.

EP; 23 Dec 1907; article: "At the Catholic church in this city Sunday...Rev. Fr. Hassett united in marriage Miss Anna Sersen of Watsonville and Peter Lazo of Oakland.

"The bride, who is a sister of Peter Sersen of the California restaurant and niece of Andrew Strazicich, his partner, and George Strazicich of the Railroad Hotel in this city, has been here about two years. With good looks, and amiable disposition, and a thorough knowledge of housekeeping duties she is well equipped to make a happy home.

"The groom has resided in California about eight years. He is an employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company at Oakland and by his industry and thrift has succeeded in establishing a comfortable and cozy home for himself and bride.

"After the ceremony the bridal party and friends repaired to the residence of the bride's uncle in Sudden street where congratulations and felicitations were abundantly bestowed upon the happy couple. Later, with a few immediate relatives and friends, they went to the California restaurant where a bountiful wedding breakfast had been prepared for them, and where a season of

feasting and jollity was enjoyed. Last evening the wedded pair left for their future home in Oakland, accompanied by the good wishes of a host of friends."

EP; 23 Dec 1907; ALL: Foreign: Miss Nike Komajica, Mr. Nico Lazarevic.

EP; 23 Dec 1907; item: "M. Knego and V. Lister went to San Francisco yesterday to attend to some business affairs and pass Christmas with friends."

EP; 26 Dec 1907; item: "Miss Anna Thompson will receive a gold watch which has been on exhibition at Canty & Goodenough's jewelry store. In case Miss Thompson does not apply for the watch F. W. Rupert, W. Pellisier, G. V. Lettunich or F. P. Davis, in the order named, may receive the watch..."

EP; 27 Dec 1907; item: "Attorney G. W. Smith of Judge Jas. A. Hall's law office staff, is going through a course of the mumps."

EP; 28 Dec 1907; item: "Andrew Zar to E. B. Zar—Lot 65.5x119.5 feet at southwest corner of Ford and Rodriguez streets, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 30 Dec 1907; item: "The local police have encountered a peculiar condition of affairs and Chief Albright has placed the question before the grand jury..."

"Some time ago a woman named Mrs. Marie Micovich [Mioceovich] who had been creating pandemonium in the neighborhood of her residence near the river for the better part of a year, was arrested by the police and taken to Santa Cruz where on examination as to her sanity she was duly committed to Stockton. In a few days she was back in her old haunts and again has been terrifying the community by her fashion of yelling and creating other noisy disturbances. As to why she was released from the asylum the officers are completely in the dark..."

EP; 30 Dec 1907; item: "Ella M. Martin to Manzanita Co.—Lot 11, Scurich addition to Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 30 Dec 1907; item: "Peter Sersen was in Salinas yesterday attending the funeral of his little five-year-old nephew, P. Sersen, who was accidentally killed last Thursday by the discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Dewey Salamormovich [Salamunovich], a playmate."

EP; 31 Dec 1907; item: "Sheriff Howard Trafton was here from Santa Cruz today and served summons on a long list of former stockholders in the Watsonville Transportation Company. They are ordered to appear in one of the departments of the Superior Court in San Francisco within 30 days and show cause why they should not pay an assessment levied upon their stock for the purpose of

paying claims against the company. The following... were summoned: ...J. Susich...P. Lettunich, dead, Mateo Lettunich, M. N. Lettunich, F. P. Marinovich, Luke Scurich..."

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EP; 4 Jan 1908; article: "**Property of Late Luke Bakich, Who Was Murdered, Is Divided.** The matter of distribution of the estate of the late Luke Bakich was heard...yesterday. No objection was presented to the account of the administrator, Joseph Secondo, at the hearing. The property, consisting of 2 houses and lots located at numbers 505 and 509 Rodriguez street, in this city, together with cash in banks amounting to over \$2,200. Lucy L. Bakich, the widow takes an undivided one-half of all the above property, and in addition she will hold a life homestead interest in the house and lot located at number 509 Rodriguez street. The father and mother of deceased, Pero and Mare Bakich, who reside in Austria, take the other half of the property subject to the homestead right of the widow...[parents, Secondo, and the widow all had different lawyers listed]."

EP; 4 Jan 1908; item: "Assignment of mortgage 129-469—Geo. A. Tuttle to Luke Scurich."

EP; 6 Jan 1908; ALL: N. Nire [orig: Njire].

EP; 6 Jan 1908; born: "Spreckles, Dec. 27, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Kunich (nee Paulina Karaman), a daughter." [Mary; +May 1908]

EP; 7 Jan 1908; item: "George Smith, who has been confined to his home for a couple of weeks by the popular 'mumps,' is again on duty at his desk in Attorney Hall's office."

EP; 9 Jan 1908; item: "Nick Alaga returned from a trip to San Francisco last night."

EP; 9 Jan 1908; item: "Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Lettunich are packing up their household goods this week and expect to move to San Francisco within a few days, which city will be their future home. Mr. Lettunich will retain his large property and business interests in this city and expects to be here frequently to give his personal attention to the management of the same."

EP; 10 Jan 1908; item: "Yesterday afternoon County Clerk Miller issued a marriage license to John P. Capitannich and Nellie Vineich [Vuicich] of Watsonville."

EP; 10 Jan 1908; county supervisors, payments: "...Indigent Fund: Copriviza & Alaga, mdse...\$50..."

EP; 10 Jan 1908; item: "Dr. E. E. Briggs has leased the

M. N. Lettunich residence at 318 Union street and he and his family expect to soon occupy the same."

EP; 10 Jan 1908; item: "Michel Kalich was thrown from a buggy...at the railroad crossing on West Third street, and received a number of severe bruises. The animal attached to the vehicle got beyond control and turned from Walker street so sharply that the buggy was overturned, after which the horse ran free until captured near the Earl Fruit Company's warehouse."

EP; 11 Jan 1908; item: "Luke Scurich vs. Angelo J. Festa et al.—Application for appointment of a receiver; order appointing receiver; bond of C. R. Taylor as receiver given upon qualifying."

EP; 13 Jan 1908; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Scurich and daughter, Anna, have arrived home from a week's visit to relatives and friends in San Francisco."

EP; 13 Jan 1908; article: "**CROATIAN OFFICERS PUBLICLY INSTALLED.** The officers of the Croatian Falcon, Local 352, N.C.S. of U.S.A., were publicly installed Saturday night in Foresters' hall by A. Pilich secretary of the Zvonimair [Zvonimir] branch of the society of San Francisco, before a large crowd. The following officers were installed for the ensuing year: Steve Scurich, president; A. Strazicich, vice-president; John Arbulich, recording secretary; N. Stolich, financial secretary; E. Lettunich, treasurer; G. Pujo, chaplain; Luke Melosavich [Miloslavich], marshal; B. Borovinich, sergeant-at-arms; John Hrepich, chairman of the visiting committee.

"Following the installation of officers, speeches in the Croatian tongue were made by Attorney L. Bogicevich of San Francisco and A. Pilich on the great enthusiasm shown by the local lodge and on the good of the order. H. S. Fletcher and Dr. S. C. Rodgers addressed the assemblage in English. Both speakers complimented the society on their growth in the last six months and spoke highly of the Austrians as citizens.

"After the speeches a grand banquet was served in the refectory downstairs. The tables were prettily decorated with roses and smilax and a large cake with the words 'Zivilo Drustov, American and Croatian, Sokol,' donated by V. Lister, was placed on the officers' table. This was cut into many pieces and passed around to the other banqueters. Over 200 partook of the beautiful and well served repast. Speeches in the Croatian language were made by Mrs. Bogicevich, who was present when the local lodge was installed six months ago, and several others. Mrs. Bogicevich spoke of the growth and progress of the lodge and ended with a few words of praise for the committee in charge of the banquet—V. Lister, M. Knego and N. Alaga. The Tamburica Musical Club of San Francisco played for dancing, which was indulged in until midnight.

“The object of the Croatian Society is to help the people of the Croatian race now and hereafter residing in this country, when in distress, sickness or death, to educate and instruct them in the English language and other studies, to fit them for life and citizenship with the English-speaking people, to teach them and impress upon them the importance and duty of being naturalized under the laws of the United States and to educating their children in the public schools of the country.

“Great credit is due to Stephen Scurich as a charter member and president of the society to which place he was unanimously re-elected. The society started with 18 charter members and today it has over 90 members, mostly young men. The society is both beneficial and accidental.

“The following [are] the names of the delegates of San Francisco: Mr. and Mrs. Bogicivich, L. Spiletah, C. Pomalzer, J. Kubick, P. Grilich, S. Saulovich, S. Alexich and A. Drobaz.”

EP; 14 Jan 1908; item: “The case of George Lucich vs. M. Illich, a civil suit growing out of the alleged non-fulfillment of a fruit contract, was heard...this morning... The complaint alleges that Illich promised to pay the sum of \$364 for apples and apple boxes and for services rendered in connection with the sale of goods. It also alleges that the defendant only paid \$200 of the sum and that \$164 is still due. After the evidence was submitted the case was continued until the defendant could subpoena another witness, who is out of town. In the meantime a compromise may be effected.”

EP; 14 Jan 1908; item: “Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children left this morning for San Francisco, their future home.”

EP; 15 Jan 1908; obit: “Last evening Paul Miladin of the fruit packing firm of J. Pista & Co. received the sad news of the sudden death at San Jose earlier in the day of Luke Lasich, another member of the aforesaid firm. Mr. Lasich left Watsonville last Saturday to visit his brother in the Garden City. He had not been feeling well for some time, having suffered from heart troubles. The vacation trip to San Jose was taken in the hope that he might find relief from his ills. But such was not to be, for he died there quite suddenly yesterday.”

EP; 15 Jan 1908; obit: “San Jose, Jan. 14, 1908, Luke Lasich, a resident of Watsonville, aged about 40 years, and a native of Austria.”

EP; 15 Jan 1908; Monterey Co. supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: Martin Kubick, labor: \$8...”

EP; 17 Jan 1908; marriage: “Yesterday...Rev. Father Hassett united in wedlock Miss Nellie Vuicich and John

Kapitanich [Capitanich], both of this city. Peter Kapitanich, brother of the groom, was the groomsman and Mrs. Annie Pecoich [Pekoch] was the bridesmaid...After the tying of the nuptial knot a wedding breakfast was served at the Pecoich home and at noon Mr. and Mrs. Kapitanich left for Santa Cruz to spend a week’s honeymoon trip. On their return to Watsonville they will go to housekeeping in the cozy and nicely furnished home on Walker street and will entertain their friends at a wedding supper. The groom has resided in Watsonville 9 years, most of which time he has been engaged in the fruit buying business. The bride came here from San Jose about one year ago...”

EP; 17 Jan 1908; married: “Watsonville, Jan. 16, 1908, at St. Patrick’s church by Rev. Father P. D. Hassett, Miss Nellie Vuicich and John Kapitanich [Capitanich].”



Fig. 3-16.
John Capitanich
(1875-1917) and
Helen Vuicich
Capitanich
(1878-1972).

EP; 17 Jan 1908; article: “**Judge Decides That Commission Firm Must Pay for Fruit They Wished to Reject.** A decision of importance and interest to Pajaro valley horticulturists was rendered by Judge Denny of Santa Rosa...when he gave judgment against Guggenheim & Co., a San Francisco fruit firm. The defendant was Isaac Gray, a fruit grower, and the court directs that the plaintiff take nothing by the action and defendant have judgment for his costs.

“The action involved the sale and delivery of 4000 pounds of dried apples. The fruit was delivered to plaintiffs f.o.b. Windsor, on August 14, 1906, and the firm paid for the same on delivery there. It arrived in San Francisco 10 days later, and there it was rejected by Guggenheim & Co. on the ground that it was damp and not properly cured. The court holds that it should have been inspected and rejected at the point of delivery, Windsor, instead of 10 days afterward in San Francisco.

“When the fruit was rejected by the San Francisco firm

they sent it back to Gray, and he refused to receive it. It was then taken and sold at the best price obtainable, and this small amount deducted from the amount paid previously by the firm.

“The decision of the court has brought joy to the fruit growers, who have frequently been beaten by commission men through claims similar to this one.”

EP; 17 Jan 1908; item: “D. Batislich [Batistich] of Felton is sojourning in Watsonville.”

EP; 17 Jan 1908; item: “Miss Karstulovich [Carstulovich] and brother, George, together with their uncle, J. P. Karstulovich, of Santa Cruz, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Scurich of this city. Messrs. Karstulovich and Scurich start tomorrow for Austria to visit relatives. They will make short visits in New Orleans, Washington, New York and Paris. They expect to be gone 3 months.”

EP; 20 Jan 1908; item: “John Kapetanich [Capitanich] and bride (nee Nellie Vuicich), who were wedded here on the 16th inst., returned to their home in this city last night, after enjoying a honeymoon trip to the metropolis. Their arrival was made the signal for a happy gathering of friends who welcomed them. A feast had been prepared, in expectation of their coming, and when the well-directed attack on the toothsome viands began fully 75 couples participated in the movement. When the feasting finished[,] dancing was indulged in and was kept up until a late hour, when the friends took their departure, wishing the happy couple a long life of joy and prosperity.”

EP; 20 Jan 1908; ALL: Mitchel Tomasevich. Foreign: Yost Maklis, Mato Kraj.

EP; 20 Jan 1908; article: “KNEGO VS. SOUTHERN PACIFIC. The case of Martin Knego vs. Southern Pacific Co., which was filed in the justice court of this township several months ago, will be tried...next Monday morning...In the complaint the plaintiff alleges that on Oct. 9th, 1907, he was engaged in loading fruit cars on the Southern Pacific Co.’s property in Watsonville and that while crossing the company’s tracks he was carelessly and negligently struck by an engine, receiving injuries which caused him to lose ten days at his occupation. In the complaint Knego prays judgement for \$299.99 for loss of time and doctor’s fees, and for the costs of action. By way of special defense the Southern Pacific Company alleges that the accident was due to negligence and carelessness on the part of plaintiff in crossing tracks...”

EP; 21 Jan 1908; item: “Chas. L. Todd to John Kralj—Lot 48x130.5 feet on southeast side of Ford St. 176 feet west of Rodriguez St., Watsonville, \$10.

“Same to E. Zar—Lot 56.5x130.5 feet on southeast

side of Ford St., 119.5 feet west of Rodriguez St., Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 22 Jan 1908; marriage: “At St. Patrick’s church in this city...this morning, with the accompanying high mass, Rev. Father Hassett united in marriage Louis R. Farlin and Miss Mary Ellen Hatch...Frank Farlin, twin brother of the groom, was best man, while Miss Theresa Farlin acted as bridesmaid. Immediately after the wedding the family party repaired to the home of the bride’s parents, Bockius avenue...The bride was born and reared in this valley, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hatch, Sr., have lived for many years. For more than a year past she was cashier and bookkeeper at Daly Bros.’ dry goods store...The groom is a son of Mrs. Teresa Farlin and came here from Eureka with the family some 10 years ago...On their return from the honeymoon they will reside in their new home recently built and furnished at No. 4 Bockius avenue.”

EP; 22 Jan 1908; item: “Mrs. W. J. McGowan of Monterey attended the wedding of her sister, Miss Nellie Hatch, and Frank Farlin, in this city today.”

EP; 22 Jan 1908; married: “Watsonville, Jan. 22, 1908, at St. Patrick’s church...Miss Mary Ellen Hatch and Louis R. Farlin, both of this city.”

EP; 23 Jan 1908; item: “In re estate of Lucich, deceased—Petition for letters of administration.”

EP; 25 Jan 1908; item: “N. Mortizia has purchased the interest of his partner, J. H. Tuttle, in the fruit packing house business of the I. H. Tuttle Co., on West Third street. The extensive orchard and berry interests of Mr. T. require most of his time, and therefore he has sold his packing house interests to his partner. Mr. Mortizia has been connected with the fruit packing business in this city for years and is well and favorably known to all the growers and dealers.”

EP; 25 Jan 1908; item: “The civil case of Knego vs. Southern Pacific Co. will be heard...Monday morning...Constable Corr has been busy for the past few days subpoenaing witnesses to appear in the case.”

EP; 27 Jan 1908; item: “Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Farlin returned Saturday evening from their honeymoon trip and have gone to housekeeping in their cozy home on Bockius avenue.”

EP; 27 Jan 1908; article: “WANTS DAMAGES...The case of Martin Knego vs. Southern Pacific Co., in which the plaintiff sues to recover damages for injuries which the complaint alleges he received while crossing the Southern Pacific Co.’s tracks on Walker street while in

the performance of his duties, was opened in Justice Hawkins' court...The greater part of the morning was consumed in examining and choosing jurors. George Smith of the James A. Hall law offices represented the plaintiff...

"Martin Knego was the first witness called. He testified that on Oct. 9, 1907, while he was crossing the tracks of the Southern Pacific Co. he was struck and injured by a locomotive which came upon him without warning. When cross-examined...he stated that he ran across the track without stopping to see if the train was approaching and that a fellow workmen saw the train and tried to warn him, but that the warning came too late.

"Steve Knego, who was with the defendant at the time of the accident, was called and he told the court that brakemen who were standing beside an inactive train at the scene of the collision told them that it was all right to cross over. He also testified that he did not see the train until it was upon his brother.

"The plaintiff was then recalled by his attorney and questioned on the time he lost because of the accident. He stated that he was unable to work for 10 days and that his time was valued at \$7 a day. Attorney Cassin asked the witness what the fruit companies pay him for loading cars and how the money was divided, adding that \$7 a day was pretty good wages. Knego said that he was paid \$4 a car for loading apples and \$3 for berries, and that he loaded on an average of 15 cars a day, \$42 of the amount was expended for labor and lumber and remainder was divided among the three partners.

"Mr. Smith asked that court adjourn until 2 p.m. and that the jurors be taken to the scene of the accident that they might gain a clearer idea of how the accident occurred.

"Upon the resumption of proceedings...Steve Knego, a brother of the plaintiff and one of the three partners, was the first witness called. He was asked what the average daily earnings of the three partners were. He testified that they average from \$8 to \$10 a day each, during the busy season. In the cross-examination...he testified that the partnership that existed at the time of the accident was not broken until the close of the season.

"Dr. S. C. Rodgers, who attended Knego during the latter's confinement from the injuries, was then called. He testified that he was called to attend the injured man and that the injuries were light. He stated that his fee for the two visits he made the injured man would be \$5.

"When Dr. Rodgers retired from the witness stand Attorney Cassin made a motion for non-suit, on the grounds that the facts submitted in the evidence showed contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff. He then cited several decisions rendered by the Supreme Court of this and other States where non-suits were granted defendants where the evidence showed contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff.

"Geo. Smith replied at length to Mr. Cassin and put

forth an argument, backed up by many legal decisions, that won for him much praise and would put to shame legal arguments made by many lawyers throughout the land that have a 'sheepskin'—something George does not possess as yet.

"Immediately after hearing Mr. Cassin's remarks in reply to Smith, Judge Hawkins refused the motion for a non-suit and ordered the trial to proceed."

EP; 28 Jan 1908; list: "**Long List of Names From Which Grand Jury For 1908 Will Be Selected...**M. Lettunich...L. Scurich...[only Slavs listed]"

EP; 28 Jan 1908; article: "**RENTING GOOD ORCHARDS. Austrian Packers Have Adopted New System of Securing Apples.** W. A. Sanborn has rented his ranch, containing one of the best apple orchards in the valley, to S. Pecoch [Pekoch] for a term of 5 years. Other orchards in the same locality near the river, it is understood, have been rented by O. S. Tuttle to Luke Scurich, and by Chesley Stow to Stolich Bros.

"For several seasons past Mr. Sanborn, as well as many other orchard owners in the valley, has been doing independent packing and shipping, but owing to the unreliability of the labor supply and the cost of incidentals has found the business unprofitable except in unusual years.

"The plan of renting for a term of years is something comparatively new in orchard circles, it having been the plan heretofore to sell the apples on the trees, in some instances 2 or even 3 years ahead of the season.

"As the renting movement seems to have been instituted by the Austrian packers it may have merits which do not appear on the surface, and it might be well for other packers to look into the plan."

EP; 1 Feb 1908; item: "Luke Scurich vs. Angelo T. Fiesta et als.—Answer and cross-complaint of Robert H. Martin."

EP; 1 Feb 1908; item: "Geo. W. Briggs et ux to Mike Stolich et al—Lot 150x315 feet, between Fifth and Sixth Sts., 62 feet east of Walker St., Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 1 Feb 1908; item: "Last evening's 'Pajaronian' stated that A. Lettunich was the name of the amateur performer who took a 'black-face' part at the Opera House the previous evening. The name of the young amateur was B. Zadielovich. The gentleman who gave the information to our reporter says he will 'brush up' on his knowledge of local names." [*the reference to the previous paper, stated above, could not be found*]

EP; 3 Feb 1908; ALL: Andro Bajbasa, M. Katich. Foreign: Antun Mijoceovich.

EP; 3 Feb 1908; item: "George Smith of the James A. Hall law offices spent Sunday with friends in Salinas."

EP; 4 Feb 1908; item: "Notice of action to foreclose mortgage 137-113—Luke Scurich vs. Angelo T. Fiesta et als."

EP; 4 Feb 1908; item: "In re estate of Lucich Scurich [*sic* Luke Lasich], deceased—Order appointing appraisers; order appointing administrator."

EP; 4 Feb 1908; board of aldermen, payments: "...Strazicich & Sersen, meals...\$32.80..."

EP; 7 Feb 1908; mar. license: "George Barticevich, 22, and Mary Pecarovich, 19, both natives of Austria and residents of Santa Cruz, were granted a marriage license."

EP; 7 Feb 1908; board of supervisors, payments: "...General Fund...Strazicich & Sersen, meals... \$40.40..."

EP; 7 Feb 1908; item: "In re estate of Luke Lasich, deceased—Letters of administration issued to Peter Lasich; bond of Peter Lasich."

EP; 11 Feb 1908; item: "In re estate of Stephen Stolich—Claim of McKown & Mess for \$3.75, of W. S. Taylor, M.D., for \$12.50. of Coreto Korich for \$52; receipts and vouchers."

EP; 11 Feb 1908; Monterey Co. supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: Martin Kulich, labor...\$29.50..."

EP; 13 Feb 1908; list: "**Those in the Grammar and Primary Grades Neither Absent or Tardy During Month...**Low 5th grade: Florence Smith...High 4th grade: Mitchell Stolich, Ellen Balovich, Lena Rilovich, Kate Rilovich...High 2nd grade: Willie Marinovich..."

EP; 13 Feb 1908; item: "Luke Scurich vs. Angello T. Fosta et al.—Affidavit of service of cross-complaint."

EP; 17 Feb 1908; item: "George Strazicich went to San Francisco this morning, on a short business trip."

EP; 17 Feb 1908; item: "Pete Sersen and T. J. Gaffey went to San Francisco on legal business this morning."

EP; 17 Feb 1908; item: "M. N. Lettunich is down from San Francisco looking after his extensive property interests here."

EP; 17 Feb 1908; ALL: Mrs. L. Arbanas, Andro Bajbosa. Foreign: Mihalj Staba.

EP; 20 Feb 1908; item: "Notice of action in foreclose mortgages 137-107 and 129-169, Luke Scurich vs. Angelo T. Festa et als."

EP; 24 Feb 1908; ALL: Mocko Skarich.

EP; 25 Feb 1908; item: "Order of commitment of Marie Muocevich [Miocevich] to Stockton State Hospital."

EP; 2 Mar 1908; ALL: J. Vowidich. Foreign: Nic Banovac, Vasilj Popovac. [*1st mention of Banovac*]

EP; 5 Mar 1908; married: "Santa Cruz, March 2, 1908, George Barticevich and Mary Pecarovich, both of Santa Cruz."

EP; 5 Mar 1908; item: "M. N. Lettunich is down from San Francisco looking after his local business interests."

EP; 5 Mar 1908; ALL: Foreign: Marko Cherovich.

EP; 10 Mar 1908; item: "Luke Scurich vs. Angels T. Festa et al.—Decree of foreclosure granted."

EP; 10 Mar 1908; item: "Luke Scurich vs. Angelo T. Festa et al.—Memorandum of costs and disbursements."

EP; 10 Mar 1908; item: "F. B. [P.] Marinovich went to San Francisco this morning on a brief business trip."

EP; 12 Mar 1908; list: "**Names of Those Who Have Been Proficient in Studies and Department Past Month.** High 4th: Lena Rilovich, Ellen Balovich, Kate Rilovich; High 4th: Katie Knego; High 2nd: Willie Marinovich; High 2nd: Lena Strazicich."

EP; 14 Mar 1908; list: "**Bright Pupils in Character Roles. Children of Moreland Notre Dame Academy Entertain Pastor of St. Patrick's Church.** A musical and literary entertainment was given... 'Reading the Will'—Spoken by...Louis Lettunich..."

EP; 16 Mar 1908; item: "Marriage license—John Chetivovich, aged 26 years, and Mary Lavretovich, aged 21 years, both natives of Austria and residents of Monterey."

EP; 16 Mar 1908; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Andy Balich of Santa Cruz spent Sunday with relatives in this city."

EP; 19 Mar 1908; disp. ad: "Ivancovich-Trobock & Bergen Co., Inc. General Commission Merchants. G. Beleney, John G. Joly, A. Bergen, B. N. Trobock. Importers of all kinds of Nuts, Figs, Dates, Bananas, Pineapples, Limes, etc. 201 to 215 Washington St, 349 to 361 Davis St, San Francisco, Telephone, Temporary 3401"

EP; 19 Mar 1908; item: "M. N. Lettunich is down from San Francisco on a business visit."

EP; 20 Mar 1908; article: "**Rolleri Divorce Case.** San

Jose, March 20.—The divorce suit of Dominick Rolleri vs. Rosie Rolleri, was on trial before Judge Welch in Department One of the Superior court. The case has been pending for some time and considerable evidence was submitted prior to yesterday, when the last of the witnesses was examined. The ground of the complaint is that Mrs. Rolleri has maintained improper relations with one Peter Captanich [Capitanich]. The defendant denies the allegations and makes a counter complaint of cruelty. The witnesses examined yesterday were John Figoni, Peter Captanich, L. Amovasi and Dominick R. Rolleri. The hearing was continued to March 27, at which time it will be argued and submitted...”

EP; 20 Mar 1908; item: “Adaline Morgan to Geo. Strazich—Lease 30 acres, 7 miles from Watsonville; 1 year, from January 2, 1908.”

EP; 23 Mar 1908; article: “The meeting of the Rehabilitation Committee in the Pajaro Valley Board of Trade rooms...resulted in the appointment of a committee of such excellent business force and complexion that it really looks as if the electric road will be in operation in time to move this season’s crop.

“In opening the meeting President E. A. Hall of the Pajaro Valley Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce of Watsonville and Pajaro valley, said the object of the assemblage was to devise ways and means to place the electric railroad to Port Watsonville in operation for the coming shipping season. He called attention to the fact that last year, with only half a crop of apples, the railroad company could not furnish cars enough to ship the products of the orchards...The North Pacific Coast Steamship Co., which proposed to put on steamers from Port Watsonville to San Francisco, had splendid terminal and freight facilities in Portland and Seattle...‘The steamship company,’ said the speaker, ‘is ready to do business with the people of this valley...Mr. C. P. Doe, a representative of the steamship company, informs me that he can come here next Tuesday to confer with the citizens.’ President Hall suggested...appointing a committee to meet Mr. Doe...Mr. Hall appointed the following committee from the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade: ...M. Rilovich [only Slav of 7]”

EP; 25 Mar 1908; item: “Homestead declaration of Geo. Dabelich et ux—Part of lot 2, block 11, Santa Cruz; value, \$5000.”

EP; 25 Mar 1908; item: “...Judge Hawkins rendered a decision in the case of Lettunich vs. Himmah over ownership of the Mansion House barbershop fixtures. [The] decision vests the ownership in Mr. Himmah and assesses the costs of the suit against the plaintiffs...”

EP; 26 Mar 1908; obit: “**Death of Well Known Aus-**

trian. Peter Hrepich, a well respected citizen of this city for almost 10 years past, died early this morning at the home of his brother on Walker street. The deceased had been sick for almost 3 months past and his demise had been expected for some time. For several years he had been in the employ of his brothers, Geo. and John Hrepich. A sister, Miss Lucy Hrepich, is also left to mourn his death. He was a native of Austria, was aged about 35 years, and was a member of the Pajaro Valley Rose, F. of A., and Austrian-American Benevolent Society of this city, under whose auspices the funeral will take place... interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.”

EP; 26 Mar 1908; obit: “Watsonville, March 26, 1908, Peter Hrepich, a native of Austria, aged 34 years, 7 months and 26 days.”

EP; 26 Mar 1908; item: “Paul Perenich, the fruit buyer, who operated in Watsonville for a couple of seasons past, has rented the McMurdo place west of Hollister. He will engage in the fruit business there on a large scale this season.”

EP; 26 Mar 1908; item: “M. C. Hopkins, Jerry Fitzpatrick and M. Stepovich motored over from Santa Cruz last night to attend the Selby-Reagan fight at the Opera House.”

EP; 27 Mar 1908; item: “George Smith went to Santa Cruz this morning on legal business.”

EP; 27 Mar 1908; item: “The funeral of Peter Hrepich, which was announced yesterday to take place today, has been arranged for Saturday and will be held from the brothers’ home at 9 a.m...”

EP; 28 Mar 1908; article: “The funeral of the late Peter Hrepich took place this morning from the residence of his brothers on Walker street and was most largely attended. Large delegations from the Austrian-American Benevolent Society and Court Pajaro Valley Rose of Foresters of America acted as an escort. The line of hacks and carriage was quite lengthy and in arranging for their formation on and exit from Walker street N. Mortizia showed most excellent judgement. Relatives of the deceased occupied 5 hacks...”

“The pallbearers were: George Farenich [Forench], P. J. Hrepich, Anton Arnerich, Nick Matulich, Sam M. Matulich and Peter Gospodnetich.

“The following relatives and friends were present from other cities: Sacramento—George Valeria and wife and Peter Hrepich; San Francisco—W. Zellnich, George Farenich [Forench], Miss Farenich, B. Milrovitovich [Mihovilovich], Mrs. Arbalich [Arbulich], George Martinich, John Mladinich and wife, George Balovich, J. Harnojelich and wife, P. Matulich and wife; Hollister—

Sam Matulich, Vincent Matulich, J. Matulich, Sam Matulich Sr., Peter Borovich and family, T. Gospodnetich and wife, Paul Matulich; Santa Cruz—John Gospodnetich and family, J. Ostoja and wife, George Barticevich and wife; Salinas—George Barovich and family, Sam Ostoja, Miss Salmonovich [Salamunovich].”

EP; 31 Mar 1908; obit: “Santa Cruz, March 29, 1908, Antone Radavich [Radovich], a native of Austria.”

EP; 2 Apr 1908; item: “In re guardianship of Clara Radovich, an incompetent person—Order appointing time of hearing petition for appointment of guardian.”

EP; 4 Apr 1908; item: “Ralph W. Heins et al. to Prosper S. Sambuck et ux—Lot 2, block B, amended Bausch tract, Santa Cruz. \$10.”

EP; 6 Apr 1908; ALL: Foreign: Peter Abustin [Slav?], Nik Lazarevich.

EP; 8 Apr 1908; item: “Frank Radovan accompanied by Martin Knego, went to San Francisco last Monday on a business and pleasure trip which will take two or three weeks.”

EP; 9 Apr 1908; item: “L. P. Cikuth, a member of the well known J. P. Miovich fruit packing company, is home from a 3 months’ trip to Europe, most of which time he spent visiting his relatives in his native country, Austria. Eighteen years had elapsed since Louis left the fatherland for America and naturally a royal home welcome was extended him. Mr. Cikuth speaks most entertainingly of his trip, he had a good time, but none to compare with dear old Pajaro valley. He met Steve Scurich while in Austria and says the latter looks well and is having an enjoyable time visiting his folks and other relatives.”

EP; 9 Apr 1908; item: “William Pulisevich went to San Francisco this morning on a short business trip.”

EP; 10 Apr 1908; item: “In re guardianship of Clara Radovich, an incompetent person—Order appointing guardianship of person and estate; letters of guardianship issued Ambrogio Gianone; bond of guardian.”

EP; 11 Apr 1908; item: “In re estate of Luke Lasich, deceased—Inventory and appraisal; order of publication of notice to creditors.”

EP; 11 Apr 1908; notice: “NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California. In the matter of the Estate of Luke Lasich, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of Luke Lasich, deceased, to

the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice, made on the 11th day of April A.D. 1908, to the said Administrator, at the office of P. G. Sheehy, attorney at law, Rooms 1 and 2, Sheehy Building, 309 Main street, in the City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate. Dated April 11th, 1908. PETER LASICH, Administrator of the Estate of Luke Lasich, Deceased...”

EP; 11 Apr 1908; item: “**Names of the New Ax Wielders In Watsonville Camp of Woodmen...**The following residents of this city will become members of the order tonight: ...L. Raicievich [Raicevich].”

EP; 13 Apr 1908; ALL: Jozo Ruisic.

EP; 13 Apr 1908; item: “Stanley Sliter, Frank Farlin, ‘Billy’ Pellisier and Pete Nelson, four of Watsonville’s popular mixologists, autoed over to the Brookdale Fish hatchery yesterday.”

EP; 14 Apr 1908; article: “**Big Initiation of New Foresters...**Fully 300 Foresters of America and their friends were assembled in Foresters’ hall last night to celebrate the big initiation arranged in honor of the 18th anniversary of the institution of Court Pajaro Valley Rose, No. 44, Foresters of America...”

“Geo. Smith, embryo Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, gave the toast.”

EP; 14 Apr 1908; item: “Sheriff’s certificate of sale on foreclosure—Luke Scurich vs. Angelo Festa et al.: amount, \$813.50.”

EP; 15 Apr 1908; obit: “Anna Puheira [Puhiera], the little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Puheira, who died yesterday morning from spinal meningitis, was buried yesterday afternoon...the following four children acted as pallbearers: Regina Prindiville, Katie Knego, Lena Rilovich, Katie Rilovich.”

EP; 15 Apr 1908; item: “Luke Scurich vs. Angelo T. Festa et al.—Copy of decree and order of sale.”

EP; 15 Apr 1908; obit: “Watsonville, April 14, 1908, Anna Puheria [Puhiera], aged 3 years.”

EP; 16 Apr 1908; mar. license: “Thomas Pavisha has been issued a license to marry Mary Ivancovich. Both are residents of Watsonville and natives of Austria.” [*see Fig. next page*]

EP; 16 Apr 1908; born: “Sacramento, April 13, 1908, to

Fig. 3-17.
Tom Pavisha (1882-1971)
and Mary Ivancovich Pavisha
(1883-1965).



the wife of A. B. Lettunich
of Los Angeles, a son.”
[Anthony; +1978]

EP; 16 Apr 1908; obit:
“Hollister, April 13, 1908,
Nick Gospodnetich, a native
of Austria, aged 28 years and 7 months.”

EP; 17 Apr 1908; honor roll: Low 5th Grade: Florence
Smith; High 4th Grade: Katie Knego; 4th Grade: Mitch-
ell Stolick [Stolich], Ellen Balovich, Katie Rilovich,
Lena Rilovich; High 3rd Grade: Antonio Scurich; High
2nd Grade: Willie Marinovich.

EP; 17 Apr 1908; item: “**Watsonville High School
Graduation Class Is Making Preparations for the
Commencement**...The members of the '08 graduating
class are: Misses Louise Rider, Ruth Tuttle, Anna Farlin,
Stella Cornell, Stasia Speckens, Esther Williams, Gertrude
Bloom, Alle Bronson, Minnie Gordon, Alice Weisen-
berger, Marion Rider and Gertrude Crow; Messrs. Harold
Hushbeck, Hiram Bowen, Roy Crites, Valton Roach,
Howard Dixon, Roy Lammiman and Fred Hudson.”

EP; 18 Apr 1908; article: “A TRIP TO AUSTRIA. The
re-opening of La Petite Theater tomorrow afternoon
(Easter Sunday)...will be signaled by the presentation of
a big double bill, the main feature of which will be the
second series of La Petite’s educational course, viz: ‘A
Trip to Austria,’ in which a number of prominent build-
ings and places in that country will be shown by a series
of beautiful slides and described in an entertaining man-
ner by Mr. Piratsky. No one should miss taking in these
courses of illustrated lectures, as they are vastly entertain-
ing and of high educational value. During the program of
this ‘trip’ the ‘Austrian National Hymn,’ and ‘The
Austrian Army Bugle Calls Waltz,’ as played by the
Royal Imperial Military Band, at Vienna, will be repro-
duced on one of Messrs. Steinhauser and Eaton’s Victor
grand phonographs...”

EP; 20 Apr 1908; item: “Mike Zar of Salinas was among
the visitors in Watsonville yesterday.”

EP; 27 Apr 1908; item: “Nick Alaga spent Sunday visit-
ing friends in Santa Cruz.”

EP; 27 Apr 1908; item: “William Pulisevich spent Sun-
day enjoying the sights in Santa Cruz.”

EP; 27 Apr 1908; ALL: “Matt Harlovich.

EP; 28 Apr 1908; notice: “TO WHOM IT MAY CON-
CERN: My wife, Katie Arbanas, having left my bed and
board, I will not be responsible for any debts or liabilities
contracted by her. LUKE ARBANAS. Dated April 27th,
1908.”

EP; 2 May 1908; item: “Attachment—A. Negmisi et al.
vs. D. Batistich—On 137 cords of wood on Waldo ranch;
demand, \$257.75.”

EP; 4 May 1908; item: “Misses May [Mamie?] Smith and
E. Lennard spent Sunday sight seeing in Santa Cruz.”

EP; 4 May 1908; item: “Miss Anna Farlin was among the
Watsonvilleans in Santa Cruz yesterday.”

EP; 4 May 1908; ALL: “Mrs. Petra Bacade Rasa [Slav?].

EP; 4 May 1908; item: “Frank Farlin went to Santa Cruz
this afternoon to witness the illumination of the fleet
tonight.”

EP; 5 May 1908; item: “John Petersen et ux to Geo.
Novakovich et al.—Lots 28 and 29, Walker’s subdivision
No. 1, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 5 May 1908; board of aldermen, payments: “...John
Vucina, labor: \$6...John Balovich, labor: \$19.50...Henry
Strazicich, labor: \$2.25...”

EP; 9 May 1908; item: “J. B. Labas & Co. of this valley
yesterday shipped the first lot of cherries to San Francis-
co. They were consigned to Sresovich & Co., and it is
probable that they will bring about \$2 a box. There were
six boxes in the consignment. The cherries were of the
Governor Wood variety and were grown and packed in
the orchard of Joseph Katan. This is the first fancy pack
consignment to be sent to San Francisco from any part of
the State.”

EP; 9 May 1908; county supervisors, payments: “...Puli-
sevich, labor: \$9...Indigent Fund: Copriviza & Alaga,
mdse: \$40...”

EP; 11 May 1908; item: “Misses Mae Smith and Vetta
Lennard visited friends in Santa Cruz yesterday.”

EP; 11 May 1908; item: “George Smith, S. Soto and Fred
Castro attended the ballgame in Santa Cruz yesterday.”

EP; 11 May 1908; article: "...L. G. Sresovich, for many years the leading commission merchant and fruit buyer of San Francisco, and who in the '80s was the first and largest buyer of Pajaro valley apples, committed suicide at Brentwood, Contra Costa county, by firing a bullet from a pistol into his head. The deceased only left his home in Soquel a few days ago to visit his two daughters at Brentwood. He had been in his usual jovial spirits and the news of his rash act was a sudden shock to his family and other friends in this county. He was aged about 60 years, was a native of Austria, and leaves 3 sons and 3 daughters to mourn his loss.

"The history of the commission business of San Francisco and California would not be complete unless the biggest individual space in the book be devoted to the connection with the business during the past 40 years of L. G. Sresovich. About 25 years ago he was rightly styled the king of the business in San Francisco and was the largest importer of fruits from Hawaii and the South Sea Isles. About the same time he established a big apple packing house on lower Main street in this city and for several years his firm was the leader locally in that business. During the past 20 years he met with many business reverses. But he was a hard one to keep down and he remained quite a factor in the S.F. commission world up to a couple of years ago, after which he devoted considerable of his time to his Soquel orchard interests.

"Mr. Sresovich was one of the most active and undaunted business men we ever met. He was always on the 'go,' and his method of departure from this world is not a surprise to those who knew the gentleman best. Further particulars of the suicide were not available this afternoon."

EP; 12 May 1908; article: "...This morning's Santa Cruz Sentinel contained the following article which casts a new light upon the sudden death of Luke G. Sresovich, the well known pioneer packer of Pajaro:

"The information that Luke Sresovich had suicided at Brentwood, Contra Costa Co., Sunday, and which caused a pang of regret to his many friends and acquaintances in this city, seems to have been a bit premature, insofar as it having been a case of suicide.

"Mr. Sresovich left Tuesday or Wednesday of last week for Brentwood, stopping on his way at San Francisco with a married daughter, Mrs. Ware. He continued his journey north and Saturday arrived at Brentwood at the home of his brother-in-law, in whose care were his two daughters, aged 12 and 15 years, respectively.

"A letter has been received by relatives in this city, stating that Sunday morning he arose early and was the first to go down stairs. Meeting his brother-in-law he asked for his rifle to shoot a rabbit in the orchard and was given an old-time Winchester and 4 cartridges. That was the last that was seen of him alive. When he did not return to breakfast, they thought he had gone on to

Byron, a few miles away, where he once owned a \$40,000 orchard.

"When he had not returned at 2 o'clock Mr. Peterson started out in quest of him and came upon his dead body in a fence corner in the orchard, where from every indication he had started to climb the fence, which, being old and insecure, had been insufficient to sustain him and the cross piece upon which he had evidently stepped, gun in hand, had broken beneath his weight. In the uncertain action that followed it is thought the gun was accidentally discharged. The shot entered his right temple and tore away the entire top of the head.

"Although he had met with many reverses of recent years and had lost his wife to whom he was devotedly attached, he was still possessed of considerable property, which puts to route the idea that he was driven to the deed through depleted finances."

EP; 12 May 1908; item: "Kate Arbanas vs. Luke Arbanas—Order of payment to plaintiff."

EP; 12 May 1908; item: "Mateo Lettunich and two sons, Nicholas and Lewis, returned last night from a week's visit in San Francisco."

SFCall; 13 May 1908; article: "[photo] **Luke Sresovich Meets Death from Own Rifle While on Hunting Trip.**

Luke G. Sresovich, one of the oldest and best known commission merchants in the city, met with a fatal accident at Brentwood, Contra Costa county, last Sunday morning. He was hunting for rabbits, and, it is supposed, that in climbing over a fence his rifle was accidentally discharged and the bullet killed him. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon...from Godeau's undertaking parlors, 2321 Bush street, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

"Sresovich was born in Ragusa [Dubrovnik], Dalmatia, Austria, on August 18, 1848, and came to this country at the age of 18. He had been in the wholesale green and dried fruits and produce business for the last 35 years in this city. He was one of the largest packers and shippers in the state, and was the originator of the Pioneer brand of desiccated cocoanut. At one time he owned a large cannery interest in Santa Clara valley. He was considered the most enterprising man in his particular line of business and had done a great deal to benefit the state at large. He was a prominent member of the Masonic body, Odd Fellows and Austrian military society."

Jadran, 14 May 1908; [Jadran was a Croatian newspaper based in S.F.] article with photo: [article about death of Sresovich written in Croatian; no new information except for photo]

EP; 15 May 1908; item: "Pajaro Valley Bank vs. Watsonville Transportation Co., Stephen Scurich et al.—Order of publication of notice to creditors."

EP; 15 May 1908; item: “Kate Arbanas has been granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from Luke Arbanas, and has been allowed \$15 per month alimony and \$50 attorney’s fees. Both parties are from Watsonville.”

EP; 16 May 1908; item: “**They Are Not Divorced.** It was erroneously stated in last evening’s ‘Pajaronian’ that an interlocutory decree of divorce had been granted in the case of Arbanas vs. Arbanas. No divorce was granted and the case was not tried. The parties have settled their differences and the case has been dismissed. Our information of last evening was secured from a Santa Cruz source.”

EP; 18 May 1908; ALL: Martin Harlovich.

EP; 18 May 1908; item: “Attorney George W. Smith went to Santa Cruz yesterday on business connected with the Mills-Collins case.”

EP; 18 May 1908; honor roll: Low 5th year: Florence Smith; High 4th year: Mitchell Stolich, Kate Rilovich, Ellen Balovich.

EP; 19 May 1908; item: “Change of lease—Ralph Waldo with Geo. Strazicich.”

EP; 19 May 1908; item: “Constable’s certificate of sale of personal property—D. Batistich to L. Negro.”

EP; 20 May 1908; item: “The Edmund Peycke Co. has leased one half of each of the M. N. Lettunich & Co.’s packing houses on Third street and are preparing to do a larger business than ever this year...”

EP; 22 May 1908; item: “In re estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Affidavit of mailing copies of the notice of probate of will.”

EP; 25 May 1908; article: “This afternoon Sister Veronica, the beloved Superior of Moreland Notre Dame Academy, was the guest of honor at a musical and literary entertainment given by the pupils of that popular school...The program...was as follows:

“Dialogue, ‘The Little Gossips’—Misses Cecelia Reiter, Frances Kane, Irene Faustino, Marie Gallichotte, Lena Strazicich, Elaine Chapin, Leona Rutherford.

“March (Tannhauser)—Master Nicholas Lettunich...”

EP; 26 May 1908; item: “The troubles of Peter Milicivich and Mrs. Ball, which arose over wages alleged to be due to the former for chopping wood, will be threshed out in Judge Rohrback’s court over in Pajaro...Milicivich was arrested for taking a wagon load of wood from Mrs. Ball’s ranch. Later he was released on his own recognizance after promising to appear when called by the court.

“After his release he gave his version of the case. He stated that he had signed what he thought was an agreement that part of the wood would be his for the chopping. It seems that what he really signed was a receipt for wages received for the labor.

“Judge Rohrback says that the case will probably be one of the hottest tried in his court for some time, as both parties seem convinced that they are in the right.”

EP; 26 May 1908; obit: “Spreckels, May 23, 1908, Mary, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kunich, aged 4 months and 26 days.”

EP; 30 May 1908; honorable promotion: Promoted to High 5th: Florence Smith; High 4th to Low 5th: Ellen Balovich, Mitchell Stolich, Kate Rilovich, Lena Rilovich; High 4th to Low 5th: Katie Knego; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Willie Marinovich; Low 1st to High 1st: Katie Rilovich.

EP; 30 May 1908; item: “Marshall A. Frank, substituted for Pajaro Valley Bank (a corporation), plaintiff, vs. Watsonville Transportation Co., Stephen Scurich, et al., defendants—Memorandum of costs and disbursements on the part of defendant Scurich.”

EP; 30 May 1908; item: “In re estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Bond of special administratrix and administrator.”

EP; 30 May 1908; item: “D. Batistich of Felton was in town for a few hours this morning.”

EP; 1 Jun 1908; ALL: Geo. Bubresko.

EP; 1 Jun 1908; article: “SITE AGAIN OPEN. Watsonville Heights is certain to experience another building boom in the near future. That advantageous section was well started on the way to be rapidly filled with beautiful homes when a suit was started by one Dorsey of San Francisco, claiming that he held title by deed from Helen Brodis, ex-wife of James Brodis, a colored man who had owned the property for 40 years.

“The company which had been formed under the name of the Watsonville Realty Co., for the purpose of disposing of the Heights property, found its operations blocked by the contest instituted by Dorsey, and although Dorsey’s deed, to a piece of homestead property, signed by only one of the homesteaders, was not worth the paper it was written on, his contention had sufficient semblance of merit to give it standing in the court and thereby frighten people from buying into the possibility of a lawsuit.

“Before this suit was instituted, however, a number of lots were sold and several of the purchasers had erected homes on the pretty location.

“In the Superior Court of this county where suit was brought[,] the case was decided adversely for Dorsey, but he took an appeal to the Supreme Court. The latter tribunal has affirmed the decision of the lower court, which finally disposes of the litigation and opens the way for the company to resume the sale of lots in that favored locality.”

EP; 3 Jun 1908; item: “N. E. Wretman, trustee, to Martin Papac—50 acres of Chace tract, Soquel Augmentation Rancho, \$1515.” [*first mention of Papac*]

EP; 3 Jun 1908; item: “Frank Radovan, who has been at San Jose the past few weeks purchasing and shipping cherries, is home attending to his business affairs here.”

EP; 3 Jun 1908; item: “J. P. Miovich & Co. one of the leading fruit concerns in this city, has entered into an agreement with J. S. Menasco to purchase the fruit crop from the latter’s 60-acre fruit farm near Corralitos for the next four years. Mr. Menasco retains the personal management of the place. It is understood that the price paid is a most satisfactory one and is away up in the five figures.”

EP; 5 Jun 1908; item, from a Tassajara reporter: “Frank Radovan can easily take first honors as a vocalist, and you need never pay the price to hear Caruso, if you could once listen to Frank’s warble—especially in Greek. His basso profundo echoed and reverberated among these canyons, particularly in one spot called the ‘Retreat.’ Frank is all right and a mighty good fellow and if you don’t know him take my advice and get acquainted...”

EP; 5 Jun 1908; item: “The commercial class of the Watsonville High School finished their work today and 14 students received diplomas. The commercial department of the High School has furnished and is still furnishing many thoroughly competent young men and women to the business world.

“Those who graduated today are: Misses Minnie Barker, Stella H. Wood, Katie Iverson, Alice Perry, Delia Fulmer, Catherine Balovich, Minnie Johnson, Rose Davis, Minnie Rodriguez, Iva Costello and Messrs. Will Wishard, Joseph Driscoll, Grover R. Cottrell and Jerome S. Dondero.”

EP; 5 Jun 1908; article: “**Our Special Reporter, ‘Mescal,’ Relates ‘Doings’ of Watsonville People...** Tassajara Springs, June 3, 1908. Editor ‘Pajaronian’:—Do not think we are dead because you have not heard from us so far this season. The fact is Mescal has been too busy to send the news. But now that young Charlie Cazeau and Frank Radovan have left us there is breathing time, except when the prolonged note of an automobile siren is heard, when all fly to the front to welcome the arriving guests, but only to find Iowa Tuttle producing an

exact imitation, and the relating to his audience how he was present when the first shot was fired. Of course we have no idea what kind of a shot I. H. means. However, Iowa’s game leg is fast becoming a running mate for his sound member and he steams it frequently—of course in the steam bath.”

EP; 6 Jun 1908; article: “APPLE FESTIVAL IS URGED...The annual meeting of the Pajaro Valley Board of Trade is taking place this afternoon...”

“Among the recommendations to be made by President Hall in his annual address will be the holding of an annual apple and strawberry festival, at which these two wonderful products of the valley will be brought into prominence in keeping with their importance.

“Apple festivals have been held in the apple districts of Oregon with great success. They have come to be regularly attended by buyers and many new avenues of trade are thereby opened to the producers and packers. It is hoped that President Hall’s recommendation will meet with earnest consideration and due action so that by the time the season of ‘08 arrives there will be a lively interest in the matter.” [*the beginnings of the Apple Annual; the first will be held in 1910*]

EP; 6 Jun 1908; item: “The delinquent tax list of this county has been given publication...the following [are] delinquent property owners in this city and valley: ...Samuel Balovich...”

EP; 8 Jun 1908; item: “Mrs. P. Kiely and little son, John, who have been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. Balovich, for the past three weeks, left yesterday for her home in San Francisco. Miss Catharine Balovich accompanied her.”

EP; 9 Jun 1908; item: “The senior class of the Watsonville High School were the guests of honor at a very pleasant masquerade party out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rodgers...the party was given by the Sophomore class...Those present were (Seniors) Ruth Tuttle, Anna Farlin, Marion and Louise Rider, Esther Williams, Alice Weisenberger, Minnie Gordon, Stella Cornell, Stasia Speckens, Alie Bronson, Gertrude Blumer, Roy Lammiman, Roy Crites, H. Bowen, Fred Hudson, Harold Hushbeck...”

EP; 9 Jun 1908; item: “George Smith went to San Francisco this morning to appear before the U. S. Internal Revenue collector on law business for Attorney James A. Hall.”

EP; 12 Jun 1908; item: “In re estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Application for permission to take testimony.”

EP; 17 Jun 1908; item: "K. Gospodnetich is enjoying a two weeks' vacation in southern Monterey county."

EP; 18 Jun 1908; article: "FRUITMEN WORKING TO PROTECT SELVES. The local fruit men have organized for protection against an unscrupulous practice fast becoming more prevalent in the East. It is the custom of the Eastern handlers to order carloads of fruit and then make up losses occurring through overstocking by rejecting apples on the pretense that the car does not come up to standard.

"A preliminary meeting was held last night, at which it was decided to have a committee comprising James Sheehy, C. H. Baker and L. Scurich draw up by-laws for a permanent organization..."

EP; 18 Jun 1908; article: "N. Mortizia, one of the firm [,] and the active manager[,], of the California Fruit Packing Co., with headquarters in this city, has lately sent out queries to all parts of the United States in relation to this year's apple crop. Mr. Mortizia has resided in Watsonville for many years, is known to all our orchardists, and has a reputation second to none...as a man of his word and well informed fruit man.

"He says that during the past 10 days he has received 27 letters from different sections of the country touching on the fruit crop. New York, Virginia, Vermont and Pennsylvania will have very good crops; Kansas about 50%; Hood River, Oregon, about 700 carloads; all other States very light.

"Mr. Mortizia states that his firm is ready for the present season's business and will do the same on the basis that has prevailed during the past four seasons with him—no commission will be charged on the sale of fruit and only a reasonable and just amount for each packed box. His company will furnish the growers empty boxes free of charge to bring their fruit to the packing house. All the growers have to pay for is each packed box. All apples will be paid spot cash for as soon as they are ready and loaded on the cars. All other chances the company takes, and as soon as apples are received at the packing house the company will insure them, free of expense to the grower, at three-fourths of their market value.

"Mr. Mortizia, who is well acquainted in all Eastern apple selling agencies, has had a good reputation for his pack of fruit[.] [F]rom the time he first went into business with his former partner, I. H. Tuttle, the firm never had a carload of fruit rejected, something unusual. He put up the best pack of apples in the Portland and St. Louis fairs and received gold medals therefor.

"He believes his firm, the California Fruit Packing Co., can sell apples for better prices than others for the reason that they are exceptionally well posted on conditions of the trade through the Eastern and Western States, Australia, Honolulu, Great Britain and elsewhere. The firm will do good honest business with the growers

and there will be no delay whatever in any payments.

"Mr. Mortizia will do all the managing of the business. His leading partner, B. N. Trobock, is one of the best known of all San Francisco's produce and commission merchants and is a man whose financial standing is the highest.

"No apples will be sold by the firm without the consent of the grower as to the price to be received, otherwise growers will have the right to sell their own fruit. The grower always has control of his own fruit. The firm will never have any trouble making sales of apples owing to the fact that they have so many well distributed selling agencies. Growers will always have the right, and are welcome, to come to the packing house and see how their fruit is sorted and packed...The company has already received five carloads of box shooks. That looks like business, doesn't it?"

EP; 20 Jun 1908; article: "WALKER STREET IS APPEL MEN'S MECCA. Five new packing houses have been, or are being, constructed this year, which is a pretty good indication that the packers have confidence in the future of the apple business in this city.

"The largest, in point of floor space, and the most substantial in the matter of construction, is that of the John Sheehy Company, located at the northeast corner of Walker and Second streets. The building is 56x180 and has 10,000 feet of floor space exclusive of a large platform on the eastern side of the building.

"The next in point of size is that of Stolich Bros., located near Walker street, but facing Fifth street and running through almost to Sixth street. This is a double-roofed building and covers 9600 square feet. On the same large lot Stolich Bros. are constructing a two-story frame building for the use of their employees.

"At the southeast corner of Walker and Fifth streets is another new packing house just erected by Novancovich [Novakovich] & Stolich. It is 50x50 in size and substantially built.

"On West Third street near Walker is located the 36x100-foot packing establishment of Gurash & Stolich, and on the east side of Walker between Second and Third, another belonging to J. D. Perry. The sixth building is in the form of an addition which will double the size of the Secondo Bros.' packing house on the lower Rodriguez street.

"All of these new establishments have been made necessary by the great increase in the number of young orchards coming into stronger bearing. The packing houses, packing sheds, driers, canneries and vinegar factories, now operating in Watsonville number more than 40, and the wiseacres of the apple business decree that within four years at least 50% more floor space will be required to accommodate the season's apple crop."

EP; 20 Jun 1908; item: "Considerable interest in the suit

of Ball vs. Milicivich is being manifested by the residents of Pajaro. The trial opened...this morning and is still on. The greater part of the day was consumed examining jurors and witnesses..."

EP; 23 Jun 1908; item: "The will of the late L. G. Sresovich, the well known fruit commission merchant, was admitted to probate yesterday in the Superior Court of this county, and the bond of the petitioner was fixed at \$2000. The value of the personal property is placed at \$10,500 and the realty at something like \$20,000...In the will, made April 15th, 1904, his daughter, Evelyn B., and father-in-law, J. Christiansen, are named as executors to hold the property in trust to be converted into money to be equally divided between the children who are Evelyn G. Ware, Luke G., Byron L., Frank Randolph and Camille."

EP; 24 Jun 1908; item: "**Will Contest Father's Will.** Luke Sresovich, the eldest son of the late L. G. Sresovich, the well known Soquel fruit packer, will contest his father's will disposing of his \$23,000 estate. The son claims a larger share on account of his having been a partner with his father in business. He will be represented by Attorney W. M. Gardner of Santa Cruz."

EP; 25 Jun 1908; item: "Chas. L. Todd to Peter Kosovac—Lot 44x165 on southwest side Rodriguez St., 87 feet 7 inches northwest from Ford St., Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 30 Jun 1908; item: "F. P. Marinovich vs. F. A. Kilburn—Remittitur: order."

EP; 30 Jun 1908; item: "A change in the management of Hoffman Grill has been made, by which J. B. Stoner steps down and out. In the future the restaurant will be run by Paul Cumberlick [Cumbelich]. Mr. Cumberlick says that he intends running a first-class place."

EP; 1 Jul 1908; item: "'Nick' Lettunich is the latest auto fan to bloom out with a Buick white streak. He purchased, rode in and learned to run the machine in less than an hour. The Buick seems to be the popular buzz wagon in Watsonville, as there are now six or more in use here."

EP; 2 Jul 1908; article: "**Frank H. Shafter Cleared of Charges of Murdering John Ivancovich.** San Jose, July 2.—Truant Officer Frank R. Shafter, over whose head a charge of murder has been suspended for the past six months, walked out of the Hall of Justice yesterday...a free man; the evidence at his preliminary examination being of such a character as to prove that he killed John Ivancovich, a Santa Clara fruit packer, in self-defense.

"Deputy District Attorney Bridges appeared for the people and Attorneys Oneal and Herrington represented Shafter, the case being submitted without argument. Justice Brown, before whom the examination was held, stat-

ed that he regretted that counsel did not argue the case. However, he had reviewed the evidence very carefully and he stated that he did not believe that any jury would convict Shafter. In Justice Brown's opinion, formed in the light of the evidence in the case, the truant officer believed that his life was imperiled when he fired the shot which ended Ivancovich's life."

EP; 3 Jul 1908; item: "Declaration of homestead of Dominick Batistich et ux on E. ½ of N.E. ¼, Sec. 12, T 10 S., R. 3 W., and 99½ acres, value \$12,000."

EP; 6 Jul 1908; item: "Robt. E. Hamilton et ux to N. C. Pulisevich—Lot 50x120 of west side Santa Cruz St., Santa Cruz, \$10."

EP; 6 Jul 1908; article: "At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milocivich [Miloslavich] at the extreme end of upper Walker street, next to the city lot, a little child is suffering untold agony as a result of a childish prank on the part of her playmates. She was burned about the face and neck by flames from her dress, which was fired by matches in the hands of other children.

"The little girl is a daughter of Mrs. Butier of San Francisco, formerly Mrs. Peter Lettunich of this city, and with her mother is here on a visit as the guest of the Milocivich family. [*the child was Catherine Lettunich*]

"Saturday the children were playing about the yard and no attention being paid to the fact they crawled under a part of the house projecting over a sloping bank. Later the screaming of the little girl attracted the older people to the yard, where they found her emerging from under the house with the front of her dress in a blaze.

"The flames were soon extinguished, but not until they had so severely burned the girl that it is feared her features will be scarred even if she escape a more serious result of the accident. At first it was believed that the trouble had been caused by firecrackers, but later it was ascertained that the children had been playing with matches, and a little boy had set the girl's dress a fire."

EP; 6 Jul 1908; ALL: Miss K. Balovich, John Kranich, Peter Vidak, ..ik Vujicich. Foreign: Bozo Memed.

EP; 7 Jul 1908; marriage: "Vido Lister and Miss Eva Zadjelovich were wedded on Independence day and later enjoyed a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Miovich. Many presents attested the popularity of the couple. They will reside here."

EP; 7 Jul 1908; item: "F. P. Marinovich, plaintiff, vs. F. A. Kilburn, defendant—Memorandum of costs and disbursements."

EP; 7 Jul 1908; married: "Watsonville, July 4, 1908... Vido Lister and Miss Eva Zadjelovich." [*see next Fig.*]



Fig. 3-18.
Seated: Vido Lister
(1878-1940) and
wife, Louise
Zadielovich
(1881-1955).
Standing:
Louise's sister,
Anna Miovich and
George Copriviza.

EP; 8 Jul 1908; article: "Slowly but surely is the claim of Watsonville as one of the leading fruit shipping sections of the country being recognized in a satisfactory manner. One of the largest and most successful fruit commission companies in the world is the Earl Fruit Co., with general headquarters in Sacramento. Over 10 years ago this company established a branch agency in Watsonville, in fact being the first commission company to do so, and placed W. H. White in charge of the same. Under the latter's management the business continued to grow from year to year. During all this time the marketing, routing, etc., of the business has been directed from the Sacramento headquarters and the orders have been transmitted here to local Superintendent White.

"But the business has reached such a high water mark that General Manager Katzenstein has issued an order that hereafter Watsonville is to be the general headquarters of the corporation for everything pertaining to the apple business, the same as Los Angeles is for the citrus business of the Earl Fruit Co. This order means that Superintendent White will hereafter direct from here entirely the multitudinous details of the office business of the company instead of every little detail having to receive the OK of the Sacramento office..."

EP; 10 Jul 1908; board of supervisors, payments: "...County Funds: Strazicich & Sersen, meals: \$27.40... Indigent Fund: Copriviza & Alaga, mdse: \$20..."

EP; 13 Jul 1908; ALL: Nujo Masloc [Miho Maslach].

EP; 15 Jul 1908; item: "Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children of San Francisco are spending a few weeks at Santa Cruz."

EP; 17 Jul 1908; item: "Bill of sale—J. P. Miovich to Louis Cikuth, personal property used in fruit buying business of J. P. Miovich & Co., Watsonville."

EP; 20 Jul 1908; item: "General power of attorney—J. P. Miovich to F. P. Marinovich."

EP; 20 Jul 1908; article: "Police Judge Bridgwater's court was well filled...when the case of the people of the

State of California vs. Geo. P. Burke was called. The defendant in the case is charged with being a 'common drunk'...

"The following jurors were chosen to try the case: F. P. Marinovich, A. P. Soares, Cy Short, A. N. Judd, Carl Rappe, Stephen Hatch, R. H. Pearson, R. Green, Ralph Willits, E. J. Lee, Luke Scurich and P. S. Martin."

EP; 21 Jul 1908; item: "Andrew Strazicich of the California Restaurant is visiting relatives in Oakland."

EP; 21 Jul 1908; article: "REMARKABLE RANGE OF SLAV LANGUAGE. In an interesting inset to Stieler's Atlas a sketch is given of the distribution of official languages throughout the world. The most pervasive of all the official languages is English, which appears over a considerable portion of every continent and monopolizes one. But next to the English languages which cover the most territory are the Slav, and in one respect their range is still more remarkable, as they are entirely continuous. The Slav languages—Russian, Czech, Bulgarian, Servian, Croatian, Polish and so on, all closely connected with one another—are actually spoken over the northern half of Asia and in half of Europe. Perhaps the most graphic way of stating this fact is to say that a man thoroughly conversant with one of the Slav languages, and with none other, could make himself understood in traveling from the east coast of the Adriatic across Europe and across Asia to the Bering Sea. Another remarkable fact about the Slavs is the vigor of their expansion during the last hundred years. During the early part of the 19th century educated Russians following the example and precepts of Peter the Great, and to some extent of Catherine II, seemed almost ashamed of their nationality and language. The great poet Pushkin, for example, affected to say that 'the language of Europe' was more familiar to him than his mother tongue."

Language Revived.

"Again, in Bohemia, during the early years of the century, the Czech language was almost extinct, so that with a pardonable exaggeration, the Bohemian patriot Palacky, speaking to two of his friends, said that if the ceiling of the room in which they were should fall upon them and crush them the Czech race would have ceased living. Even 50 years ago Bulgars and Servians were hardly known except to historical students, while the language and national traditions of the Poles were repressed with almost equal severity by Russians, Prussians and Austrians. Today all is changed. The Russians, after being ruled on German methods, and also largely by Germans, for more than a century, seem finally to have advanced to a truly national development. From the middle of the last century the tenets of the Pan-Slavists have entirely modified the outlook of the Russian people, who instead of being ashamed of their barbarism, have come to look on the Slav races as the people of the

future. This process was largely aided by the policy of Alexander II, the czar liberator, little as he himself sympathized with the Pan-Slavist agitation. His emancipation of the serfs, and, still more, his campaign to liberate the Bulgars, Servians and Montenegrins from Turkish tyranny, gave Russia and all the other Slav races a new conception of their might and their destiny. This process was continued by Alexander III, who more than any previous czar since Peter the Great was in sympathy with the real nature and spirit of his people.

“This expansion of Russian and national self-consciousness has been accompanied by similar movements in the other Slav races. The new strength of Bulgaria, Servia and Montenegro, as we have seen, was largely due to Russia; but the Poles also, hitherto oppressed by the other Slavs, as well as by Germans, have not only shown that their proud national spirit is not extinct, but have developed unexpected qualities of tenacity and political foresight, and, indeed, in a large province of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy have attained the position of a ruling class. Perhaps, however, Bohemia shows the most wonderful example of Slav revival. This country, which seemed to have had all national spirit crushed out of it by German invaders since the 30 years’ war, has entirely recovered its racial individuality. In Prague itself, the capital, German, if understood, is spoken almost with bated [*sic*] breath, so strong is the feeling against it; and the emperor has actually acknowledged the Bohemian nation’s claims to separate treatment, though he has never actually been crowned as king of Bohemia in Prague, as the Bohemians think would be the logical result of this admission.”

Causes of Slav Revival.

“The causes of this Slav revival, one of the most far-reaching, if hitherto neglected, developments in European history, are twofold. One is the awakening of national feeling in Russia, that mysterious ‘cloud of power in the north,’ as Catham called it, with the life which this awakening brought for the Balkan Slav races; the other is the institution of the German Empire, with the consequent gravitation of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy’s interests from Germany to all the scattered races in its own orbit. The casual observer, influenced no doubt by the history of former centuries, still thinks of Francis Joseph’s Empire as primarily German, and secondly Hungarian, with an admixture of other races which hardly count numerically or politically. But, as a matter of fact of all the races in the monarchy the Slavs are the most numerous. In Austria proper, out of over 26 million inhabitants there are only 9 million Germans and about 1 million Italians and Wallachians, while the remaining 16 million are Slavs.

“Even in Hungary, in a population of over 19 million, the Slavs account for over 5 million and the Hungarians do not form half the population. In the whole of the monarchy the Germans are only reckoned at 11 million and

the Hungarians at 8,250,000. In view of these figures it is at first sight a subject for wonder that the Slavs have not more influence in the realm than they at present have. One reason for this is that they are still by no means a coherent body. In Galicia, for example, there are two Slav races, the Poles and the Ruthenes; and of these the Poles, being the masters, have driven the Ruthenes into opposition to them. The Serbs of the monarchy and the Croats, closely allied as they are in blood, are separated by their religions, the former belonging to the Orthodox church, while the Croats are Roman Catholics. In fact, the Bohemians, the Poles and the Croats, now almost dominant races in their own parts of the empire, find sometimes as much cause for difference with some of the other Slav races as with the Germans and Hungarians.”

EP; 22 Jul 1908; item: “Miss Catherine Balovich arrived home last evening after a six weeks’ visit in San Francisco.”

EP; 24 Jul 1908; item: “Attorney George W. Smith went to Santa Cruz this morning on legal business for Attorney James A. Hall.”

EP; 24 Jul 1908; article: “**Packers and Shippers Are Getting Their Houses into Shape...** A visit to the many packing houses in this city shows that the packers are not worrying over the apple output this season...”

“During the past year there has been one large new packing house erected in the Walker street district, several old ones have had additions constructed, and in others many improvements have been made preparatory to the opening of this season’s business.

“A...reporter who visited the packing houses yesterday found all of the packers in a sanguine mood over the prospects for this season. ‘Biggest in years,’ was the usual answer to the question, ‘What do you think of the prospects for the apple season?’

“Many of the packers have small forces of men at work in the houses making boxes, overhauling trucks, patching boxes, etc.

“The ‘cot’ driers are up to their necks in work. Pulisevich Bros., who have leased Cassin’s field for the drying season, have nearly 100 men, women and children engaged in pitting. There one sees old men and young men, old women and young women, boys and girls, babes in arms and in boxes—all except the latter working industriously for ‘six cents per.’ The average wage earned by these workers is about one dollar per day. The apricot driers located in the country are not so fortunate in securing help, although they pay from two to four cents more per box. Pitters say that they would rather work in town for six cents a box than to go out into the country for eight or ten...”

EP; 25 Jul 1908; item: “In re guardianship of Clara Rad-

ovich, an incompetent person—Inventory and appraisal.

EP; 30 Jul 1908; born: “Watsonville, July 29, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Anto Vajaldo [Valjalo/Wayalo], a daughter.” [*Ann*; +1983; *married Vernor*]



Fig. 3-19.
Ann Wayalo.

EP; 31 Jul 1908; item: “A young Slavonian apricot picker named Mike Vencich...fell from a tree in which he was working and sustained a fracture of the shoulder which was reduced by Dr. Koepke. The young man had placed too much confidence in the strength of a heavily laden limb.”

EP; 3 Aug 1908; ALL: P. Cumbelich, Baldo Gale, John Jagich. Foreign: Mijo Ban.

EP; 5 Aug 1908; article: “ORGANIZATION PERFECTED. About 25 prominent apple shippers of this city and valley met...in the Chamber of Commerce rooms and perfected the permanent organization of the Pajaro Valley Packers’ and Shippers’ Association, as was predicted they would do in yesterday’s...‘Pajaronian.’

“The following directors were elected: Luke Scurich, P. W. Morse, M. N. Lettunich, C. H. Baker, W. H. Benteen. They will serve one year.

“The directors afterward met and elected the following officers: W. H. Benteen, president; Luke Scurich, vice-president; P. W. Morse, secretary; Pajaro Valley Bank, treasurer.

“All packers present...signed the charter membership roll and it is expected that by August 18th, when the same will be closed, every packer and shipper in the valley will be enrolled...”

EP; 5 Aug 1908; item: “Bernino Rodriquez et ux to Natale Skocko—0.131 acres of Calabasas Ranch, west of Hysell, \$10.”

EP; 6 Aug 1908; item: “Writ of attachment—Joe Locatelli vs. D. Batistich et al.—Lots 2, 3 and 4 and S.E. ¼ of N.E. ¼, section 76, T. 9 S., R. 3 W., \$115.26.”

EP; 7 Aug 1908; item: “An injunction issued from the Superior Court...restraining John M. Ryan from interfering with Anton Scurich in the peaceable possession of certain property located on East Lake avenue and leased by Scurich from Ryan. Attorney James A. Hall, representing the petitioner, applied for the injunction because Ryan, who claims that the terms of the lease are not

being complied with, locked the gate leading to the premises and refused to permit the tenant to enter.”

EP; 7 Aug 1908; Monterey Co. supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: ...M. Kulick, labor: \$59.25...”

EP; 8 Aug 1908; item: “Pajaro Valley Bank vs. Scurich, et al.—Settlement and statement and motion for new trial...”

EP; 10 Aug 1908; ALL: Baldo Gale, Blas Pokovich, Toni Torusich. Foreign: M. Bautovic, Steve Brautovich, Baldo Gale, Mateo Vucasovich.

EP; 10 Aug 1908; born: “Watsonville, August 9, 1908, to the wife of Stephen Scurich, a son.” [*Stephen Jr. “Bob”*; +1972]



Fig. 3-20. Stephen “Bob” Scurich.

EP; 11 Aug 1908; article: “Martin Droback [Drobac] was foreman of the Lettunich Ranch. Under him worked Gjogji Benko. Benko ‘said things’ about Droback which were against the foreman’s character. Droback ‘fired’ Benko. The owner of the ranch reinstated Benko. The foreman quit. Benko made more allegations. They met and the ex-foreman wanted his name established. He asked Benko to go with him to the Lettunich packing house and ‘clear it.’

“They went but while Droback was gathering witnesses to refute the statements made by Benko, the latter made a bolt for the door. Too late, Droback caught him a jolt in the eye and felt vindicated. Benko felt injured and went to Justice Hawkins with his trouble and his sore eye. The Judge issued a warrant. Sandberg served it. Droback was hauled into court. The charge was read. He said, ‘I haven’t time to go to trial so will plead guilty.’ ‘Twenty dollars’ said the judge.”

EP; 14 Aug 1908; item: “Stanley Sliter and Nick Lettunich returned this morning from a two days’ trip to Paraiso Springs.”

EP; 15 Aug 1908; obit: “John Zar, who had been a resident of this city, died last night at his apartments in the Railroad Exchange hotel. The deceased was a native of Austria and was aged 57 years. For the past two and a half years he had resided in Watsonville, having come here in the hope that the climate change would benefit his ailment—lung trouble. He was well and popularly known to the Austrian residents of this city. Mr. Zar came to California from his native country in 1871, and for 35 years of that time was engaged in mining at Angels

Camp, Calaveras county. The only relative he left in this vicinity is John Valejo [Valjalo]...”

EP; 15 Aug 1908; item: “Misses Marian and Louise Rider entertained a company of six young ladies...at their home on Rodriquez street, and later on Lake Watsonville, for the pleasure of Miss Freda Steinhart, of Santa Clara and Miss Viola Morse of this city...Those present were: Misses Freda Steinhart, Viola Morse, Anna Farlin, Ruth Tuttle, Alice Weisenburger, Clara Clem, Marion and Louise Rider.”

EP; 15 Aug 1908; item: “Antone Scurich, plaintiff, vs. John M. Ryan, defendant—Demurrer.”

EP; 15 Aug 1908; item: “Joe Locatelli, plaintiff, vs. D. Batistich and Kat Batistich, defendants—Demurrer.”

EP; 15 Aug 1908; item: “N. V. Lettunich returned yesterday from a three days’ outing to Paraiso Springs.”

EP; 15 Aug 1908; obit: “Watsonville, August 14, 1908, John Zar, aged 57 years, a native of Austria.”

EP; 17 Aug 1908; ALL: V. F. Setenich. Foreign: Jakob Rivodic, Paul Zivanovich.

EP; 18 Aug 1908; article: “**Fruit Industry Has Called Largest Number of People Seen Here in Years.** At the union temperance meeting the other night one of the speakers said that the population of Watsonville had doubled in the past 25 or 30 years. If one were to judge by the strange faces to be seen on the street Saturday night it might be surmised that the population had doubled again since the foregoing figures were taken.

“In the passing throng one who had lived here for years might find his townsmen of 20 years ago averaging about one in every hundred faces; those of 10 years ago, including children, about one in every 20, while the people whose names had been learned recently or not at all were going past by hundreds.

“That circumstance has to be accounted for by the arrival of an unusual number of people whose business is to work in the fruit. They are certainly a very desirable class of people, far removed from the gypsie and hobo class of travelers.

“This migratory contingent as a rule is composed of sober, respectable and industrious workers, in many instances young married couples enjoying an outing and at the same time making their pleasure pay.

“This class is well known in the interior of the State, where they follow the fruit ripening season from south to north, but this is the first year that their services have been required in this early part of the season, and they have found the lodging house keepers and restaurateurs somewhat unprepared for them. They are regular patrons

of those establishments and are known as orderly, desirable customers while they stay.

“Distinguished from them is another class of migratory working people who have come from the interior or northern part of the State and purpose going south by wagon to spend the winter. They are here in families and are camped near the berry or hop fields. They, too, are orderly and respectable, having nothing in common with the old-fashioned ‘wagon tramps’ who spent their lives running away from work.

“Working with these people and scattered all over the valley in various departments of the fruit industry are the young Slavonians patiently plodding through their first years in America and no doubt dreaming of the soon to be seen day when they, too, will be employers of men. They constitute a noteworthy figure in the average population.

“The much-talked-of Jap is not so much in evidence in the fruit work as one might suppose. In fact there seem to be more Chinese than Japanese scattered amongst the laborers.

“Last—and thanking a kind Providence, least—is the famous Weary Willie, the peripatetic half-unfortunate, half-criminal, wholly lazy ‘bo’ whose sole object in working a while is not so much to enjoy the first fruits of his labor as it is to get a place of reference in case he gets ‘pinched.’

“With all of these people in the valley it is scarcely a cause for wonder that our population would seem to have doubled several times recently. It all means prosperity for the merchant and the merchant can never be prosperous unless the community of his customers have a silver ‘jingle in their jeans.’”

Paj; 20 Aug 1908; article: “J. P. Miovich...the senior partner of the firm of J. P. Miovich & Co. leaves tomorrow...for his native town, Ragusa [Dubrovnik]...[He] will be accompanied by his wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. K. Zadielovich. Mr. Miovich is one of Pajaro valley’s pioneer fruit packers, having [packed fruit] for more than 15 years... In later years Mr. Miovich has been associated with Louis P. Cikuth, under the firm name of J. P. Miovich & Co...[T]heir ‘Valley View Brand’ has done much toward advertising this locality...Mr. Miovich still retains his extensive property interests here which will be looked after and cared for by F. P. Marinovich.”

EP; 21 Aug 1908; item: “An injunction was filed...in the superior court in the case of Antone Scurich vs. John M. Ryan in which the defendant is to desist and refrain from any manner interfering with the peace and quiet of the plaintiff as to certain orchard property in this valley. It is a cold and dull day when the Salsipuedes Ryans are not the central figures in justice or superior court episodes.”

EP; 21 Aug 1908; item: “S. Scurich was in Santa Cruz today as a witness in a superior court case.”

EP; 21 Aug 1908; item: “Peter Stolich went to Santa Cruz today to attend the Scurich-Ryan court proceedings.”

EP; 21 Aug 1908; item: “Steve Scurich, ‘Billy’ Pulisevich and L. P. Cikuth went to Santa Cruz this morning on legal business.”

EP; 21 Aug 1908; item: “George Novakovich, John Scurich and Peter Resetar, witnesses in the Scurich vs. Ryan case, went to Santa Cruz this morning.”

EP; 22 Aug 1908; item: “Antone Scurich, plaintiff, vs. John M. Ryan, defendant—Subpoena.”

EP; 22 Aug 1908; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Louis Farlin are spending the day at Capitola.”

EP; 24 Aug 1908; obit: “Watsonville, August 22, 1908, Mrs. Anton Novakovich, a native of Austria, aged 36 years and 4 months.”

EP; 24 Aug 1908; article: “Sentenced this morning to 40 days in the county jail on the charge of being drunk, and hailed into court in the afternoon to answer to the charge of forgery, was the fate of John Rodriquez, a local celebrity...When the Pajaro Valley Bank opened this morning, notice was given to the officials to stop payment on a check for \$9 made out in favor of S. Strazicich. A few minutes later A. Riboni, a hotel keeper, brought the check in question to Chief of Police Albright and asked what he should do with it. The chief saw at a glance that the endorsed name of Strazicich was forged, as it was spelled, Stravicich. The check was shown to Mr. Strazicich and he pronounced it a forgery at once.

“Rodriquez has been employed by the Granite Rock Company and has been boarding at the restaurant owned by Mr. Strazicich. Knowing Rodriquez to be of doubtful integrity, the restaurateur refused to board him unless he was assured of money for board. Accordingly it was agreed that the Granite Rock Company should make Rodriquez’s check out in favor of Strazicich, so that he could deduct what was due for board and return the remainder over to Rodriquez. The scheme worked to perfection for several weeks and probably would have continued to do so had not the aforementioned Rodriquez gotten an idea that he was a whiz with the quill. Saturday night, instead of going to the Morning Star with his check, he went to A. Riboni’s place and passed the check after fixing the name ‘Stravicich’ to it. When the facts became known Riboni swore to a complaint charging the pen and ink ‘artist’ with forgery, which will be a just cause for Mr. Rodriquez becoming the guest of the State should he be convicted.”

EP; 24 Aug 1908; obit: “Mrs. Anton Novakovich died... at the family home, 245 Ford street, from lung troubles.

She and her husband were married about three months ago in San Jose and immediately after the happy event came to Watsonville, where Mr. N. had previously lived, to reside. Shortly after coming here her health began to fail and...her spirit was finally called to take its flight, much to the sorrow of a loving husband and friends. Mrs. Novakovich was a native of Austria and was aged 36 years and 4 months...” *[they were married in July of 1906 and so were married longer than 3 months; they also had a child in June of 1907]*

EP; 26 Aug 1908; item: “L. G. Sresovich, Jr., son of the late Luke Sresovich, who was sued by J. Christiansen and Mrs. Evelyn G. Ware in Santa Cruz on August 17 for \$500 damage to crops, \$1000 rental for occupation since June 27 and possession of land near Soquel, announced...that the matter had been amicably settled out of court and that he had given Mrs. Ware and Christiansen full possession of the lands in question as executrix and executor of the estate of his father.”

EP; 27 Aug 1908; item: “B. F. Brooks to Andrew N. Zuffich—Lot 34, Blackburn subdivision, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 27 Aug 1908; item: “George W. Smith went to San Francisco this afternoon on legal business for Attorney James A. Hall.”

EP; 28 Aug 1908; item: “J. Christiansen and Evelyn G. Ware, as executor and executrix of the last will and testament of the estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased, plaintiffs, vs. Luke George Sresovich, defendant—Demurrer.”

EP; 28 Aug 1908; item: “In re estate of Luke Lasich, deceased—Petition for distribution; order appointing day of settlement of account and hearing of petition for decree of distribution; vouchers; report of final account.”

EP; 29 Aug 1908; item: “Peter Lasich of Santa Cruz, the only relative in this country of the late Luke Lasich of Watsonville, has asked the superior court, says the News, for final distribution of the estate, which is worth \$7327 to their father, Ivo Lasich in Dalmatia, Austria. The dead man leaves two younger brothers at home in Dalmatia. He was never married. According to the law of this State the whole estate in such cases goes to the father.”

EP; 31 Aug 1908; ALL: V. F. Setenich.

EP; 1 Sep 1908; board of aldermen, payments: “...M. Kolich, assign claim of G. Papich, labor: \$4; M. Kalich, assign claim of T. Percovich, labor: \$4...”

EP; 1 Sep 1908; item: “Antone Scurich, plaintiff, vs. John M. Ryan, defendant—Affidavits.”

Paj; 3 Sep 1908; article: **“Federal Government Has Special Agents Examining into the Character of All Applicants.** It is not so easy to become an American citizen as it used to be, and some of the applicants for naturalization are finding it out, says the Salinas Index. The federal government has taken a hand in these matters, with the purpose of preventing aliens who do not have good moral character, who are disposed to anarchy or polygamy, and who do not show capacity intelligently to exercise the elective franchise, from becoming voters and thereby aids to designing politicians engaged in the subversion of good government for the purpose of their own aggrandizement...[T]he requirements of citizenship on the part of aliens [are]:

“1. Fulfillment of the statutory requirements as to five years’ residence in the United States and freedom from taint of anarchy and polygamy.

“2. Industry and good moral character.

“3. Intelligent loyalty to American institutions, including a knowledge of the workings of the State and federal government sufficient to fit the applicant to become an intelligent voter.

“When aliens petition the court for naturalization, a statement of the petitioner’s case as far as is disclosed in his petition is sent to the United States attorney’s office, and an investigation is set on foot by the government to ascertain the character of the petitioner from other sources...

“The strictness of the federal government in the matter of naturalization is keeping some aliens from trying to become voters.”

EP; 5 Sep 1908; item: “Pajaro Valley Bank vs. S. Scurich—Settlement of bill of executions.”

EP; 7 Sep 1908; ALL: Jan Baravich, Mrs. Marie Bratovich [Brautovich], Frank Gilincic.

EP; 7 Sep 1908; item: “Anton Scurich, plaintiff, vs. John M. Ryan, defendant—Demurrer to cross-complaint; answer to cross-complaint.”

EP; 8 Sep 1908; born: “Watsonville, Sept. 5, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Pekoch, a son.” [*Stephen*; +1988]

EP; 10 Sep 1908; item: “In re estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Order appointing appraisers.”

EP; 10 Sep 1908; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Millicich, Mr. Stipivich and Mrs. Balich of Santa Cruz, and Miss Anna Johnson of this city, motored over to Monterey in Mr. Millicich’s automobile yesterday.”

EP; 12 Sep 1908; honor roll: Low 5th grade: Lena Rilovich, Kate Knego; Low 3rd grade: Willie Marinovich; Low 2nd grade: Ella Strazicich.

EP; 12 Sep 1908; board of supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: Alaga Bros., labor: \$25.75...”

EP; 14 Sep 1908; ALL: F. A. Kacic.

EP; 15 Sep 1908; item: “In re estate of Stephen Stolich, deceased—Decree of final discharge of administrator.”

EP; 17 Sep 1908; born: “Near Watsonville, Sept. 14, 1908, to the wife of Peter Resetar, a son.” [*Michael Butch*”; +1962]

EP; 21 Sep 1908; item: “Stephen Scurich is a business visitor to the county seat this afternoon.”

EP; 21 Sep 1908; article: “A BIG APPLE SHOW. The whole State of Washington does not raise[,] right at present[,] one half the amount of apples that does the Pajaro valley, but that fact does not stop the growers there from acting in unison for the improvement of the big industry, as should be the case here always.

“The National Apple Show Association of Spokane, Wash., has announced \$35,000 in cash and other premiums, trophy cups, ribbons and diplomas, for exhibits at its first annual festival open to the [illeg.] December [?] to [?]. The feature award is \$1500 in gold for a car of the best standard commercial winter apples. There is also a prize of \$1000 for the best individual, district, county, State or provincial exhibit, and a golden apple to the exhibitor of the largest single apple. H. J. Neely, secretary and manager, has received assurance that practically every apple district on the continent will be represented.” [*some of this article was illegible*]

EP; 21 Sep 1908; item: “At the Democratic primaries held in Santa Cruz Saturday the following delegates were elected to the Democratic county convention...George Dabelich...[only Slav of 35]”

EP; 21 Sep 1908; ALL: M. Mary Bratovich, Mrs. Mary Braticevich, Miss Mary Braticevich, M. Metkish, Geo. Perich and Co. Foreign: Matte Cemeljich, Joe Grassi.

EP; 24 Sep 1908; item: **“Scurich-Ryan Case Will Soon Come to Trial.** In the case of A. Scurich vs. John Ryan...several Watsonville citizens have already been summoned as eligibles for veniremen in the case...The case is of Scurich seeking to enjoin Ryan from interfering with the apple orchard of the defendant. It seems that some time ago Scurich rented the orchard from Ryan in consideration of a cash rental and later Ryan claimed that Scurich was not giving the trees in the orchard their proper treatment. Ryan, it is alleged, then began interfering with the plans of Scurich in regard to the orchard and the case comes as a result of the trouble...”

EP; 25 Sep 1908; item: “Nicholas Lettunich, the 15-year-old son of Mateo Lettunich, received a broken shoulder as the result of a bicycle collision at Main and Peck streets...Some wheel rider whose name is unknown took the wrong side in passing and in the resulting mixup young Lettunich was thrown against a passing express wagon with such force that his injuries required surgical attention. He is on the street today, but will be under care for some time.”

EP; 25 Sep 1908; class. ad: “SHOEMAKING and repairing neatly and promptly done. J. J. Sequeira and Niko Radimir, 19 Second street.”

EP; 25 Sep 1908; article: “ANCIENT FOREST IS UNDER THIS VALLEY. How long ago was it that a forest of stately redwood trees grew on the rich apple land of Pajaro valley? But perhaps—no, probably, it wasn't apple land at that time, unless, possibly, it was the Garden of Eden and was engaged in growing the enticing Bellefleur that caused Adam so much trouble...”

“The question as to its probable existence is brought to mind by a couple of incidents, one of them current now. Out in the well known Mud Flat district on the Monterey county side of Pajaro river M. J. McGowan is boring a well for the purpose of getting water with which to irrigate about 10 acres of strawberries...”

“Mr. McGowan reports that when the drill was at a depth of about 80 feet it sent up a number of redwood chips, showing that it had encountered a log of that species of wood. This incident alone would not have been considered remarkable, but taken in connection with a similar discovery of several years ago it becomes very interesting.

“When Jas. Waters, the nurseryman, was boring for water on the Spring place opposite the Porter home across the river in 1894, he put down two wells within an area of about one hundred square feet. In both wells redwood was encountered at a depth of something over 80 feet...”

“The finding of redwood at approximately the same depth at points in the valley some 3 miles distant from each other, indicates an extensive distribution of logs, either through the early submergence of a forest, or from logs having been washed there by the waters of some old river whose course had been forgotten long before Santa Fe and St. Augustine had been thought of...”

EP; 26 Sep 1908; item: “Gregory Alexich, who recently purchased the Romie and Collins apple crops, across the river from Gonzales, arrived on Wednesday's train with a big crew of pickers from Watsonville.—Gonzales Tribune.”

EP; 26 Sep 1908; item: “Andrew Balich et ux to Annie Rasmussen et al.—Lot 60x200.45 on east side Campbell St., south of House, Santa Cruz, \$10.”

EP; 28 Sep 1908; item: “Nick Lettunich returned last evening from a business trip of several days to San Francisco.”

EP; 28 Sep 1908; item: “AN IRRIGATION FACT. Now that the big irrigation congress approaches, an experience of C. G. Redman, a local orchardist, is of special interest, particularly as the apple industry has been conducted here without resorting to irrigation except in rare and experimental cases.

“A week ago Mr. Redman picked all of the apples in his orchard that had attained a proper size. The pickers used an iron ring $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter with which to measure the fruit, and all apples that would pass through the ring were left on the trees.

“After the trees had been picked over for 3-inch apples (those rejected by the $2\frac{3}{4}$ inch ring) water was turned into the orchard and the roots of the trees were given a good soaking.

“...[J]ust a week after the day of the picking, Mr. Redman picked again. He found that a great many of his apples had grown to over 3 inches in diameter, and a great many more had reached the 3-inch grade, the latter showing a growth of a quarter-inch in diameter in one week.”

EP; 28 Sep 1908; item: “Chas. Arbanas and Peter Gohn engaged in a fist fight...last evening on Main street near the city hall. Officers Corr and Sandberg stopped the scrap and arrested the belligerents, who put up \$10 apiece for their appearance. The cash was forfeited.”

EP; 28 Sep 1908; item: “Tomorrow the celebrated case of A. Scurich vs. John Ryan will come up before a jury in Superior...court at Santa Cruz. This case was brought by Scurich for the purpose of preventing Ryan from interfering with a certain orchard that was rented by Scurich from Ryan. Ryan claimed that Scurich was not properly attending to the fruit trees in the orchard and attempted to interfere...”

EP; 29 Sep 1908; item: “Jos. Secondo to Ira M. Bardmess—Lot 563x165 on N.E. side Rodriguez St., 450 feet S.E. of First street, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 1 Oct 1908; item: “Vienna, Oct. 1.—The Austrian government is issuing repeated warnings against the emigration of its subjects to America, and particularly to Pennsylvania, in which State labor conditions are reported as being bad.”

EP; 1 Oct 1908; item: “The case of A. Scurich vs. John Ryan is in progress today before a jury of the superior court. Up to noon today two witnesses had been examined. It is likely the case will be concluded late tomorrow.”

EP; 1 Oct 1908; item: "The Santa Cruz team will bowl the locals tomorrow...evening...The local team comprises Leddy, Smith, Lettunich, Albright and Finn."

EP; 3 Oct 1908; item: "John Kralj to Martin Kralj—undivided ¼ of lot 48x130 on southeast side Ford St., 176 feet southwest of Rodriquez, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 3 Oct 1908; item: "The case of Anton Scurich vs. John M. Ryan...has been a trade winner for the Southern Pacific Co. A large number of witnesses have been subpoenaed by both sides and daily have these witnesses been going back and forth to the county seat expecting to be called upon to testify. Not until late yesterday afternoon had very many been placed on the witness stand..."

"On Monday, the judge, jury, lawyers and court bailiff will all come to Watsonville to make a personal inspection of the Ryan orchard, the bone of contention in the present suit, thereby adding a few dollars more to the cost bill.

"Mr. Scurich has the Ryan orchard under lease. Ryan claimed that the orchard was being improperly taken care of, which Scurich denies, and the present suit on the latter's part is to have an injunction permanently lifted that the former gentleman had issued against him entering the premises."

EP; 5 Oct 1908; ALL: Lazar Beko, Gan Bulas, Mrs. Mary Bratovich, M. Tomasevich. Foreign: Ivo Bulash.

EP; 6 Oct 1908; board of aldermen, payments: "...S. Strazicich, assign claim of T. Suesser: \$20..."

EP; 7 Oct 1908; item: "The jury in the Scurich vs. Ryan case will be over from Santa Cruz tomorrow to view the Ryan orchard, the subject of controversy in the suit. The lawyers will make their arguments on Friday and it is expected that the case will be submitted to the jury late that afternoon."

EP; 8 Oct 1908; item: "Court Bailiff Enoch Alzina and the jury that is hearing evidence in the Ryan-Scurich case came over from Santa Cruz today and made a personal inspection of the Ryan orchard, the subject of controversy. The party returned to the county seat on the noon train. The lawyers will make their arguments this afternoon and the case will likely be in the jury's hands late this afternoon."

EP; 8 Oct 1908; honor roll: Low 5th: Kate Knego; Low 3rd: Willie Marinovich.

EP; 9 Oct 1908; item: "The Scurich vs. Ryan injunction case is now engaging the attention of the jury and the superior judge of this county today. Yesterday afternoon it was decided to take a recess today and resume opera-

tions tomorrow, when some additional testimony will be introduced by the Scurich side in relation to alleged breaking of heavily laden limbs of fruit trees that has recently taken place in the orchard."

EP; 10 Oct 1908; item: "BIG RELAY RACE ON. This afternoon...the great 20-mile relay race from Santa Cruz to Watsonville began and will likely end in about one hour and 30 minutes. The Watsonville YMCA should win this contest easily, as their men are some of the fastest sprinters in this section of the State...The various runners will be taken to their positions in automobiles, the following people having generously donated the use of their machines for that purpose: ...Nick Lettunich..."

EP; 12 Oct 1908; item: "The Board of Supervisors have appointed election officers, at a per diem of \$5 each, to conduct the elections in the county on November 3d. The following are the officers appointed for the precincts in this end of the county...Calabaras Precinct: Ballot Clerks: C. N. Socko [Skocko]..."

EP; 12 Oct 1908; article: "SCURICH GETS VERDICT. The case of Anton Scurich vs. John Ryan, Sr., wherein the plaintiff alleged that the defendant had unlawfully restrained him from freely entering and managing a 15-acre orchard property in the Salsipuedes district that was under lease from said Ryan was decided in favor of Scurich by a jury in the Superior court late Saturday afternoon. The damage assessed against Ryan is \$750 and the costs of the suit, which will probably be several hundred dollars."

"The case had been on trial for the major portion of about three weeks and was hardly fought by both sides. Many citizens of this city and valley were called to Santa Cruz, at great inconvenience, to give testimony..."

EP; 12 Oct 1908; article: "A telephone message was received by Joseph Piroja this afternoon announcing the death at San Jose of Miss Katie Stojanovich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Stojanovich, highly esteemed former residents of this city. Miss Stojanovich had been ailing but a few days from stomach troubles and her death was a sudden shock to her parents. The Stojanovich family lived in this city for a number of years, the father being the owner of the Garden City grocery store now conducted by Copriviza & Alega [Alaga]. A father, mother, brother and sister are the immediate relatives of the deceased, who was aged 16 years, 9 months and 12 days..." [*Piroja was her uncle*]

EP; 12 Oct 1908; ALL: Elay Arbons [Eli Arbanas]. Foreign: Ivan Jelincic.

EP; 17 Oct 1908; article: "...One of the best organized systems for handling all sorts of apples and for utilizing

every part of the fruit is that in use at the plant run something after the community plan with the San Monte Fruit Company as the parent organization. It should be understood that each of the establishments is conducted as a separate institution but the three lesser ones, the Pajaro Packing Company, the Krieger Vinegar Works, and the Lee Wah Drier, are almost wholly, or at least in very great measure dependent upon the San Monte Fruit Company for stock.

"For instance, this season about 10,000 tons of apples will be received by the parent company. Through the operation of a mechanical device...the work of a regular army of girls engaged in sorting and grading is greatly facilitated and besides the thousands of boxes of selected 3-, 4- and 5-tier apples reserved for shipment by the company, there is a double stream of defective or blemished fruit turned out by the machine. One stream of the rejected apples goes to the cannery, and another to the drier, while the residue such as pairings, corings, etc. from these establishments is added to the culls hauled from the fields, and their product is made into good cider vinegar. Of course the output of the latter establishment is not dependent solely on the drier and cannery but apple vinegar stock is secured from many other sources as well.

"In the Lee Wah drier...some number of tons of green apples approximating 1060 will be used, and in the Pajaro Packing Company's cannery this season an effort will be made to use somewhere near 650 tons, and of these two amounts, added to the consumption of the vinegar works are estimated to cover practically all of the difference between the fruit received and fruit forwarded in their big packing house..."

EP; 17 Oct 1908; item: "**Distribution of Apples and Cider at Hanford**...The greatest credit is due to Canton Watsonville No. 32, Patriarchs Militant, for the efficient advertising done at Hanford during the recent encampment of Odd Fellows there..."

"At Hanford, after the parade, there was a free distribution of cider and apples at the headquarters of Watsonville Canton No. 32..."

"The number of people who were 'treated' ran into the thousands and all were pleased. The local Canton asks us to extend the thanks of its members to those who contributed the cider and apples. The former was the firm of Jones Bros. and the latter were listed as follows: F. P. Marinovich, Loma Fruit Company, M. Grizich, A. N. Judd, San Monte Fruit Company, B. Pista & Co., Frank Simpson, Martin Bros., United Apple Growers, Pekoch & Co., Frank Radovan, Earl Fruit Company, McDonald & Sons, Edmund Peycke Company, California Fruit Packing Company, Peter Mengol, Tait Fruit Company, P. W. Morse Company, Rilovich & Co., E. B. Lettunich & Co., M. Kukuliza & Co., Stolich Bros., Novacovich & Stolich, J. Scurich & Co., Alaga Bros."

EP; 19 Oct 1908; item: "Antone Scurich, plaintiff, vs. John M. Ryan defendant—Subpoena; notice of motion to tax costs."

EP; 20 Oct 1908; item: "Wallace, Idaho, Oct. 20.—As the result of a quarrel as to whether there is a deity and as to whether the statements of the bible are based on mythology, Peter Rukavana and George Melick are both dead at Taft, a settlement near Wallace. Melick asserted that there is no God and that the bible's statements were untrue. In the heat of the discussion he drew a revolver and shot Rukavana in the mouth, killing him instantly. Melick escaped, but while trying to gain the shelter of the hills fell over an embankment and landed on his head. He received injuries from which he died yesterday morning."

EP; 22 Oct 1908; class. ad: "FOR SALE—Onions by the sack, from one sack to 500, delivered. Inquire at Scurich Bros., 22 Kearney St."

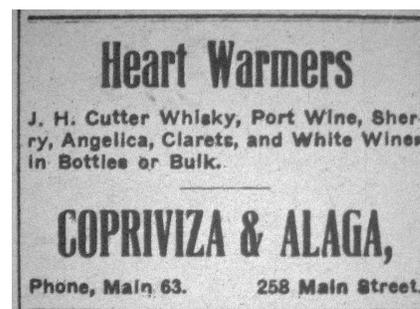
EP; 22 Oct 1908; class. ad: "SHOEMAKING and repairing neatly and promptly done. J. J. Sequeira and Niko Radimir, 19 Second street."

EP; 22 Oct 1908; disp. ad: "Best Meals, Best Service; Strazicich & Sersen, Props."



Fig. 3-21.
Ad in *Evening Pajaronian* of 22 Oct 1908.

Fig. 3-22.
Ad in *Evening Pajaronian* of 22 Oct 1908.



EP; 23 Oct 1908; item: "In re estate of L. G. Sresovich, deceased—Claim of Fred W. Fry for \$15 allowed and approved."

EP; 23 Oct 1908; item: "This evening at the Brunswick

bowling alleys two fast local teams will line up against each other for the supremacy in the game of pins. The Royal Blues, captained by Jack Finn, consists of Finn, Lettunich, Braw, Sedgwick and Smith...The game will be played for a side bet. Another event of interest will be a contest between Jack Finn and Pete Nelson. Five games will be played.”

EP; 24 Oct 1908; item: “In re estate of Luke Laish [Lasich], deceased—Order settling account and distribution; receipt for payment of inheritance tax.”

EP; 24 Oct 1908; article: “FANCY BELLEFLEURS FOR N.Y. MARKETS. A number of the local packing houses have underway a proposition to make up a carload shipment of Bellefleur apples for New York. Nothing but choice 4-tier stock, highly colored, will be forwarded. Upon reaching New York the apples will be placed on sale by a representative in the best fruit stands of that city and it is predicted that their sale will be quickly effected and a future demand for Pajaro valley choice Bellefleurs created.

“Heretofore Bellefleurs have not been marketed in New York but to a small extent—in fact their shipment there has not been encouraged. This year Pajaro valley has a crop of this variety of apples that for average size, color and quality has never been excelled here. There has never in the past been a fair test made of the New York market with this variety of apples, and the packers who will send the car out next week are going to make it for the first time.

“Luke Scurich and F. P. Marinovich are interesting themselves in the matter of securing from the different packers from 50 to 100 boxes of choice Bellefleurs to make up the carload. They have both had long and successful experience in the apple packing and shipping business and are firm in their belief that the fancy fruit stalls of New York will become extensive purchasers of choice Pajaro valley Bellefleurs providing they are given that kind of stock. The outcome of this test shipment will be anxiously watched by all growers and packers.”

EP; 26 Oct 1908; item: “The Watsonville ‘Pajaronian’ published on the 22d that the Santa Cruz bowlers were afraid to play the local team of that place. Manager Forman states that the reason he did not play Watsonville was because they were no match for the boys here; that the last contest showed it, but he will call the Watsonville bluff and they can have a game by placing \$400 against \$500, or smoke their own pipe. This offer is open to November 1st.—Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 26 Oct 1908; born: “Watsonville, Oct. 24, 1908, to Mrs. John Capatanich [Capitanich], a daughter.” [*Helen; +1998; see next Fig.*]

Fig. 3-23.
Helen Capitanich.



EP; 26 Oct 1908; item: “Gregory Alexich of Gonzales was in town yesterday.”

EP; 26 Oct 1908; item: “The final account of Peter Lasich of Santa Clara, administrator of the estate of his brother, the late Luke Lasich of Watsonville, has been filed in the superior court. The estate, which is appraised at \$7327, goes to deceased’s father, Ivo Lasich, 80 years old, of Dunave, Grudkia [Gruda], in the State of Dalmatia, Austria.”

EP; 26 Oct 1908; article: “**Two Local Fruit Packers Engage in Fistic Encounter.** Mike Mayovich and John Gabelich, two residents of the local depot packing section, became engaged in a fistic battle...the result of which was the arrest of Mayovich for battery and the arrest of Gabelich for disturbing the peace.

“It is said that much enmity has prevailed between the two men for some time and last night...the two had some bitter words that ended in the battery of Mayovich upon the person of Gabelich. Before the infuriated man could be pulled off by his friends Gabelich had been kicked around the head and in the chest, receiving painful injuries.

“A call was sent to police headquarters and Officers Whalen and Bagnall were soon upon the scene. Judge Bridgewater was hurried from his home to issue a complaint for battery on the part of Mayovich. The latter was arrested and later released upon payment of \$25 cash bail.

“This morning Mayovich swore out a complaint against Gabelich for disturbing the peace. Gabelich was arrested and released after he had deposited \$10 bail.

“The two cases will be aired before Judge Bridgewater tomorrow...”

EP; 26 Oct 1908; item: “For having unknowingly violated the game laws, N. M. Vuicich of this city...pleaded guilty to shooting protected birds and paid a fine of \$10. The fine was light in consideration of the offense being the first of its kind to be prosecuted here. The birds shot included meadow larks, sparrow hawks, billy owls, plover, and snipe. Perhaps unknown to many farmers the three first-named birds are decidedly their friends. This arrest of Mr. Vuicich by Game Warden Welch should prove a warning to others who unknowingly shoot and kill birds that are protected by the laws of the State. Inform your-

selves on the subject before going out hunting. It will pay in the long run. Most dealers who sell guns and ammunition have pamphlet copies of all the game laws.”

EP; 26 Oct 1908; ALL: John Balash, Novica Clukovich, Luke Glanoich, Petar Oblizalo.

EP; 27 Oct 1908; item: “John Gabelich, charged with disturbing the peace, appeared before Judge Bridgewater...for arraignment. T. J. Gaffey appeared as attorney for Gabelich, and as the defendant demanded a jury trial the case was set for...next Friday morning.”

EP; 27 Oct 1908; article: “CAR OF BELLEFLEURS FOR NEW YORK...Several days ago the ‘Pajaronian’ published an item to the effect that F. P. Marinovich and Luke Scurich, two of the oldest and best known apple shippers of the Pajaro valley, were interesting themselves in getting other packers to join them in making up a carload of extra fancy Bellefleur apples for shipment to an agent in New York who was in touch with the fancy retail grocery and fruit trade of that city, and have the apples placed on sale in that class of stores in order to ascertain whether or not an active demand for such stock of apples from this valley could not be created.

“Messrs. Scurich and Marinovich have been successful in their effort and last night a carload of the choicest Bellefleurs ever packed in this valley left Watsonville depot, consigned to an agent in New York who will place the fruit on sale in certain retail sections of the country’s metropolis. Ten packing houses figure in the shipment of 688 boxes of apples all of which is 4-tier stock with the exception of 25 boxes of 3-tiers. In each box is an ‘apple card’ with statistical literature of the Pajaro valley.

“The car will go east over the Harriman lines to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and there will be picked up by the Chicago and Great Western and hurried on to its destination. The latter railroad company is manifesting considerable interest in the shipment. It will take 12 days for the car to reach New York.

“The results of the ‘test’ shipment of fancy Bellefleurs to New York will be watched with interest. The ‘Pajaronian’ has always been of the opinion that a demand could be created for fancy stock of that variety in New York equally as well as it exists for our Newtowns.”

EP; 27 Oct 1908; article: “One of the boldest highway robberies perpetrated in this part of the State for some time past took place in the Primary school yard...when a Japanese apple packer was robbed of about \$170 by three white men, who subsequently rode away on their bicycles and thus far have escaped detection.

“The facts that have come to light in investigating the robbery are that G. Yokoyama, the Japanese, is... employed at the Frank Radovan packing house on Walker street...”

EP; 27 Oct 1908; article: “G. M. Obradovich, who has been employed for several years as a land cruiser for a syndicate of Swiss capitalists, arrived here...on a visit to his brother, M. Obradovich, a well known fruit grower of this valley.

“During his employment by the capitalists Mr. Obradovich...has located over half a million acres of land, most of it in a colonization scheme developed at Seattle, Washington, and finally established near there.

“In completing the whole plan of colonization referred to, 29,000 Swiss families will be brought around Cape Horn to Seattle and thence will go to their new homes.

“Each family will get a certain number of acres to farm and each year will pay 30% of the earnings of the ranch toward the amount agreed upon...and will get a deed to the land when the full price has been paid.

“At the present time this company has about 100 men in this State cruising land with a view of establishing another colony. They expect to take up about 1,000,000 acres if possible.

“Mr. Obradovich has earned a good salary and commission through his transactions in Washington, and is going to send for his family and remain for the greater portion of his vacation in Pajaro valley. He characterizes this place as the best he has ever seen and his observations in land cruising have extended over most of the world.”

EP; 28 Oct 1908; item: “Oroville, October 28.—The Earl Fruit Company has sold its immense fruit packing houses and other property in this city used for the packing and shipping of fresh deciduous fruits, and the purchaser, it is rumored, is the \$12 million Pacific Fruit Express Company, which filed its incorporation papers here a few days ago. It is expected that if this is true the new concern will pack both deciduous and citrus fruits at this plant and will erect an icing plant and other works here. Developments in regard to the Pacific Fruit Express are being eagerly watched here, for it is believed to be a Western Pacific enterprise, organized for the purpose of securing for the new railway a large portion of the fruit shipping business of the territory through which the Gould road will pass.”

EP; 30 Oct 1908; item: “Peter Capitanovich [Capitanich] of Castroville has been arrested on a misdemeanor charge for failure to provide support for his family. District Attorney Bardin swore to the complaint and a warrant was served by Constable Hiserman, who found the man in Watsonville.”

EP; 31 Oct 1908; article : “The ‘Pajaronian’ has compiled a list of those citizens at this end of the county who have passed the 70 mark, and herewith publishes the list and their ages, although we may be running chances of getting severely censured by a few friends whose ages are made public thereby: Watsonville No. 1: ...Nicola Pavlina 76...[only Slav listed]”

EP; 2 Nov 1908; item: Martin Magud, Al Raicevich.

EP; 2 Nov 1908; item: "**Matter of Securing Adjustment of Apple Rate**...A meeting took place in the Chamber of Commerce rooms...for the purpose of securing action by the Fruit Packers' Association in relation to a petition or appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission on the apple rate question, but discussion of the proposition developed that the matter was not properly a subject of consideration by the packers, and that a discrimination in rates more closely affected the growers. They being associated in a body of their own, the question was very properly but dilatorily referred to the Pajaro Valley Orchardists' Association."

EP; 4 Nov 1908; item: "George Perich, erstwhile manager of the White House Grill, located on lower Main street, left town last Monday for parts unknown with alleged unpaid bills amounting to several hundred dollars hanging over his head. The building occupied by the White House Grill is leased by L. Davis, proprietor of the White House saloon, and Perich was running the restaurant upon his own responsibility. When Perich left town[,] among those he owed were the employees of his place of business. They immediately announced their intention of camping upon the spot until they received their money, but today T. J. Gaffey, representing the Davis interests, gave them orders to move out or suffer the consequences. At the latest reports it has been learned that the employees have vacated the restaurant but their future legal action has not yet been decided upon."

EP; 6 Nov 1908; item: "The applications for naturalization by George Rilovich, Martin Rilovich...and Ivas Ostoja will not be heard until November 21st..."

EP; 6 Nov 1908; honor roll: Low 5th grade: Lena Rilovich, Kate Knego; Low 3rd grade: Willie Marinovich.

EP; 6 Nov 1908; item: "The Capitanich suit, in which the husband, who lives in this city, is sued for non-support of an infant child, will be heard before Judge Wallace at Salinas, Monday."

EP; 7 Nov 1908; county supervisors, payments: ...Indigent Fund. Copriviza & Alaga, mdse.: \$40..."

EP; 9 Nov 1908; article: "Every morning for a week past a number of Austrians have left here for Calaveras county, most of them buying tickets for Angels Camp. These men come to Watsonville most every fall to pick apples and work in the packing houses. The rest of the year they work at mining in Calaveras, Tuolumne and Amador counties. A larger number of them than usual came here this year, owing to the fact that mining operations were practically shut down in the above named counties on account of the scarcity of water."

EP; 10 Nov 1908; item: "Attorney T. J. Gaffey has received notice of a suit filed by Attorney Jas. A. Hall for plaintiffs Nick Milos et als., against L. H. Davis, proprietor of the White House saloon. The suit has been instituted for the purpose of recovering a sum claimed to be due by the plaintiffs for work performed as cooks in the grill, an annex of the White House. The plaintiffs were employed by George Perich, a tenant of Davis, and the latter disclaims any indebtedness to them."

EP; 10 Nov 1908; item: "E. B. Lettunich was a business visitor to Salinas yesterday."

EP; 10 Nov 1908; item: "On a compromise made permissible by a new section of the law[,] the Capitanich case was satisfactorily arranged at Salinas yesterday. Capitanich was being sued by his wife for failure to provide for his minor child. On her agreement to dismiss the criminal charge it was arranged that Capitanich was to pay her \$17.50 a month for the care of herself and the child. The prosecution was represented by District Attorney Bardin, and the defense by George W. Smith of Attorney Hall's office."

EP; 11 Nov 1908; item: "A warrant was sworn out...for the arrest of Lawrence Marshall on a charge of battery. The charge is preferred by Rado Chukovich and comes as a sequel to the arrest and trial of Chukovich yesterday on a similar charge sworn to by Marshall. Chukovich was fined \$10 upon his pleading guilty."

EP; 11 Nov 1908; article: "There has been filed with City Clerk Coffman a protest from property owners having a majority of the street frontage in the district laid out for the opening of Elm street from Union to Main street... The protest reads as follows:

"To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of Watsonville: We, the undersigned, owners of a majority of the frontage that would be assessed to pay the expenses of opening and extending Elm street, according to your resolution of intention, No. [?]88, thereby protest against such work being done for the following reasons:

"The real estate market is very dull. There is no demand for houses to rent. We are still suffering from the effects of the panic of one year ago, and taken altogether this is a most inopportune time to increase the burden taxpayers have to bear. Signed: ...F. P. Marinovich... Manzanita Co...L. R. Farlin..."

EP; 11 Nov 1908; article: "Up to last night 1829 carloads of apples had been shipped from Watsonville depot...and between now and the close of the season this number...will be increased at least 1000.

"Acting Agent Davis of the local depot states that right at present there are plenty of refrigerator cars on hand. Once or twice within the past week or two there was a

slight shortage, but not serious enough to be inconvenient.

“Shipping of Bellefleurs is rapidly coming to a close for the season, although several orchards still have a few on the trees, which is remarkable for this late in the season.”

EP; 11 Nov 1908; born: “Watsonville, Nov. 10, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jurkovich, a daughter.” [*Katherine; +1988*]

EP; 11 Nov 1908; item: “For George Coprivizi [Coprivi-za], to Frank Cunha, a residence and lot on Rodriquez street.”

EP; 12 Nov 1908; article: “**The Apple Still Produces Trouble.** Lawrence Marshall, who is charged with battery by Rado Chukovich, was arrested...This arrest is the outcome of a fight with apples which Marshall, Chukovich and others had a few days ago at one of the local packing houses. Chukovich was arrested for battery and fined \$10, and now he in turn has Marshall arrested on the same charge. Chukovich in his complaint alleges that Marshall started the fight by throwing the apple that hit Chukovich.”

EP; 13 Nov 1908; born: “Watsonville, Nov. 10, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jerkovich, a daughter.” [*see 11 Nov.; different spelling of surname*]

EP; 13 Nov 1908; item: “The cook house and bunk house of the Del Monte Fruit Company (M. N. Lettunich & Co.) at Aromas station in the eastern end of the Pajaro valley, were burned late Wednesday night. They were located in a two-story building, which was a total loss. It is thought that the fire originated in the cook stove in the kitchen.

“No alarm was given until the men in the bunk room over the kitchen were awakened from a sound sleep to find the building in flames. They rushed from the house, many of them not even stopping to secure their clothing, which contained the money received on a recent pay day...”

EP; 16 Nov 1908; ALL: Jovan Radoicich; foreign: Simo Zrnjos, Spiridione M. Marovic, Javo Petkivic, Petrkovich Shavmut, Pero Skurich, John Zivanich.

EP; 17 Nov 1908; item: “Assignment of interest in estate of Carrie Sresovich—L. Geo. Sresovich Jr. to D.R. Knowles, \$500.”

EP; 17 Nov 1908; item: “**COLD STORAGE PLANT. Local and County Businessmen Interested in the Project.** At a meeting held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce...Chairman E. A. Hall was asked to appoint three committees to investigate the detail work preparatory to taking up the matter of constructing a cold storage plant in this city.

“F. A. Hihn of Santa Cruz made an address favoring the project, as did also M. N. Lettunich, O. D. Stoesser, W. H. Benteen, P. W. Morse, C. H. Rodgers and Harry Farnsworth. The latter is an expert cold storage constructor and told of the manner and cost of building the plant.

“The next meeting to be held will include all the commercial organizations of the city.”

EP; 20 Nov 1908; item: “Antone Scurich, plaintiff, vs. John M. Ryan, defendant—Undertaking on appeal.”

EP; 20 Nov 1908; item: “The local fruit season is now fast drawing to a close and the general consensus of opinion seems to be that active operations at most of the local packing houses will close on or about the first of December. This includes the Earl Fruit Company, San Monte, Tate’s Edmund Peycke Co. and nearly all the other commission houses. The independent packing houses and Austrian houses will not likely close down on the first of the month, but will continue work for an indefinite period.”

EP; 23 Nov 1908; article: “**PACKING HOUSE BURNS.** A disastrous fire which started in an adjoining cookhouse and rapidly spread to the packing house nearby, occurred...when the large packing house run by John Alaga, B. Kurlich and Barney Gera, at Pajaro, burned to the ground. The fire began in a small house adjoining the packing house, where two young men were cooking a meal for the employees of the packing house. The fire went beyond their control and before it could be checked swept over to the big plant nearby. A volunteer bucket brigade was pressed into service and was later augmented by a number of Watsonville firemen, but lack of water caused these heroic efforts to fail and by night the house was a complete loss.

“In the packing house were 10,000 boxes of apples belonging to Messrs. Alaga and Kurlich, and four carloads of fruit owned by Gera, all of which was totally destroyed, entailing a loss of nearly \$7000. The building burned was owned by Joe Cunningham, and as the fruit packers had only had the place leased for a short time no insurance was carried on the building or the fruit...”

EP; 24 Nov 1908; item: “Wm. Pulisevich has gone to Los Angeles for his usual winter and spring campaign in the fruit business. He will sell Pajaro valley apples...that are at present in cold storage...”

EP; 28 Nov 1908; marriage: “A...wedding which took place in Santa Cruz...is of special interest here because...this is the home of the groom and the couple will reside here...Frank F. Acacich [Akacich] of Watsonville and Miss Lena Millich were [married] and Geo. Carstulovich and Mrs. Dorothy Podich were groomsman and bridesmaid. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. John Millich of Santa Cruz and is a niece of George Strazicich of the Railroad Exchange hotel and Andrew Strazicich of the California restaurant of this city. She is a native of Santa Cruz county..."

EP; 28 Nov 1908; item: "Antone Scurich, plaintiff, vs. John M. Ryan, defendant—Notice for a new trial."

EP; 30 Nov 1908; ALL: foreign: Luke Vidovich.

EP; 30 Nov 1908; item: "Manager Nick Mortizia of the California Fruit Co. says his house still has about 20 carloads to pack and ship out. This company, under the personal inspection and supervision of Mr. Mortizia, has been sending out weekly to the L. D. McLean grocery firm of San Francisco several hundred half-sized specially packed boxes of Newtowns and Missouri Pippins. Regular four-tier stock makes three-tier apples in these smaller boxes. The McLean Co. has had a great run on this stock in San Francisco."

EP; 30 Nov 1908; item: "J. P. Miovich & Co. and several other Austrian firms are still busy in their packing departments and will likely continue so during December."

EP; 1 Dec 1908; honor roll: Low 5th year: Lena Rilovich, Kate Knego; Low 3rd year: Willie Marinovich.

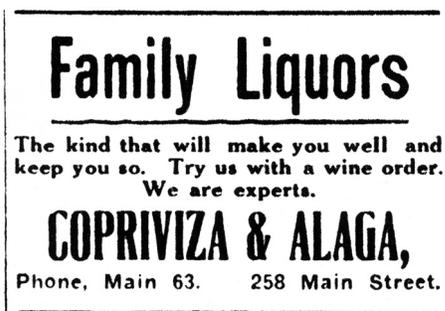


Fig. 3-24. Ad in *Evening Pajaronian* of 1 Dec 1908.

EP; 3 Dec 1908; article: "**An Action for Alleged Damages.** Action was brought this afternoon in Judge Hawkins' court by Messrs. Nick Lucich, Louis Moritich, George Lucich, Nick Banovac, and Martin Karkich against B. Pista for damages amounting to \$247. From the complaint it appears that Pista on August 22d last hired the plaintiffs to pick all the apples in the orchard of R. W. Eaton and also in the St. Francis Orphanage orchard, and all materials necessary for the picking of the apples was to be furnished by the defendant. Now the plaintiffs allege that Pista has hindered them from picking 2500 boxes of apples and has also failed to furnish the necessary materials promised..."

EP; 5 Dec 1908; born: "Watsonville, Dec. 4, 1908, to Mr.

and Mrs. Jacob Matolich [Matulich], a daughter." [*Katherine*; +1996; married Zarevich]

EP; 7 Dec 1908; born: "Watsonville, Cal, Dec. 5, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Antone Zadielovich, a daughter." [*Mary*]

EP; 8 Dec 1908; item: "Jas. B. Holohan et als. to John Miljanich—Lot 75x160 on N.W. side of Sixth St, S.W. of Kidder, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 16 Dec 1908; article: "STILL BUYING APPLES. Apple buyers have been buying up during the past two weeks many small lots of choice apples in different parts of the valley that orchardists had stored away on their account. The amount of fruit so stored away has been a surprise to many of the packers, as they had believed that all the apples suitable for shipping had been hauled to the packing houses. Most of this fruit is found to be quite choice and we are informed that the prices being paid therefor are most satisfactory to the sellers.

"One firm, the California Fruit Co., through its manager, N. Mortizia, has the present week bought up in different parts of the valley over three carloads of four and five-tier Newtowns of choice quality and has found a ready market for them.

"Mr. Mortizia says his firm will not cease operations at their packing house until after Christmas and that by that time they will have packed, shipped and marketed this season 130 carloads of apples, and that none of their fruit is in cold storage."

EP; 17 Dec 1908; obit: "John Opusich, aged 54 years, a well known member of the local Austrian colony, died this morning at San Jose, where he had been for some time in a hospital. Opusich was a laborer by occupation and has been in this country nearly the whole of his life. He was yet a young man when he came to reside in the Pajaro valley, where he has remained ever since. During the past few months his health had been very poor and it was to get necessary treatment that he went to San Jose, where he died. The funeral will be held...under the auspices of the Austrian Benevolent Society..." [*if this information is accurate, then Mr. Opusich was among the first, if not the first, Slav in Pajaro Valley*]

EP; 17 Dec 1908; obit: "San Jose, Dec. 17, 1908, John Opusich, formerly of this city, a native of Austria, aged 54 years."

EP; 19 Dec 1908; ALL: Jno. Arbanison [Arbanasin], Tony Radovich, John Relija [Relja], Anton Yenuich; foreign: Raldo Gode, Rado Radovich, Savo Tusup.

EP; 21 Dec 1908; item: "Gilroy, Dec. 21.—A man supposed to be Charles Stacicich of Oakland, was run over and instantly killed here last evening while stealing

a ride on a southbound freight train...Stacicich was riding between two boxcars and a sudden jerk of the locomotive threw him to the track. Several car wheels had passed over the body before it was discovered. The man is a stranger in Gilroy, and the only means of identification was a union card bearing the name of Charles Stacicich from the local union No. 31 of Oakland. The card shows that the man's dues had been paid up to July last. He was about 30 years old."

EP; 23 Dec 1908; item: "...On December 31st Father Gatin of San Francisco will open a mission for the Austrian Catholics in St. Patrick's church. Father Gatin is an earnest, eloquent divine and his services in the missionary field have been attended with remarkable success. The Austrians of Watsonville and the Pajaro valley will be glad of an opportunity to sit under so gifted a priest of their own nationality."

EP; 23 Dec 1908; obit: "John Damianovich was found dead this morning in a corral at his ranch in San Lorenzo precinct, some miles east of King City, and Coroner Muller went to King City on train 22...to hold an inquest and prepare the remains for burial.

"John Damianovich was one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of Monterey county, and had a host of friends in Pajaro. He formerly lived near Salinas, but about 15 years ago went to the San Lorenzo country and engaged in farming and dairying. He was prosperous and successful in both undertakings.

"Mr. Damianovich was a member of the last grand jury, which sat three days last week and adjourned. At that time he said he was not well and was urged by other members not to expose himself by attending committee meetings. He required the services of a physician several times while in town. The particulars of his death were not given to the coroner in the message calling him to take charge of the remains.

"The deceased leaves a family of children, sons and daughters, some of whom are grown. His sudden death came as a shock to his many friends in Pajaro. He was a native of Austria and was 67 years of age."

EP; 26 Dec 1908; honorary promotions: to high 5th: Kate Knego, Lena Rilovich; to high 1st: Chris Lelovich [Rilovich], Katie Rilovich.

EP; 26 Dec 1908; item: "Nick Zar is here for the holiday season."

EP; 28 Dec 1908; ALL: John Kalish, Andria Svislovic, Michael Tvicevich, Pete Vitlar.

EP; 30 Dec 1908; item: "A. B. Lettunich, one of the leading commission merchants of Los Angeles who several years ago was in the fruit business in this city, is here on a short visit to relatives."

EP; 30 Dec 1908; article: "**Before Becoming a Naturalized Citizen These Days You Must Know A Few Things...**The laws are very strict now in relation to the admission of aliens to citizenship. Now an alien in order to become a citizen, must proceed in the following manner:

"First—Two years at least prior to his admission, and after he has reached the age of 18 years, he shall declare his intention to become a citizen of the United States, under oath, before the county clerk or the clerk of any court exercising naturalization jurisdiction...

"Second—Not less than two years nor more than seven years after making such a declaration and after he has been in the United States continuously for the full period of five years, the applicant must secure two witnesses, citizens of the United States, who shall go with him to the county clerk's office and swear, under oath, that they have personally and continuously known him to be a resident of the United States for the full period of five years immediately preceding that date; of the filing of the petition, and of the State wherein he then resides for the year immediately preceding that date; that he is a man of good moral character; that he is attached to the principles of the constitution of the United States; well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same, and in every way qualified to be admitted as a citizen of the United States.

"Third—Not less than 90 days after filing his petition the applicant, with his two witnesses, upon a day regularly set by the court, must appear in open court before the judge of the court and be examined under oath; the applicant as to his qualifications for becoming an American citizen, and the witnesses as to their competency to testify, from personal knowledge, as to the applicant's character, behavior and facts of residence in the United States, as required by the act of congress of June 29, 1906.

"In addition to the above the applicant must possess the following qualifications:

"He must be over the age of 21 years, able to read and write the English language, and to understand generally the workings of this government; that is, you must know who the president of the United States is, how he gets his office and how long he serves; who the United States senators are from his State, and how they get their office, and the manner in which a bill is presented to congress, and how it is passed, so that when he comes to vote he can vote his own vote, and not be subservient to the will of corrupt political bosses who desire the votes of the illiterate to further their own selfish purposes..."

EP; 31 Dec 1908; item: "**Austrian Catholic Mission.** Rev. Fr. Gatin, S. J., arrives from San Francisco today and during his visit here will conduct a mission at St. Patrick's church in this city for the benefit of the Austrian residents of this community. The latter fully appreciate the excellence of the opportunity to hear their own religion expounded in their own language, and will need no special urging to attend the mission."

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EP; 2 Jan 1909; item: “Nick Lettunich was a New Year’s visitor to San Francisco.”

EP; 2 Jan 1909; ALL: Antun Jerinica [Jerinich], Rudi Kazmanich, Frank Kussnorich. Foreign: Paul Kunigk.

EP; 4 Jan 1909; married: “Mr. Peter Carstulovich of Santa Cruz, who for the past year has been visiting his parents and his native land, Dalmatia, Austria, was married on November 19. The wedding took place at Sebenico, where Mr. Carstulovich was married to Miss Gina Racomarvich. The ceremony took place in the Catholic Church and an uncle of the bride, who stands next to the Bishop of the diocese, solemnized the ceremony. Mr. Carstulovich went to Europe over a year ago with Stephen Scurich of this city.”

EP; 4 Jan 1909; item: “The lodge room in the Odd Fellows’ hall was the scene of an installation and banquet Saturday night at the meeting of the Austrian-American Benevolent and Protective Association. Fully 150 were present at the banquet. The ceremonies were conducted by Past President Luke Scurich and Past Marshall L. P. Cikuth. The following officers were installed: President, N. Radonich; vice-president, P. Stolich; secretary, H. [prob. M.] Franich; treasurer, L. Scurich; financial secretary, G. Novakovich; inside guardian, S. Relja; marshal, Mr. Lazarevich; trustees, G. Strazicich, M. Novakovich, L. Cikuth.”

EP; 4 Jan 1909; promotions by exam: Promoted to high 7th: Peter Marinovich; to low 6th: Florence Smith; to high 5th: Ellen Balovich, Katie Rilovich; to high 4th: Antonio Scurich; to high 3rd: Lena Strazicich, John Strazicich; to low 3rd: Mitchell Boscovich; to high 2nd: Ella Strazicich, Tony Grizich; to low 2nd: Steve Marinovich.

EP; 5 Jan 1909; board of aldermen, payments: “...Louis Raggia, labor: \$1...Strazicich & Sersen, meals: \$23.60...”

EP; 5 Jan 1909; article: “THREE NEW LAWYERS FOR WATSONVILLE. Sacramento, January 5—The examination for admission to the bar, which will be conducted

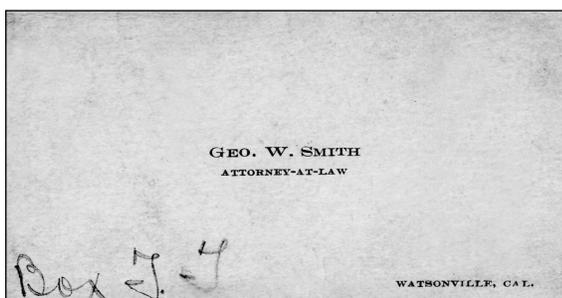


Fig. 3-25. Calling card of Attorney George W. Smith (1887-1928). His mother was Milanović from Primorje.

for the next two days, began yesterday afternoon in the appellate court...Thirteen candidates passed and were given their certificates, which gives them the power to practice in any court in the State. Following are the names of those who passed the examination: Geo. W. Smith, Watsonville; C. R. Taylor, Watsonville, and P. J. McSherry, Watsonville.”

EP; 6 Jan 1909; article: “20 CENT MEALS HAVE DISTURBING EFFECT. Apparently the city legislators must have perused the financial statements of the city officials, as published exclusively in last evening’s ‘Pajaronian,’ showing upwards of \$26,000 receipts in December, with over \$11,000 expenditures, and other interesting facts in connection therewith, for right in the midst of last night’s business, when the monthly claims were under consideration, a great wave of economy and a desire for investigation, retrenchment and reform suddenly loomed up, and the most likely target that appeared to wreak vengeance upon was a bill of Strazicich and Sersen for meals furnished to prisoners during a number of months past, at the rate of ‘20 cents per,’ amounting to a total of \$23.60, and all of which had been properly checked up and approved by Chief of Police Albright.

“This bill started a torrent of arguments pro and con which was interrupted by the mayor’s call for an executive session in order that the heated words might not reach the ears of the fastidious public, and the press representatives.

“When the city fathers emerged from this session a resolution was hurriedly passed providing that hereafter no public officer should purchase goods or necessities for the city unless they first procured a written requisition from the chairman of the committee that was in charge of that line of public work...

“The mayor’s contention last night in relation to the swearing to of all bills presented to the Board for consideration does not seem to have applied in the past to the \$25 per month bill of the Watsonville Water Co., of which corporation he is the superintendent and manager. Probably realizing this last night, and further knowing that it would not look exactly nice or legal for him to swear to the December claims of the company at that time, the bill was laid over for future action—or until some clerk of the company could swear to the affidavit...”

EP; 7 Jan 1909; obit: “This morning Mrs. Antone A. Scurich, who has been a sufferer for a number of months from lung trouble, departed this life at the family home, 22 Sudden street, leaving to mourn her departure from their midst a husband and two little children—a boy and a girl.

“About five years ago Mr. Scurich, who had been a resident of this valley for some time previous, went to his old home in Austria and there was joined in wedlock to the sweetheart of former days. After their marriage the

happy young couple came to this city to make their home. Here they have resided since and their union was blessed with two children, and happiness reigned supreme until the visit of death's messenger..."

EP; 7 Jan 1909; obit: "Watsonville, Jan. 7, 1909, Mrs. Antone A. Scurich, a native of Austria, aged 24 years, 4 months and 7 days."

Paj; 7 Jan 1909; item: "The Austrian Social Club has moved its meeting headquarters from the Swain building, upper Main street, to 23 Peck street, in the Marinovich block."

Paj; 7 Jan 1909; married: "Watsonville, Jan. 1, 1909, by Rev. Father Michael Gassin, John Pekock [Pekoch] and Frane Dezulovich, both of Watsonville."

EP; 8 Jan 1909; county supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: Bolovich [Balovich], John, Labor: \$46..."

EP; 8 Jan 1909; article: "Attorney Geo. W. Smith of J. A. Hall's office...filed...articles of incorporation of the Watsonville Servian Benevolent Society of King Stephen...The local organization will be the second one of the kind in the State, the other being in San Francisco, and will have a membership of about 50 to start off with. It is expected that the number will be doubled within the next few months...[list of directors:] Lozar Yalovica, George Miljkovich, Andrew I. Jecar, John Voirodich, Marco Cherovich, Bozidar Bugarsky."

EP; 9 Jan 1909; item: "The purposes for which the new Servian society is formed are to promote the welfare of the Servian people instead of the Croatian race. There seems to be a distinction between the two terms."

EP; 9 Jan 1909; item: "P. Callahan, P. W. Morse, and A. R. Wilson, commissioners appointed to assess damages against land owners in the Pajaro drainage district, west of this city, for the proper maintenance of the ditches constructed there several years ago for drainage purposes, have finished their labors and at a meeting of the affected land owners...the report was received.

"The following is a list of the land owners, the average of each one and the amount assessed against them:

"[name/acres/amount]...L. Scurich/4.30/\$23.80...L. Cikuth/1.80/\$9.96...Nemanich/1.50/\$8.30..."

EP; 14 Jan 1909; obit: "Watsonville, Jan. 13, 1909, Peter M. Zar, aged 1 year, 7 months and 29 days." [*son of E. B. and Lucy Zar*]

EP; 14 Jan 1909; obit: "Peter M. Zar, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Zar of 123 Callahan street, died yesterday, aged 19 months and 29 days..."

EP; 14 Jan 1909; item: "The auction conducted by Constable Cano in Brooklyn yesterday of the effects formerly owned by O. Komato, the missing restaurant man, attracted quite a number of people...the largest article being a big kitchen range which Mateo Lettunich secured for the bid of \$62."

Paj; 14 Jan 1909; obit: "Funeral services of the late Mrs. Antone Scurich were held...despite the inclemency of the weather...The pallbearers were Geo. Strazicich, F. P. Marinovich, Mateo Lettunich, L. P. Cikuth, L. Terkovich and P. J. Callaghan."

EP; 15 Jan 1909; obit: "The funeral services of Peter Zar, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Zar, were held this morning at the Catholic church, and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were Masters Scurich, Marinovich, Grizich and Scovich."

EP; 16 Jan 1909; ALL: Micel Marinovich, Blagoje Wiolacich. Foreign: Lazar Vukalovich.

EP; 16 Jan 1909; item: "M. N. Lettunich left this morning for his home in San Francisco."

EP; 16 Jan 1909; born: "San Francisco, Jan. 10, 1909 to Mr. and Mrs. George Balovich, formerly of this city, a son." [*James*]

EP; 16 Jan 1909; item: "The M. N. Lettunich Co.'s packing house closed this morning for the season and shipped out its last two cars. One of the cars went to Mexico and the other was sent to the eastern markets. M. N. Lettunich left this morning for his home in San Francisco after having been here throughout the apple season. Mateo Lettunich, the [president] of the firm resides here.

"It is expected that the other small packing houses that are still in operation will also close for the season sometime within the next week. All of the hands have been laid off except those few needed for the necessary work of closing up."

EP; 18 Jan 1909; mar. license: "John Barbun [Babun], a resident of Santa Cruz, and Anna Kuzmanich, a resident of Davenport. Both are natives of Austria..."

EP; 18 Jan 1909; item: "**Suit to Quiet Title.** George Copriviza filed yesterday, says the Surf, a complaint in the superior court against S. C. Rodgers as administrator of the estate of Madeline Arcan, deceased, in which he asks for the defendants to set forth their claims and title to land on Rodriquez street in Watsonville claimed by them and also by the plaintiff."

EP; 18 Jan 1909; item: "George Copriviza, plaintiff, vs. S. C. Rodgers, as administrator of the estate of Julia

Madeline Arcan, deceased, et als., defendants—Complaint.”

EP; 19 Jan 1909; married: “Santa Cruz, Jan. 18, 1909, John Babun of Davenport and Annie Kuzmanich of Santa Cruz.”

EP; 20 Jan 1909; item:

“Martin N. Lettunich et als., to Ma-Palntag, Freiermuth and Fowler, Al-nuel and Ida Terra—Lot 50x210 on S. W. side of Marchant St., N.W. of Petra, Watsonville, \$10.”

[lots of typos here; the above shows how each line was printed in the paper; notice the end of the 1st line “Ma-” fits onto the beginning of the 3rd line, to make “Manuel”; the rest is a mystery]

EP; 20 Jan 1909; article: “This morning marked the opening scenes in the trial of John J. Kerwin, traveling representative of Spence’s Optical Co., San Francisco, arrested by Chief of Police T. J. Albright on a charge of soliciting in this city without a license...”

“Judge Bridgewater...ordered that the securing of a jury to try the case take place. Out of the venire of 12 only six were temporarily passed, they being F. P. Marinovich, R. W. Willetts, Carl Rappe, E. Fritz, A. Bardmess and L. P. Cikuth. Those excused from jury service were J. P. Soares, R. H. Pardee, Henry Alexander, Geo. Copriviza, Geo. F. Martin and W. A. Snow...”

Paj; 21 Jan 1909; article: “A damage suit for \$270, brought by Nick Lucich, M. Kurkich, Nick Banovac and George Lucich against B. Pista and Peter Milicich, is being tried...before a jury...The action was brought by the plaintiffs for damages resulting from a fruit contract that is alleged to have been violated by Pista. The contract called for the picking of the apples on the R.W. Eaton and College Lake ranches, which Pista had leased. Pista was to furnish the materials necessary...and all of the work was to be done by the plaintiffs. Pista, however, it is alleged, not only neglected to furnish the materials but also hired other men to do the work, thus causing the said plaintiffs damages to the amount of \$270. Milicich, who was formerly a plaintiff, refused to be a party to the action, and thus was made a defendant...[jurors named; no Slavs]...Just as the “Pajaronian” went to press the lawyers commenced their arguments to the jury.

“Later—The jury...rendered a verdict for the defendant, awarding him \$1 on his counter-claim for \$290.”

EP; 22 Jan 1909; born: “Watsonville, Jan. 20, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. T. T. [P. P.] Stolich, a son.” *[Peter; +1995; married Mary Diklich; see next Fig.]*

EP; 23 Jan 1909; ALL: Foreign: Johan Jagich.

Fig. 3-26.
Peter L. Stolich.



EP; 25 Jan 1909; list: “Judge Smith has filed the list of names selected from which the next grand jury will be drawn. The names, 190 in all, are taken from the assessment roll by districts, practically every voting precinct in the county being represented. The list follows: Watsonville—M. Lettunich...Luke Scurich...[of 36] The selection of this list does not mean that the present grand jury will be superseded, but that the names will be ready and available next December, when the next grand jury is drawn. The grand jury consists of 19 members.”

EP; 25 Jan 1909; article: “The present indications are that the local fruit packing season will close about the middle of this week. The only packing houses now in operation are those of the Stolich Brothers Company, Secondo Company and the Pekoch Company. Six cars were sent out of the local railroad yards last Saturday, and there are now only the same number left to ship in order to complete the season. The inclemency of the weather, together with the several washouts along the lines of the S.P. Co. have had much to do with the delaying the closing of the season, but as these hindrances are now practically a thing of the past, the work is fast being rushed to completion.

“With the seven carloads still to go out this week from Watsonville the total shipments for this season from Pajaro valley will amount to 3214 carloads, 500 of which were from Pajaro, Aromas and Vega loading stations. It is safe to estimate that about 1000 carloads of inferior and small sized apples were converted into by-products, such as vinegar, cider and dried apples, which[,] added to what was shipped to outside markets[,] would bring the total apple yield for 1908 up to about 4250 carloads.”

EP; 27 Jan 1909; article: “Two San Francisco young men, Marco Korich and Mogoliueh Julich, one of whom formerly lived in Watsonville, had an interesting experience here night before last. They had been spending a few days in Watsonville on business and after purchasing their tickets from a local ticket broker took a hack for Pajaro to take the train for San Francisco.

“Not knowing that the fare for night service is 50 cents ‘each man’ they proffered pay at the rate of 25 cents each. The driver insisted on having his full fare and after considerable discussion Constable Cano was called and the two men were put under arrest. They were searched and locked up in the dismal affair which serves for a

Chinatown calaboose, and yesterday morning were hauled into court where their case was set for next Friday and were released on \$10 cash bail each.

“On applying to Attorney Smith of this city they secured his services and this afternoon the case was advanced on the calendar and dismissed. District Attorney Bardin agreed with Mr. Smith that criminally the men could not be held and convicted for the charge on which they were arrested.”

EP; 30 Jan 1909; ALL: “Martin Proicuca [Procuriza]. Foreign: Ante Katavich, Mrs. Pave Sambrailo.

EP; 1 Feb 1909; article: “CITIZENS LIABLE FOR 1909 JURY DUTY. In accordance with instructions received from the superior court...each supervisor today filed with the clerk of said court a list of the trial jurors selected from their various districts. The list from Supervisor Linscott’s district is as follows:

“Watsonville No. 4—Philip Marinovich...Luke Scurich; Watsonville No. 2—Mateo Lettunich...”

EP; 1 Feb 1909; item: “J. G. Marinovich left for San Francisco this morning.”



EP; 1 Feb 1909; born: “Watsonville, Jan. 27, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gerar [Gera], a son.” [George; +1961]

Fig. 3-27.
George Gera.

EP; 3 Feb 1909; item: “Mrs. Rose Balanac and Miss Marie Roza yesterday visited their sister, Mrs. J. J. Dios, who is ill at the Jim Bardin hospital in Salinas.”

EP; 4 Feb 1909; item: “A. B. Lettunich, one of the most enterprising and progressive fruit packers that ever did business in this city, is rapidly forging ahead in the commission business in Southern California. About 10 years ago ‘Toney’ established a small commission business in Los Angeles, which has continued to prosper through the years until today is one of the topnotchers in that business in the southern metropolis and has the distinction of being the ‘largest apple receiver.’

“Recently ‘Toney’ has opened a branch commission house in San Diego and is meeting with good success there, which of course is pleasant news to his many Watsonville friends.”

EP; 4 Feb 1909; item: “**Two Slavonians Suspected of the Crime...**(Special to the ‘Pajaronian’) Crockett, Cal., Feb. 5—The residence of Hugh Hartman, superintendent

of the sugar refinery at this place, was dynamited... Luckily no one was injured by the explosion, although the once handsome residence is now a mass of ruins. Two Slavonians suspected of committing the dastardly crime were captured...after a running fight with pistols had been engaged in.”

EP; 5 Feb 1909; board of supervisors, payments: “County Fund. Strazicich, A., meals: \$34.20...”

EP; 5 Feb 1909; item: “Jos. Secondo et al. to Lucy Bakich—Lots 17 and 19, Fuller’s map, Watsonville, \$5.”

EP; 5 Feb 1909; item: “Lucy Bakich to Jos. Secondo et al.—Lot 150 x165 on N. E. side of Rodriquez street, 150 feet S. E. of First street, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 6 Feb 1909; ALL: Foreign: G. Vegar.

EP; 6 Feb 1909; born: “Watsonville, Feb. 2, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gospodnetich, a son.” [Jerry; +1929]



Fig. 3-28.
Jerry Gospodnetich
in his Scout uniform.

EP; 6 Feb 1909; item: “Lease—Geo. N. Root, guardian, etc., to V. Jurinovich et al. ‘Jarvis ranch’ or ‘Union vineyard,’ near Glenwood, 5 years from Jan. 1, 1909.”

EP; 8 Feb 1909; honor roll: Low 7th grade: Sidney Smith; High 5th grade: Lena Rilovich, Ellen Balovich; High 5th grade: Kate Knego; High 3rd grade: Willie Marinovich.

EP; 10 Feb 1909; item: “M. Tomlinovich of Mountain View is here today on business.”

EP; 13 Feb 1909; ALL: Geo. Barovich.

EP; 13 Feb 1909; article: “...The past season has indeed been a prosperous one for Pajaro valley and last year’s output has been exceeded by several hundred cars. The total number of cars sent out from the local packing houses up to date is 2745 and the 500 cars sent out from Aromas, Vega, Pajaro and other Pajaro valley points makes a grand total of 3245 cars for the season, a brilliant record for this valley.”

EP; 17 Feb 1909; article: “**RAILROAD MUST PAY FOR SPOILED APPLES. A Judicial Decision which Pajaro Valley Shippers should Bear in Mind Next Season.** Every apple grower, packer, shipper and broker

of Pajaro valley should be interested in a verdict recently handed in before United States Judge Simpson of Minneapolis, Minn., wherein heavy damages were awarded against the Northern Pacific R.R. Co. for failure to provide refrigerator cars to apple shippers in the State of Washington. Every season Pajaro valley shippers have suffered from a failure of the S.P. Co. to furnish sufficient cars and just complaints have only resulted in hot air 'promises.'

"The local shippers should clip the following synopsis of the jury's verdict, as published in the recent issue of the Minneapolis News:

"One of the largest verdicts of its kind ever rendered in Minnesota was returned by a jury late Saturday in the case of Ritchey & Gilbert Co. vs. Northern Pacific Railway Co. before United States Judge Simpson, the amount awarded being \$21,588...

"The decision would be of the greatest interest and advantage to shippers of fruits, produce, livestock and perishable property in general, affording a precedent as to their rights in similar cases.

"The suit resulted from the failure of the railway company to provide refrigerator cars with reasonable promptness for the use of Ritchey & Gilbert Co. to ship some 40 cars of fancy boxed apples from the stations at North Yakima and Toppenish, Washington, to the eastern market during the fall of 1907, as a result of which delay the apples became overripe and damaged and the market declining before they could be shipped.

"The railway company asserted that its line, yard and terminals became congested because of an unusually heavy press of business and that a great number of its refrigerator cars had been shipped off its lines early in the season, necessarily delaying the movement of its trains and causing a general car shortage.

"The shippers affirmed that the railway company had advance notice of the shipment, which was about the usual crop, and that the road should have been prepared to take care of the shipments without any delay whatever.

"The court instructed the jury as a matter of law that it was the duty of the railway company to promptly furnish necessary and suitable cars on request for all shipments which the company might reasonably anticipate would be offered, and that the failure to do so would make it liable to the shipper in damages arising from the decline in market as well as from deterioration in condition."

Paj; 18 Feb 1909; married: "Watsonville, Feb. 15, 1909...Frank Hrepich and Mary Gospodnetich, both of this city."

Paj; 18 Feb 1909; article on front page: "WEDDED TODAY. A happy wedding was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Hassett...when he joined in wedlock Miss Mary Gospodnetich and Frank Hrepich, both of this city, where the groom has resided for the past 12 years, and the

bride...has made her home with the family of her brother-in-law, John Hrepich, of Walker street, near Third..."



Fig. 3-29.
Frank Hrepich
(1870-1949) and
Mary Gospodnetich
(1882-1961).

EP; 19 Feb 1909; item: "Stephen Strazicich to Kate Strazicich—Undivided one-half of lot on S. side of Kearney St., and lot on S. side of West Lake Ave., Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 20 Feb 1909; ALL: Foreign: Marian Jakasovich.

EP; 23 Feb 1909; item: "B. Pista left last night for Los Angeles on business."

EP; 24 Feb 1909; obit: "Watsonville, Feb. 23, 1909, Mrs. Rade Rilovich, beloved wife of George Rilovich, a native of Austria, aged 31 years. (Funeral will take place from family residence on 3rd St. near Walker..."

Paj; 25 Feb 1909; born: "Watsonville, Feb. 21, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pavisha, a daughter [sic]." [Christopher; +1996]



Fig. 3-30.
Christopher Pavisha.

Paj; 25 Feb 1909; married: "San Francisco, Feb. 21, 1909...George Gelincich of Watsonville and Miss Tonka Matulich of San Francisco."

Paj; 25 Feb 1909; obit: "Mrs. Rade Rilovich, wife of George Rilovich, a native of Konavle, Austria, died after a lingering illness at her late home in this city. Besides her husband and 2 children she leaves many relatives to mourn her loss. Deceased was 31 years of age..."

EP; 26 Feb 1909; item: "Frank Farlin left this morning for San Francisco on business."

EP; 2 Mar 1909; article: "**Property Owners on Upper Main Street Want Fire Ordinance Altered to Allow**

Wooden Buildings. At the meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen to be held tonight a petition signed by the property owners of Upper Main street will be read. The petition asks that the limit be placed 20 feet from 4th street on Main as the petitioners allege that the present ordinance places a hardship on persons desiring to improve their property by the erection of wooden buildings. Under the present ordinance, only concrete or stone buildings can be built.

"The property owners who have signed the petition are...M. Grizich...[of 18]"

EP; 5 Mar 1909; county supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: Balovich, John, labor: \$23..."

EP; 5 Mar 1909; item: "Sam Tatolovich and Nick Fhabedaja, two Slavonians, were brought to Santa Cruz from Laurel...having been arrested on suspicion of having sold liquor to residents of that section without first securing the proper licenses...The officers believe they have sufficient evidence at hand to convict the men of the charges that have been brought against them..."

EP; 6 Mar 1909; ALL: Foreign: Spirdioc M. Marovic.

EP; 9 Mar 1909; item: "A suit has been begun in the Superior Court by Mateo Lettunich against A. Tschumi for the restitution and possession of premises on Main street in this city, that were released from the plaintiff February 1, 1907. According to his statement, notice was filed on him January 25th, that he should vacate the premises by March 12th, and he therefore asks the defendant for possession of the same, claiming damages in the amount of \$500 and asking for treble that amount for the inconvenience and trouble that this demand has occasioned him. Mr. Tschumi has not yet filed his answer to the suit."

EP; 9 Mar 1909; honor roll: Low 7th: Sidney Smith; High 5th: Ellen Balovich, Lena Rilovich, Katie Rilovich, Kate Knego; High 3rd: Willie Marinovich.

EP; 11 Mar 1909; article: "Yesterday afternoon the Pajaronian announced that O. S. Tuttle was circulating a petition for signatures, which was being generally signed, asking Dr. P. K. Watters to become a candidate for mayor at the city election to be held on May 10th, and while the petition was only in circulation a few hours before being presented to Dr. Watters last evening, still it bore the following long list of signers: ...Luke Scurich...N. M. Vuicich...Nicholas Alaga...L. P. Cikuth...Suca [Luka] Pulich, K. Gospodnetich...Stephen Scurich...G. W. Copriviza...[only the Slavs are listed here]"

EP; 11 Mar 1909; item: "Thomas Perasich, who has been located in Truckee for the past six years, has again returned to Watsonville to reside."

EP; 12 Mar 1909; item: "Miss Lucy Hrepich is in San Francisco for a month's visit to friends."

EP; 12 Mar 1909; obit: "Dalmatia, Austria, Feb. 6, 1909, Mrs. Johanna Balovich, mother of John Balovich and the late Nick Balovich of this city, aged 98 years."

EP; 13 Mar 1909; item: "Peter Sersen, one of the proprietors of the California restaurant, left today for Oakland on a visit of four or five days with his sister and her husband."

EP; 15 Mar 1909; ALL: Spiridon Mastoroic; Foreign: Bozo Gluhan.

EP; 15 Mar 1909; article: "**FRUIT GROWERS WILL FORM ORGANIZATION. Such a Plan of Organization Should Exist Among the Apple Growers of Pajaro Valley.** San Jose, March 15—A call has been sent out by several prominent fruit growers of this valley for a meeting of 50 representative producers to be held Tuesday... at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

"The purpose of the meeting, which will not be open to the general public, is to discuss ways and means to improve the condition of the fruit market. It is generally recognized among fruit growers not only that the prevailing fruit prices are below the most economic cost of production, but that a betterment can only be induced through concerted action among a majority of the growers along some well defined and well considered lines. Five horticulturists, with a view of setting some proper remedial machinery in motion, have addressed a letter to a considerable number of fruit growers. It is expected and hoped that all of those who have received the notice of the meeting will attend. If 90% of those present agree upon a plan of action, a general public mass meeting will be called; otherwise the matter will be dropped."

EP; 16 Mar 1909; item: "Mateo Lettunich Company, a corporation, plaintiff vs. Adolph Tschumi, defendant—Notice."

EP; 16 Mar 1909; item: "People vs. Nick Savich, defendant—Information for felony, to-wit: assault with a deadly weapon."

EP; 16 Mar 1909; disp. ad:

You Shouldn't Forget to Try
COPRIVIZA & ALAGA'S
Amber Roast and
Pioneer Roast Coffee

Once tried always considered the best.

EP; 16 Mar 1909; item: "Yesterday afternoon in the Superior Court at Santa Cruz Judge Smith overruled the defendants demurrer in the case of Mateo Lettunich vs.

A. Tschumi and gave him two days in which to file an amended answer. This is the case wherein Lettunich sues to have Tschumi release the business storeroom occupied by the latter in the city..."

EP; 16 Mar 1909; article: "DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISMISSES CASE. The trial of James Sullivan and Henry Foster this morning in Judge Hawkins' court for the alleged disturbing of the peace of Andrew N. Zufich in the Blackburn addition over a week ago was one of the shortest exhibitions of justice ever pulled off in this section. After three witnesses for the prosecution including the complainant had testified, District Attorney B. K. Knight who conducted the prosecution, moved that the case be dismissed because of insufficient evidence to convict. Judge Hawkins accordingly granted the motion and instructed the jury through Foreman I. H. Tuttle to render a verdict of 'not guilty.' The jurors who heard the case were B. F. Akers, I. H. Tuttle, A. Martin, W. J. Gleason, Luke Scurich, F. A. Kilburn, W. J. Majors, Stephen Hatch and F. P. Marinovich.

"The first witness called was Andrew Zufich, the complaining witness. He testified that the two defendants called him from his house and when once outside began to assume a belligerent attitude, used offensive words and in general frightened him so much that he ran into a neighbor's house for refuge.

"Joseph Powaski, a fellow employee of the two defendants, was the next witness and his testimony was almost a direct contradiction of Zufich's allegations. Powaski was present during the conversation between Zufich and the defendants and he denied that any offensive words or that any belligerent expressions were used. In fact, stated Powaski, he thought the whole proceedings was a joke.

"G. A. Fenn was the last witness for Zufich and he testified that the latter ran into his house in a great fright. Zufich asked Fenn to protect him from the alleged attacks of Sullivan and Foster but Fenn alleged that he saw no cause for alarm on the part of Zufich as the defendants came up later and asked in a gentlemanly way to speak to Zufich for a few moments.

"It was then that District Attorney Knight made his motion for dismissal of the case..."

EP; 16 Mar 1909; item: "Peter Gospodnetich appeared before Judge Hawkins...on a charge of disturbing the peace, said charge having been preferred by Nickola Copriviza. Constable Sandberg made the arrest of Gospodnetich and he was taken before the justice court. The defendant admitted his guilt and so His Honor was lenient and fined him the nominal sum of \$10, which Gospodnetich paid."

EP; 17 Mar 1909; article: "**An Automobile Exceeding Speed Limit Brought to Count By Chief of Police.**

Yesterday Chief of Police Albright notified all of the local garages and autoists that the recent infractions of the speed law in Watsonville would not be tolerated any longer.

"This morning one of the first violators of the 12-mile-an-hour speed ordinance in the city of Watsonville was Guy L. Bailey, of Berkeley, a mechanical engineer, visiting friends here, who was accompanied by Mayor J. A. Linscott.

"The car, according to the statement of Mr. Bailey, was making a good 20 miles an hour, and according to observers, a good deal more.

"When hauled before Judge Bridgewater, Mr. Bailey acknowledged that his car was going more than 12 miles an hour, but said he had no means of knowing that the speed ordinance, if one were in effect, was being enforced. He cheerfully paid the \$6 fine imposed, but characterized the ordinance as ridiculous—wherein the people who have to walk do not agree with him.

"Chief Albright believes that autoists have lately been abusing the provisions of the ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles and it has to stop.

"It is unfortunate that the first arrest made was a stranger, and therefore he was given the minimum fine."

EP; 17 Mar 1909; item: "Attorneys...for the defendant in the case of Mateo Lettunich vs. A. Tschumi will file their answer today in the Superior Court, their demurrer having been overruled...The answer alleges that Tschumi is entitled to hold the premises now occupied on Main street in this city by virtue of a verbal agreement which Lettunich and Tschumi previously entered into."

Paj; 18 Mar 1909; article: "ALMOST A HUNDRED. John Balovich, a well known resident of this city, has received the sad news from his old home in Dalmacia, Austria, that his mother, Mrs. Johanna Balovich, had died on February 6th, at the wonderful old age of 98 years. The deceased lady was a highly respected woman of the Dalmacian province. She leaves 3 sons and one daughter to mourn her loss, namely: G. Balovich, Sam Balovich and Mrs. Mary Arnerich, all of Austria, and John Balovich of Watsonville. Another son was the late Nick Balovich of this city."

EP; 19 Mar 1909; item: "Peter Sersen returned last night from a visit to Oakland."

EP; 19 Mar 1909; item: "The eviction case of Mateo Lettunich vs. A. Tschumi comes up tomorrow...in the superior court and the...session will be devoted to the empanelling of a jury to try the case. The taking of testimony will not likely commence before next Monday."

EP; 20 Mar 1909; item: "People vs. Nick Savich, defendant—Arraignment continued to Monday, March 22...at request of district attorney."

EP; 20 Mar 1909; ALL: Foreign: Ivanu Pillipovich.

EP; 22 Mar 1909; item: “Attorney Geo. W. Smith is in Santa Cruz on legal business today.”

EP; 22 Mar 1909; item: “G. Forencich left ...for San Francisco for a brief visit with relatives in that city.”

EP; 24 Mar 1909; item: “Mateo Lettunich Company, plaintiff, vs. Adolph Tschumi, defendant—Subpoena; Instructions required of the defendant; instructions requested by plaintiff; judgment for defendant.”

EP; 25 Mar 1909; article: “Mike Zar, who is well known in Watsonville, where he was a prominent member of the week’s end dancing club and other society numbers, entered the ranks of businessmen, making his first venture with a moving picture machine at Spreckels. The Courier says of him:

“Mike Zar, a young man of Spreckels who is well known here, is about to enter the ranks of the motion picture men in this vicinity. He is to be the manager of the new motion picture show which is soon to start in Spreckels. The busy little sugar town is getting right on the map these days, and a moving picture attraction is just what is needed to provide the residents with amusement. The prospective theater should be quite popular with young Mr. Zar as manager. Mike is one of the most talented of Salinas comedians, and will be one of the end men here in the coming baseball minstrel show.”

Paj; 25 Mar 1909; article: “...the case of Mateo Lettunich Co. vs. A. Tschumi...came to a conclusion by the jury rendering a verdict in favor of Mr. Tschumi. The Lettunich Co. has been desirous for some time of having Tschumi vacate the premises he has long occupied as a jewelry store in order that new lessees, Messrs. Lewis and Lauderstein, might move in. Tschumi has refused to vacate, claiming he had a verbal lease...The verdict rendered...will by no means end the litigation...Messrs. Mateo Lettunich and Luke Scurich stated...that they had instructed their attorneys to at once appeal the case to the district appellate court...”

EP; 26 Mar 1909; item: “Assignment of interest of Luke G. Sresovich, Jr., in estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased, to Amelia Hartman.”

EP; 26 Mar 1909; item: “Mateo Lettunich Co., a corporation, plaintiff, vs. Adolph Tschumi, defendant—Memorandum of the costs and disbursements.”

EP; 27 Mar 1909; item: “Mateo Lettunich vs. Adolph Tschumi—Notice of intention to move for a new trial.”

EP; 29 Mar 1909; item: “Nick V. Lettunich returned Saturday night from a three months’ business trip to most

of the middle west States. He was as far east as Tennessee and as far south as Louisiana. While away he made many successful sales of Pajaro valley apples, both for himself and other parties. He is pleased to be home again.”

EP; 30 Mar 1909; item: “Catherine Burten to Luke Scurich—Lot 18, Waters’ addition, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 30 Mar 1909; item: “A lively session of Court Pajaro Valley Rose, Foresters of America, took place last night, when delegates and alternates were elected to the grand court, which convenes at Woodland this year.

“There were many aspiring Foresters present, but finally they all conspired to elect the following: ...delegate, Geo. W. Smith...”

EP; 30 Mar 1909; honor roll: High 5th: Lena Rilovich, Ellen Balovich, Katie Rilovich; High 5th: Kate Knego; High 3rd: Willie Marinovich.

EP; 31 Mar 1909; item: “Manzanita Co. to Thos. Grusich—Lot 27 Scurich’s subdivision, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 31 Mar 1909; article: “Horace W. Day, of the firm of Sgoble & Day, one of the leading New York fruit brokerage firms, and which has made a specialty of handling Pajaro valley apples for eastern and foreign trade for the past 18 years, is here on his annual business visit and is accompanied by his son, Kenneth W. Day, secretary of the firm.

“Mr. Day has been making annual visits to Watsonville for almost 15 years past, and his well groomed appearance certainly indicates that old Father Time is not leaving any marks on him. The happy condition he attributes in a large measure to the benefit derived from his annual business outings to the Pacific coast.

“During the 1908–09 season Mr. Day says his firm has handled over 200 carloads of Pajaro apples. Up to within the past few weeks the prices received have not been very favorable, but at present the cold storage apples from here are bringing good prices in the east and in Great Britain. Lack of uniformity in grading, packing and quality of some of the fruit shipped is what injures in mid-season the sale of Pajaro apples in New York, says Mr. Day.

“The recent ‘jump’ in the price of Pajaro apples in the New York and English markets, says Mr. Day, was just to the liking of W. N. (‘Nick’) White the well-known New York apple speculator, and who at one time years ago, when operating in London, bore the title in trade circles of ‘the English Apple King.’ Right at the present ‘Nickie’ has 25 carloads of Pajaro Newtown apples which he bought ‘low’ and has been carrying in cold storage for some time. He will net a neat sum as a result of the ‘jump up’ in prices.

“Mr. Day and son expect to remain here until Sunday, when they will leave for Oregon and Washington.”

EP; 2 Apr 1909; item: "The Mateo Lettunich vs. A. Tschumi case came up yesterday...at Santa Cruz and the session was devoted to argument for a new trial on the part of the plaintiff...The defense was given two days to answer and a further argument along the line of citations of authorities will be given."

EP; 2 Apr 1909; item: "Miss Katherine Balovich was tendered a surprise party at her home, West Lake avenue...by the members of the local lodge, Companions of the Forest...The surprisers included Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Cheek, Mrs. Mundhenk, Mrs. Gerald, Mrs. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Dodge, Miss M. Burns, Mrs. T. Mansfield, Mrs. Martha Remiro, Mrs. Gustafsen, Mrs. Montenya, Miss Nerich [Nirich], Miss Mansfield, Miss E. Balovich."

EP; 5 Apr 1909; ALL: Birkpatvich, Mr.

EP; 5 Apr 1909; item: "L. Geo. Sresovich, Jr., to C. H. Herrington—All interest in estate of L. G. Sresovich, deceased, and estate of Mary C. Sresovich, deceased."

EP; 6 Apr 1909; item: "People of the State of California vs. Nick Savich—Proceedings called and sheriff reports that defendant cannot be found, and his bail of \$250 is declared forfeited."

EP; 7 Apr 1909; article: "OVERRULING RIGHTS OF HOME OWNERS. Beyond a little spluttering and sizzling at infrequent intervals, the meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen last night was devoid of any fireworks to make the meeting interesting. There was only one time when all present seemed excited and wanted to do all the talking, and that was when two communications were read, one in which the Watsonville Lumber Company wanted a spur track across the Walker street, between Lake avenue and Kearney street and the other wherein Copriviza & Gera applied for a spur track from the main line of the railroad south of the intersection of Second and Walker streets, to their property on the opposite corner.

"Both applications might have slipped through had not Perry M. Andrews, on behalf of his mother, Mrs. D. Tuttle, made a protest. Andrews wanted to know if the spur would go past the middle of the street on the south, but Copriviza, who answered him, could guarantee nothing. Copriviza told the board that he did not wish to infringe on anyone's property rights and that besides, the spur would go on the street, which was city property.

"Alderman Weisenburger suggested that a diagram be produced showing what effect the track would have on the property there and in order that the members of the board could intelligently vote on the question. Alderman Horgan, in true Herrinesque style, said that he could not see on what grounds anyone could oppose spur tracks, as there were several spurs there already. He said it would

be impossible to put in a spur track at Second and Walker streets which would not go past the center of the street.

"Horgan appeared to be anxious to have the resolutions granting away valuable rights of the people acted on at once, and went on to tell how the dear corporation, the S.P. Co., should be given plenty of time in which to put in any spur track and if the matter was delayed how difficult it might be to get into touch with their engineers. The rights of the poor property owners seem to be a matter of secondary consideration.

"Mayor Linscott was holding down an expression of his real sentiments on the resolution which had been 'slipped' to Clerk Coffman after the board had convened, but it was easy to be seen that he much regretted that any property owner should have protested.

"Mr. Andrews, in his remarks, stated that there was already a spur track adjoining the property of Copriviza & Gera, and that a continuation of the same could be made from the west into their property.

"Mr. Copriviza said this would be entirely satisfactory to him, but that the owners objected, but Mayor Linscott did not volunteer what control the city should exert over such a matter.

"Alderman Weisenburger finally insisted that his motion calling for delay of action should be put and such was finally adopted.

"Action on the spur track propositions on Walker street will take place next Tuesday night..."

EP; 7 Apr 1909; article: "A JUST PROTEST. Within the past two years the present mayor and aldermen have permitted Walker street from Third to the river to be converted into a switching yard for the S.P. Co. by an indiscriminate installation of spur tracks without consultation with or respecting the rights of all property owners along that street or even the general public. Resolutions granting these privileges have been slipped through at meetings at which they were first introduced when common justice to those people who have invested their hard earned savings in little homes along Walker street should have prompted a postponement of final action for at least a week. Further, with each application for a spur track there should have been a plan filed and all of them should have been granted with the proviso that the city could order them removed, if necessary, at any future time.

"There is a right way to do public business of this nature as well as a wrong one, and the latter course has been pursued by the mayor and aldermen in this matter. The necessity for the installation of certain spur tracks on Walker street, from Third to the river, cannot be objected to under present conditions, but there is no necessity whatever for injuring homeowners and making certain street corners regular death traps by the indiscriminate installation of these spur tracks.

"At last night's meeting of the aldermen resolutions granting the right to install two additional spur tracks,

one at Second and Walker streets and another across Walker, between East Lake avenue and Kearney, were passed to Clerk Coffman to read and would have been 'slipped through' but for the fact that Perry M. Andrews happened to fortunately be at the meeting and, on behalf of his widowed mother, who has a pretty little home at the corner of Second and Walker streets, he made a just protest. Alderman Palmtag had already made a motion to such effect and the vote was just to be called for when Mr. Andrews arose. Action was delayed in both matters for one week on motion of Alderman Weisenburger, but not with the hearty goodwill of 'the powers that be.'

"Now, in relation to that application of Messrs. Copriviza and Gera for that Second and Walker street spur there is a way in which they can be accommodated without the board doing a damnable injustice to a widow's property or converting a public street corner into a death dealing trap, and further, we believe Mayor Linscott and several of the aldermen know full well how it can be done.

"As regards the installation of a spur track on Walker between East Lake avenue and Kearney, it should not be granted and the citizens of the whole city should arise in protest of the same. It is bad enough to have made a spur track district of Walker street from Third to the river. Let the work stop there. It is about time to stop and consider in this matter the rights of honest homeowners, many of whom are afraid to publicly protest against such an injustice because the infamous 'influence' might reach out and deprive them of a job or the show to get one.

"Roosevelt's rule of a 'square deal' should be followed in all public matters, like unto giving the Harri-man-Herrin corporation spur tracks indiscriminately, and it is about time it was put into practice in municipal matters in the city."

EP; 7 Apr 1909; item: "Gregory Alexich, a former resident of this city, but now in the commission business in San Francisco, is in town for a few days' business visit."

Paj; 8 Apr 1909; article: "**Insane Man Runs Amuck at Aromas.** Martin Drobaz, the insane Slavonian who over a week ago knocked 3 Japanese unconscious in the Pajaro depot, ran amuck again this morning and caused all kinds of trouble near Aromas. The insane Slavonian was being kept since his escapade of a week ago at the Del Monte fruit farm at Aromas.

"Early this morning Drobaz arose and commenced raising a riot in the cookhouse that was in the yard. He then walked over to a nearby fence and tearing off a picket returned to the cookhouse with the weapon. Before anyone could stop the mad man he had beaten a bicycle into a mere scrap heap with the fence picket, all the while gleefully laughing and gloating over his work. Drobaz was at last subdued and one of the ranchmen hastened into town to swear out a warrant for his arrest.

Constables Sandberg and Corr hastened to the scene in an automobile and placed the man under arrest."

Paj; 8 Apr 1909; born: "Watsonville, April 4, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Burko Terovich [Vuko Perovich], a son." [Louis; +1988]

EP; 8 Apr 1909; article: "INSANE MAN JAILED. Martin Drobaz, the insane Slavonian who has been getting into trouble very much of late, was taken to Santa Cruz yesterday...by Constable Corr and Sandberg in an automobile. The departure was witnessed by almost 3 score of the morbidly curious, who, in trying to get a glimpse of the prisoner, delayed the officers for several minutes. Drobaz will be examined in the Superior Court for his sanity and it is likely that he will be committed to an asylum. Besides knocking out three Japs, Drobaz beat a bicycle to pieces with a picket and then buried the wheel, and a few days ago he struck Nick Copriviza without any cause whatever. When the officers found him at Aromas yesterday, Drobaz was treating a horse which he alleged was lousy."

EP; 9 Apr 1909; board of supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: Balovich, John, labor: \$48..."

EP; 9 Apr 1909; item: "Miss May Smith has returned from a visit to Aptos."

EP; 10 Apr 1909; item: "According to Agent Bays of the local Wells-Fargo Express company's office, the first shipment of strawberries from the valley was made late yesterday afternoon, when one chest was sent from the Watsonville depot and two from Pajaro. Each of the chests shipped contained 40 drawers full of plump, juicy Pajaro valley strawberries. The berries were sent by the Kosan Company of this city and were consigned to the firm of Ivancovich, Trobock & Bergin of San Francisco..."

EP; 13 Apr 1909; item: "George Copriviza, plaintiff, vs. S. C. Rodgers, as administrator, etc., et al., defendants—Judgment."

EP; 13 Apr 1909; item: "Chas. L. Todd to Geo. Copriviza—Lot 44x165 on S.W. Side Rodriguez St., 135 feet 5 inches northwest of Ford St., Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 13 Apr 1909; item: "Certified copy of the judgment—Geo. Copriviza vs. Estate of Julia Madeline Arcan et al., quieting title to real estate."

EP; 15 Apr 1909; item: "Christian Sandberg et ux to Geo. Copriviza—Lot 44x165 on southwest side Rodriguez street, 131.5 north 50 degrees west from Ford St., Watsonville, quitclaim, \$10."

Geo P. Martin
URAR, ZLATAR I OPTIKER
331 MAIN ST. WATSONVILLE
IZRADJUJE SVAKOVRSNE ZLATNE I
SREBRNE STVARI, PRODAJE I PO-
PRAVLJA SATOVE.

Fig. 3-31. Non-Slav businesses in Watsonville often advertised in the *Jadran*, the Croatian newspaper out of San Francisco. In this ad of 15 April 1909 Mr. Martin is a "watchmaker, goldsmith and optician" and he sells and repairs watches. See the index for other *Jadran* ads.

EP; 17 Apr 1909; ALL: Foreign: Antun Asanovich.

EP; 17 Apr 1909; item: "The trial of R. Chukovich, the Fitzsimmons Slavonian who tried to mop the earth with a fellow countryman last week, was again continued this morning by Police Judge Bridgewater. City Attorney Sheehy, for the prosecution, and Geo. W. Smith, for the defense, both asked for further time, so His Honor postponed the case until May 15th."

EP; 19 Apr 1909; item: "Andrew N. Zufich to Ella Klein—Lot 34, Blackburn subdivision, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 19 Apr 1909; item: "Luke Scurich, plaintiff, vs. Angello T. Festa, defendant—Receiver's account; notice of motion."

EP; 19 Apr 1909; obit: "San Francisco, April 18, 1909, John Arbulich, a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged 27 years."

EP; 20 Apr 1909; obit: "The funeral services of the late John Arbulich, who passed away last Sunday in San Francisco were held this morning...The members of the Sokol S.C.S. lodge gathered in a body at the funeral parlors of Wyckoff & Aston and after being assembled they formed an honorable escort down street to St. Patrick's church, preceding the hearse...The pallbearers were M. Korich, P. J. Carrivich, A. Scurich, M. Scurich, N. Stolich and A. Jerinich."

EP; 20 Apr 1909; item: "Angelo Festa et als. by sheriff to Luke Scurich—Lot 50x152 on northwest side of First St., 225.55 feet from Walker St., Watsonville, \$784.27."

EP; 20 Apr 1909; item: "A change of attorneys has been made in the Antone Scurich vs. John Ryan case, the change taking effect today. Harrison W. Rich was the former attorney for the Ryans in this litigation, but owing to his mysterious disappearance from the city[,] Attorneys A. W. Sans of this city and E. J. Kelly have been

substituted. The sum of \$1225 is involved in this case."

EP; 21 Apr 1909; item: "Mateo Lettunich Co., a corporation, plaintiff, vs. Adolph Tschumi, defendant—Order of court."

Paj; 22 Apr 1909; obit: "John Arbulich, a popular young Austrian fruit packer of this city, being a member of the firm of J. Scurich & Co, died at the French Hospital in San Francisco yesterday. He had gone there a couple of months ago for medical treatment.

"[He] came here from his home in Dalmacia province, Austria, about 8 years ago, and as a result of his frugal habits and business foresight was prospering in his adopted country, until sickness recently compelled him to relinquish business cares. He was one of the organizers of and at the time of his death was secretary of the local Croatian society. The only relative the deceased has in this city is a cousin, Blaz Borovinich..."

EP; 24 Apr 1909; article: "**Peter Resitar [Resetar] Succeeds to Business of Pulisevich Brothers.** The well-known fruit packing firm of Pulisevich Bros., William and George, who have done a successful business in that line here for a number of years, yesterday sold their packing house and the residence property on W. Lake avenue, facing Rodriguez Street, to Peter Resitar. The dimensions of the lot are 110 x 320 feet and on it are two good residences, barn and packing house. Mr. Resitar has been engaged in the fruit packing business here for several years, his packing house being located on Ford street. Hereafter his headquarters will be in the former quarters of the Pulisevich Bros.

"Several years ago Wm. Pulisevich opened an apple selling house in Los Angeles and since then has spent each winter there managing the same. Within the past year he has converted the same into a general commission business and has built up a successful trade in the southern metropolis. It now requires all of his time and attention and therefore he has decided to sell his packing business here. His brother and mother will join him in Los Angeles."

EP; 24 Apr 1909; mar. license: "William N. Ventich, 23, and Mary Ann Feliciano, 18, both natives of California and residents of Watsonville, were yesterday granted a marriage license by Cupid Harry Miller of the county clerk's office."

EP; 24 Apr 1909; item: "M. N. Lettunich is here on business from San Francisco."

EP; 24 Apr 1909; ALL: D. Balistich [Batistich], S. Tomovish; Foreign: John Bulask, Dan Bulask, Ivo Dragic, Ilija Lucich, Tony Klunak.

EP; 26 Apr 1909; item: “Wm. Pulisevich left yesterday for Sacramento to make cherry purchases for the Los Angeles market.”

EP; 26 Apr 1909; disp. ad:

**Consign Your Apples, Spuds,
Beans, Onions**
When Shipping to Southern
California to
Wm. Pulisevich,
(formerly of Watsonville.)
General Commercial Merchant,
Largest Green Fruit Handler in the South.
268 Central Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

EP; 26 Apr 1909; item: “Wm. Pulisevich et al. to Peter Resetar—Lot 19, block 12, Watsonville assessment map on lot 82.33x320 on northwest side of 4th St., northeast of Gampper, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 27 Apr 1909; item: “I. H. Tuttle has sold to Peter Mengol, a local fruit packer, the 1909 apple crop of his 11 acre apple orchard bordering Salsipuedes creek, at equally as satisfactory a price as that of last year. Mr. Mengol was the purchaser last year.”

EP; 28 Apr 1909; item: “R. H. Pearson has sold to Peter Mengol the 1909 apple crop of his 20 acre orchard in Salsipuedes district. The price paid is in excess of what was paid by another packer for the orchard last year.”

EP; 30 Apr 1909; item: “**Supplemental List of Voters of Watsonville Whose Names Will Appear in Great Register.** H. H. Miller, clerk of Santa Cruz county, certifies that the following is a full, true and correct list of persons registered upon the great register of the city of Watsonville, since the 23d day of September, 1908, and up to and including the 21st day of March, 1909, also a full, true and correct list of persons transferred from one precinct to another within the city, up to and including the 15th day of April, 1909. Most of the entries are transfers from one precinct to another, and several are from country to city precincts.

“Precinct No. 2: Castrapelli, John, Main...Clecak, Blass, 227 Marchant...Perasich, Thomas. Precinct No. 3: Balovich, John Pete, 113 W. Lake...”

EP; 1 May 1909; item: “Luke Scurich, plaintiff, vs. Angelo T. Festa et al., defendant—Account of receiver for \$25 fees is allowed and receiver ordered to pay balance of \$59.45 remaining in his hands to Luke Scurich.”

EP; 1 May 1909; item: “A. B. Lettunich, formerly of Watsonville, but for several years past one of the leading commission merchants of Southern California, with headquarters in Los Angeles and San Diego, arrived here

last night for a short business call and to visit relatives.”

EP; 3 May 1909; item: “Ben Zadelovich spent Sunday in San Jose.”

EP; 4 May 1909; item: “Geo. Copriviza et ux to Jos. F. Mattos—Lot 44x165 on southwest side of Rodriquez St., 131 feet 5 inches from Ford St., Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 5 May 1909; article: “The question of erecting buildings within the city limits in the residence sections that are flush with the sidewalks was again the bone of discussion at a short business session last night of the mayor and board of aldermen. The trouble first started when the application was read for a building permit to allow George Sasilo to erect a packing house at the corner of Sixth and Walker streets. Fred Castro then arose and objected to the packing house being erected near his residence. He stated that not only was the structure being built flush with the sidewalk but was being erected but 6 or 8 feet from his residence, thereby shutting out his light.

“Palmtag then said that there were too many old shacks being put up in town, and his objection was seconded by Fowler, who added that he was against any building being erected flush with the sidewalk.

“Weisenburger stated that packing houses in his belief should be flush with the walks. Peterson declared that he was not in favor of granting Sasilo’s request on the grounds that it would be a detriment to property. The matter was finally referred to the building committee to report back tonight.

“The application of E. B. Zar to erect a building at the southwest corner of Ford and Rodriquez streets was also referred to the building committee to be reported back tonight.”

EP; 6 May 1909; item: “An unfortunate accident befell George Churich, an employee at the Frank Radovan packing house at 241 Walker street...as a result of which he is now lying at the Watsonville Hospital with a broken leg. Churich, together with other employees, was assisting in putting up a door on the packing house when, without any warning, he slipped from his moorings and fell heavily to the ground...”

EP; 6 May 1909; item: “In re estate of Luke G. Sresovich—Claim of Owen Larkin for \$20.30, claim of Loma Prieta Lumber Co. for \$78.79, claim of M. J. Silva for \$47.94, all allowed and approved.”

EP; 6 May 1909; born: “Watsonville, May 6, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. V. Lester, a son.” [*Thomas Lister; +1993; see next Fig.*]

EP; 7 May 1909; board of supervisors, payments: “...Indigent Fund: Copriviza & Alaga, mdse.: \$25;

Fig. 3-32.
Thomas Lister.



Pajaro Road Fund: Balovich, John, labor: \$56.25; Gospodnetich, Anton, labor: \$60.75..."

EP; 8 May 1909; item: "Watsonville will have a municipal election on Monday. A mayor, chief of police, clerk, treasurer and police judge are to be elected from the whole city, and an alderman from each one of the four wards.

"Dr. P. K. Watters is the only candidate for mayor. Thomas J. Albright and George Jessen are candidates for chief of police. S. W. Coffman is the only candidate for city clerk..."

"The polling place for Ward No. 3 will be in the Johnson House, 242 Main street...ballot clerks, J. L. Fulton and L. Farlin..."

EP; 8 May 1909; ALL: Luke Arbanse [Arbanas].

EP; 10 May 1909; item: "Geo. Hrepich left yesterday for Tassajara Springs, where he will stay several weeks."

EP; 11 May 1909; item: "Mateo Lettunich Co., etc., plaintive, vs. Adolph Tschumi, defendant—Satisfaction of judgment."

EP; 12 May 1909; honor roll: Low 7th: Sidney Smith; High 5th: Ellen Balovich, Lena Rilovich, Katie Rilovich, Kate Knego; High 3rd: Willie Marinovich, John Strazicich; Low 2nd: Steve Marinovich.

EP; 12 May 1909; item: "M. P. Kalich left yesterday to spend a month at Tassajara Springs."

EP; 14 May 1909; item: "Rado Chukovich, who a few weeks ago engaged in an encounter with a countryman and when arrested pleaded 'not guilty,' ...appeared before Judge Bridgewater and asked permission to change his plea to 'guilty.' The permission was given and he paid \$30 fine."

EP; 19 May 1909; obit: "**Well Known Fruit Packer of This Valley Died Suddenly**...Mitchell N. Alaga, a member of the well known fruit packing firm of Alaga Brothers, passed away suddenly early this morning at his home at 32 Alexander street, a victim of heart trouble. Mr. Alaga retired in the best of health and spirits and had returned early in the evening from an enjoyable automobile ride around the valley. About midnight a fellow-

lodger in the house heard moans from Mr. Alaga's room and upon entering found him suffering from severe pains in the heart. Dr. Keopke was hastily summoned, but the Grim Reaper had already placed his firm hand on Mr. Alaga and all that medical skill and friends could do was in vain.

"Mr. Alaga was born in Konavle, Delmacia [sic], Austria, in 1883 and came to Pajaro valley some 12 years ago. He and his three brothers engaged in the fruit packing business until, at the time of his death, the firm of Alaga Brothers was one of the most substantial in the valley. Mr. Alaga is survived by a sister, Mrs. Peter Gjano (Jano), and three brothers, Nicholas, Pole [Paul] and John Alaga. The funeral services will be held next Friday morning...from the late residence of the deceased, 32 Alexander street, from which place the funeral cortege will go to St. Patrick's church, where high mass will be said. Interment will be in the Valley cemetery. Deceased was a member of Watsonville Aerie, No. 72, F.O.E., and also of the Austrial [sic] Benevolent Society."

EP; 19 May 1909; notice: "Owing to a death in the family our store will be closed until Friday noon, May 21. COPRIVIZA & ALAGA. Watsonville, May 19, 1909."

EP; 19 May 1909; article: "COLD STORAGE TOPIC PLAINLY OUTLINED. A prospectus and proposition for the organization of a company for the purpose of purchasing a site and constructing a cold storage plant was presented by H. C. Wyckoff at a meeting of packers and growers yesterday afternoon.

"The capital stock of the corporation should be \$200,000, divided into 200 shares of the par value of \$100 per share and erect a plant for the storage of apples, meat, eggs, vegetables and other products on the basis of a capacity of 500,000 boxes of apples. Headquarters of the company will be in Watsonville and as projected, the plant will be owned and controlled by the growers and packers themselves.

"In his prospectus yesterday Mr. Wyckoff presented the following proposition for the benefit of the fruit growers and shippers:

"It will enhance the value of the products of this valley by enabling them to be stored at home.

"It will provide storage without double handling and double freighting.

"It will convert the products of this valley from perishable to staple and keeping commodities.

"It will thereby greatly increase the value of crops.

"It should, at regular storage rates, pay the stockholders substantial returns on their investment."

"Frank Simpson, of the Simpson Fruit Co., Los Angeles, writes: 'The erection of a storage plant in Watsonville will be the biggest factor in the improvement of the apple industry. I do not believe your producers realize the immense importance. It would draw purchasers from

all over the east and you would have brokers and buyers in your city from September to May. It would be the biggest advertisement your city could put out as regards your apple industry.’

“These statements from a man who knows carry weight...”

EP; 20 May 1909; item: “In re estate John Arbulich, deceased—Petition for letters of administration, Blas Borovinich appointed; bond fixed at \$1700.”

EP; 20 May 1909; obit: “**The Late M. N. Alaga Will Be Buried Tomorrow**...The deceased leaves a widowed mother in Austria, besides three brothers in this city, Nick, Paul, and John, and two sisters, Mrs. Jano of Watsonville and Mrs. Pusich of Los Angeles. He was a nephew of Mateo Lettunich and a cousin of N. V., T. V. and M. B. Lettunich.

“All of the relatives have the deep sympathy of the community in their sudden and shocking bereavement. He was highly respected by all who knew him and besides was regarded with affection by all social friends.”

EP; 20 May 1909; item: “In re estate of John Arbulich—Order of publication of a notice to creditors; order appointing appraisers; letters of administration issued to Blas Borovinich; bond of Borovinich in the sum of \$1700, upon qualifying as administrator.”

Paj; 20 May 1909; item: “Action was brought...in... court by Steve Strazicich against Anton Cuzmanich for the sum of \$115.46, which the plaintiff alleges is due him...”

EP; 21 May 1909; article: “All that is mortal of the late Mitchell N. Alaga was laid to rest...in the presence of one of the largest funeral concourses ever held in this city. The funeral cortege, with over 100 vehicles, wended its way from the late residence of the deceased, at 32 Alexander street, to St. Patrick’s church where Rev. Father Gatin and Father Hassett said high mass...”

“The pallbearers were N. V. Lettunich, T. V. Lettunich, M. B. Lettunich, E. B. Lettunich, P. G. Lettunich, and A. B. Lettunich.

“One striking feature of the obsequies was the large amount of beautiful and appropriate floral pieces which completely hid the casket from view. The deceased was one of the most popular younger members of the local Austrian colony and the reverence, esteem and respect in which Mr. Alaga was held by his many friends was attested by their presence this morning. A large number of friends...were present from other cities...among these being Mr. and Mrs. B. Pusich of Los Angeles, A. B. Lettunich of Los Angeles, Peter and Nick Cupich of Gilroy, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Lettunich of San Francisco, Mrs. Annie Gilbert of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mil-

covich of San Francisco, N. Metcovich of San Francisco, Peter Saulovich of San Francisco, Andy Matijasevich of Oakland, J. Rossich of San Jose, J. Mise [prob. Kise] of San Jose, J. N. Strasavich of San Francisco, M. P. Butier of San Francisco.” [see photo, Fig. 1-45]

EP; 21 May 1909; item: “Mrs. M. N. Lettunich is here from San Francisco on a few days’ visit with relatives.”

EP; 22 May 1909; item: “**Unfortunate Young Woman’s Reason Will Return Eventually**. Mrs. John Pekoch, the wife of a young rancher on the Beach road, became violently insane late yesterday afternoon and as a result the unfortunate young woman will be taken to a private asylum near Livermore, in the hope that the proper treatment may restore her mental faculties. Mrs. Pekoch has only been married a short time and her unfortunate condition, which is attributed to physical ailments, comes as a severe blow to her husband and to her many friends in this city and valley. Owing to the fact that yesterday’s attack was the first serious one it was not thought advisable to commit her to a State asylum, but to send her to the private institution where careful attendance and medical skill may aid in restoring her mind.”

EP; 24 May 1909; ALL: Chros Karich. Foreign: Pave Sambrailo.

EP; 26 May 1909; item: “Robert W. Mann has instituted an action in Justice Hawkins’ court against M. Pecarovich, in which damages amounting to \$50 are asked for. The complaint alleges that the defendant bought all of the apples on the Mann ranch for \$550 and that Pecarovich also agreed to spray the trees. The latter part of the agreement, it is alleged, was neglected by the defendant, hence damages are asked...”

EP; 26 May 1909; item: “Mrs. Louis Farlin and Miss Estella Hatch left today for a week’s visit with their sister, Mrs. Jack Frese, at Chualar.”

EP; 27 May 1909; item: “Annie Wood and husband to Frank Radovan—Lots 3 and 4, block 1, Watsonville Homestead Association, Watsonville, \$10.”

Paj; 27 May 1909; article: “Tony Lettunich, as he used to be called here...has returned to Los Angeles, where his firm, known there as A. B. Lettunich, is the largest concern interested in the distribution of apples. The house has a branch at San Diego, and from that district as well as Los Angeles, does a large business in handling oranges on commission. While here for the purpose of attending the funeral of his cousin, M. N. Alaga, Tony was induced to talk on the prospect of his apple business from this valley. He [expects] to handle about 600 carloads of Pajaro apples this year.”

EP; 29 May 1909; item: "Today the Manzanita Co., through its manager, S. Scurich, purchased the apple crop of the Bockius Co. orchards in this valley, an aggregate of about 75 acres."

EP; 29 May 1909; item: "M. Pecarovich has filed his answer to the suit brought by R. W. Mann in the justice court, in which answer the defendant denies the allegations set for by the plaintiff in his complaint, the defendant also filing a counterclaim alleging that Mann failed to row and harrow the disputed orchard, thereby damaging said defendant to the amount of \$100. The plaintiff sued for \$50..."

EP; 29 May 1909; item: "In the case of Peter Capitanich vs. Belle Silva Capitanich, the defendant through her counsel...has moved that an order be made granting her \$100 counsel fees, \$25 costs and \$25 per month alimony for the support of herself and child. Superior Judge Sargent has set June 8th as the day for hearing..."

EP; 31 May 1909; item: "Notice of intended sale of grocery, No. 237 Main St., Watsonville—F. L. Dean to Andrew N. Zufich."

EP; 31 May 1909; ALL: Mrs. Grucish [prob. Grusich].

EP; 1 Jun 1909; obit: "Paul Cumbelich, the former well known chef at the California restaurant, died suddenly this morning...Cumbelich had been ill for over a week, but he refused the advice of his friends that the services of a doctor be secured. It was not until last night that Cumbelich would consent to medical attendance and Dr. Porter was then summoned. Dr. Porter pronounced it a case of delirium tremens, and suggested that the sick man be removed to the county hospital at Santa Cruz. Constables Corr and Sandberg had matters arranged to convey Cumbelich to the hospital today and when they left his side at 10 o'clock he was apparently much improved. At 10:15 deep gasps from the sick room brought the attendants to his bedside, but life had already left the body. Coroner Rodgers was then notified of the death.

"Paul Cumbelich was a native of Meleda [island of Mljet], Austria, having been born there in 1872. About 20 years ago he left Austria for California and of this score of years over half have been spent in Watsonville. Cumbelich was a man of great stature and with a powerful physique, and was one of the most popular members of the local Austrian colony. His culinary ability was recognized among the best, he having been employed in the old Cosmopolitan, the California, the Morning Star and the White House restaurants. The deceased is survived by a father and two brothers in Austria and an uncle, John Cumbelich, who resides in Oakland."

EP; 1 Jun 1909; article: "**HAVE AN OPTION ON THE**

MANSION HOUSE. Several Investors Have Been Here to Inspect Property But No Sale Has Been Effected. The rumor was circulating along the street this morning that the Mansion House property, owned by Mateo Lettunich and M. N. Lettunich, had been sold to San Francisco parties and that the new purchasers would tear down the present structure and erect a modern first-class hotel building.

"Investigation soon proved that no sale has been effected. An option for the sale of the property was given a well known local real estate dealer sometime ago at a good sized figure. Parties have been here from San Francisco to inspect the property, but the price asked has been the stumbling block to a successful consummation of the sale.

"The lease of Sliter & McGlashan, who have conducted the hotel for several years, does not expire until Oct. 1st, and if before that time comes around the parties who have the option for the sale of the property are not successful in securing a buyer, then the owners propose to make improvements to the building and lease it again for a short term of years."

EP; 2 Jun 1909; obit: "The funeral services of the late Paul Cumbelich, who died suddenly last Tuesday morning, were held this afternoon from Burland Bros.' funeral parlors on East Lake avenue, from which place the funeral cortege went to St. Patrick's church, where the services were held. The interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. A large number of friends were present at the obsequies, the deceased being a very popular citizen during his lifetime."

EP; 2 Jun 1909; honorable promotions: Low 7th to High 7th: Sidney Smith; High 5th to Low 6th: Kate Knego; Low 5th to High 5th: Lena Rilovich, Ellen Balovich, Katie Rilovich; High 3rd to Low 4th: Willie Marinovich.

Paj; 3 Jun 1909; item: "M. P. Kalich is home from a two weeks' visit to Tassajara Springs."

EP; 3 Jun 1909; item: "NOTICE TO CREDITORS. No. 1987. (Probate.) In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, in the State of California.

"In the matter of the estate of John Arbulich, deceased.

"Notice is hereby given, by the undersigned, Blas Borovinich, administrator of the estate of said John Arbulich, deceased, to the creditors of and to all persons having claims against said deceased or said estate to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice had [sic] on May 20, 1909, to said Blas Borovinich as such administrator, at the office of Charles B. Younger, at the Lower Plaza, in the city of Santa Cruz, in said county and state, the same being the place designated by the undersigned for the transaction of the business of said estate.

"Dated at Watsonville, California, May 20, 1909.

BLAS BOROVINICH, as administrator of the estate of said John Arbulich, deceased.”

EP; 3 Jun 1909; item: “**New Marriage License Law**... Twenty-two days still remain for marriageable young ladies of the State of California to obtain through the prospective groom the license to marry—then the entire procedure changes, for, by the grace of the State legislature on and after June 25, 1909, both the prospective bride and groom must present themselves before the County Clerk and make a sworn statement as to their name, age, place of birth and numerous other troublesome questions.

“Because of the fact that so much difficulty has been experienced by ministers and priests in obtaining this information desired by the State, the law was passed making it obligatory upon the couple to appear and to give the full name, residence, age, color, (widow or divorced), single, number of the marriage, birthplace, occupation, name of father, birthplace of father, maiden name of mother and her birthplace.

“A form has been prepared by the State printer covering these details, which must be made out by the clerk and will be preserved as a permanent record, for the State board of health, to whom the certificate will be forwarded by the county recorder after the ceremony has been performed.”

EP; 3 Jun 1909; item: “The copy from which the honorary promotion list of public school pupils that appeared in yesterday’s ‘Pajaronian’ was set[,] erred in stating that the following pupils were promoted from the low fifth to the high fifth, when it should have been high fifth to low sixth: Lena Rilovich, Ellen Balovich, Katie Rilovich.”

EP; 5 Jun 1909; article: “**Croatian Society Decision**. San Francisco, June 5—The lawsuit resulting from the division in the ranks of the local Croatian benevolent society was determined...by Judge Troutt, who rendered judgment in favor of the original body, affiliated with the National Croatian society of the United States of America, with headquarters in Pennsylvania. The local branch had nearly 400 members when the schism occurred and a minority seceded, taking with them the books, regalia and cash. They incorporated and formed a new Croatian benevolent society, unaffiliated with the national organization. The judgment rendered yesterday by Judge Troutt decides that \$599 on deposit in the San Francisco savings union belongs to the society that retained its connection with the national organization. The ownership of about \$3000 in other banks is also affected by the decision.”

EP; 5 Jun 1909; item: “**Prices Being Paid for Apple Crops in Excess of Last Year**. The local apple packers are still purchasing 1909 apple crops and there is not a day goes by but what several such deals are consummat-

ed. In almost every instance the prices paid are in excess of those received a year ago at this time. The reason for such increase in prices offered are two, to-wit: First, that the prospects for a large and bountiful yield of first-class quality apples of all varieties was never better this early in the season. Second, that the fruit packing firms must be pretty well satisfied that the market prospects for the apple crop the coming season are going to be better than last year.

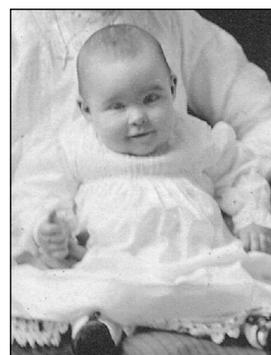
“The Condit estate has sold the apple crop of its 58-acre orchard, near College lake, to Louis Cikuth for the next three years for the sum of \$20,000, the buyer to do all spraying and cultivating. This is one of the best and most productive apple orchards in the valley.”

EP; 7 Jun 1909; item: “Mrs. Luke Scurich and son departed this morning for a several week’s visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 8 Jun 1909; item: “B. F. Brooks to Ivo Zuffich [Zuffich]—Lot 33, Blackburn subdivision, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 8 Jun 1909; item: “B. Pista & Co., fruit packers of this city, are in receipt of a letter today from Horace W. Day of New York, in which he states that a personal tour of inspection through the apple producing districts of Oregon, Washington and Idaho leads him to believe that the yield there will be 75% of an average crop, but that the largest portion thereof will be what is termed ‘red’ apples.”

EP; 9 Jun 1909; item: “Luke P. Cikuth et ux to John J. Morey—10 acres of Pajaro rancho, west of Kennaugh, \$10.”



Paj; 10 Jun 1909; born: “Watsonville, June 8, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Cikuth, a daughter.” [*Lucille*; +2008; *married Sheaff*]

Fig. 3-33.
Lucille Cikuth.

Paj; 10 Jun 1909; item: “John Balovich and daughters, Catherine and Ellen, left yesterday for Hollister to attend the wedding of Miss Annie Arenerich [Arnerich] and Sam Matulich. Miss Arenerich is a niece of Mr. Balovich...”

EP; 10 Jun 1909; article: “A warrant of arrest was issued by Judge Rohrback of Pajaro...against Frank Coehlo for disturbing the peace of one Martin Kulich. The facts of the case are these: Kulich has a dog that he thought was a

prize. Coehlo is alleged to have had a gun which he knew how to shoot. Kulich claims that Coehlo shot and killed the canine and hence Coehlo disturbed the peace of Kulich, the neighborhood and the 'purp.' In the meantime the cause of the rag-chewing has gone to the dog-heaven with an alleged bullet resting in its chest.

"But the criminal action is not all. Kulich has brought civil action against Coehlo for damages amounting to \$50, which plaintiff alleges the dead dog was worth. Attorneys J. A. Hall and Geo. W. Smith represent the plaintiff. Coehlo is the son of a well-known rancher on the San Juan road, about a mile from Brooklyn."

EP; 10 Jun 1909; item: "G. H. Shuttleworth of Liverpool and S. H. Simons of Glasgow, representing the firms of Simons, Jacobs & Co. of Glasgow, Garcit, Jacobs & Co. of London, and Simons, Shuttleworth & Co. of Liverpool and Manchester, the largest fruit firm of European receivers of American fruits, arrived in Watsonville last evening on one of their regular annual tours of inspection, and are being chaperoned by James Sheehy during their stay. From here both gentlemen will go to Oregon and Washington to inspect the apple prospects there."

EP; 10 Jun 1909; article: "THE COLD STORAGE PROJECT IS MOVING. The matter of a cold storage plant for this valley, while not in the public eye to any degree of prominence for a few days past, is fast arriving at the focus point and those whose efforts are towards the establishment of such an institution in this city are busily at work boosting the proposition. The present status of the matter finds the drafting of the necessary incorporation papers in the hands of attorneys Wyckoff & Gardner. The next meeting to be held of those interested in the cold storage proposition will take place as soon as these papers are in definite working form.

"At the recent meeting the directors of the proposed corporation were chosen, and up to this time their names have not yet been made public for various reasons. They are A. W. Cox, John J. Morey, Otto D. Stoesser, John Thompson, Sen. J. B. Holohan, W. J. McGrath, John Murphy, E. A. Hall, and a representative to be chosen by F. A. Hihn of Santa Cruz. These men are all representative fruit growers, packers or businessmen of the valley and with them at the helm the possibility of a cold storage plant in this city will be a reality in what is hoped to be the very near future." [no Slavs]

EP; 11 Jun 1909; item: "B. Baker, a Chicago dealer in green and dried fruits, made a tour of inspection of the apple orchards yesterday in company with G. W. Sill. Mr. Baker was very favorably impressed by the thrifty appearance of the trees."

EP; 11 Jun 1909; board of supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: Balovich, John, labor: \$36; Gospodnetich, Anton, labor: \$38.25..."

EP; 11 Jun 1909; item: "The case of the People vs. Frank Coehlo, charged with disturbing the peace in Pajaro township, has been set for Wednesday, June 16th...Geo. W. Smith and James A. Hall will appear as special prosecutors..."

EP; 14 Jun 1909; ALL: Steve Brautovich.

EP; 15 Jun 1909; promotions by exam: Promoted from High 7th to Low 8th: Peter Marinovich; From High 4th to Low 5th: Antonio Scurich; From Low 4th to High 4th: Willie Marinovich; From High 3rd to Low 4th: John Strazicich, Lena Strazicich; From High 2nd to Low 3rd: Ella Strazicich; From High 2nd to Low 3rd: Tony Grizich, Mitchell Bosovich [Boscovich]; From Low 2nd to High 2nd: Steve Marinovich; From High 1st to Low 2nd: Chris Rilovich, Katie Rilovich; From Low 1st to High 1st: John Eggan [Eggia/Egga/Iggia; it was spelled various ways; original was Hidža], Martin Rilovich, Frank Saveria.

EP; 15 Jun 1909; item: "The case of the People vs. Frank Coehlo, charged with disturbing the peace, comes up tomorrow...Coehlo has demanded a jury trial. The case was brought on by the alleged killing of a dog by Coehlo, said canine belonging to Martin Kulich, who swore to the complaint charging Coehlo with disturbing the peace."

Paj; 17 Jun 1909; item: "Johnnie Melanich [Miljanich], a child of 4 years living at the home of his parents on Sixth street, and who is suffering from an attack of diphtheria, is reported to be slightly improved."

Paj; 17 Jun 1909; article: "As an aftermath of the recent troubles over the tenancy of a Main street storeroom between the Mateo Lettunich Company, the landlord, and Adolph Tschumi, the tenant, a suit for \$50,000 damages was filed...by Mr. Tschumi against Luke Scurich who is one of the directors and also the manager of the Mateo Lettunich Co.'s business property..."

"The complaint filed...the defendant (Scurich) intending to injure the plaintiff (Tschumi) in reputation swore falsely before the superior court, for the purpose of influencing said court, that defendant was an absconder; also that he was a monthly tenant, whereas he had a lease that did not expire until June 1st, 1909; also that defendant had a secret agreement with two parties from the east that they would be indemnified by defendant for any trouble put in in having plaintiff made to vacate the premises, all of which was designed to injure plaintiff; finally, that as a result of the ejectment suit the jury rendered a verdict in favor of plaintiff (Tschumi), and which judgment had not been appealed from by Scurich for the Lettunich Co.

"Wyckoff & Gardner, attorneys for Mr. Scurich, have 10 days in which to file an answer to Tschumi's complaint.

"In an interview with a 'Pajaronian' representative

Luke Scurich denies ever having slandered Tschumi or having testified in any such manner as would justify a damage suit.”

EP; 17 Jun 1909; item: “Peter Mengol went to San Francisco today on a week’s business trip.”

EP; 17 Jun 1909; item: “George Hrepich returned last evening from Tassajara Springs, where he has been for about six weeks. Mr. Hrepich went to the springs for the benefit of his health and returns greatly improved.”

EP; 18 Jun 1909; item: “The motion for a new trial in the case of Anton Scurich vs. John Ryan is being argued... this afternoon in Santa Cruz. Attorneys A. W. Sans and Edward J. Kelly, who represent Ryan are arguing the motion... This case is the famous injunction suit brought by Scurich last year to restrain Ryan from interfering with work being performed by Scurich on an orchard leased from the Ryans.

“The Ryans brought a cross-complaint in which it was alleged that said interference was warranted owing to improper care taken of the orchard by Scurich. The jury found for the plaintiff to the amount of \$750. It is upon this verdict that Ryan’s attorneys are calling for a new trial, alleging that the damages awarded are excessive...”

EP; 19 Jun 1909; article: “The commissioners appointed to create a district to pay for the expenses of opening Elm street from Union to Main, also to assess damages for property to be taken for said street opening... have finished their work... and filed a report...”

“The report of the commissioners does not give the names of the individual lot owners who are assessed to pay for the work, simply numbering them from 1 to 156. The ‘Pajaronian’ has carefully compared such numbers with the assessment maps... and produces herewith the number of each lot, the name of the owner, and the amount assessed to each instance:

[Lot #—Name of Owner—Assessment] “...14, L. R. Farlin, \$23.74...64, Mateo Lettunich, \$11.28...95, Peter Stolich, \$70.79...143, F. P. Marinovich, \$1.75...”

EP; 19 Jun 1909; item: “Mateo Lettunich left for San Francisco this morning on a business trip.”

EP; 22 Jun 1909; item: “Adolph Tschumi, plaintiff, vs. Luke Scurich, defendant—Demurrer.”

EP; 23 Jun 1909; item: “Mateo Lettunich returned from San Francisco... with his new Buick touring car. Nick Lettunich was at the wheel and the other occupants of the car were M. N. Lettunich of San Francisco and Frank Marisch of Goldfield, Nevada. M. N. Lettunich, whose large business interests in this valley calls him to Watsonville frequently, has also joined the automobilists ranks and has purchased a Buick ‘white streak.’”

EP; 23 Jun 1909; article: “DISCUSS COLD STORAGE. The directors of the new cold storage plant proposed for the city held a meeting this afternoon in the office of Otto D. Stoesser. The incorporation papers have been drafted by attorneys Wyckoff & Gardner and all is ready for definite steps to be taken for the erection of the plant. Mr. Ludlow, consulting engineer for the Fulton Iron Works in San Francisco, is acting in the capacity of consulting architect for the board of directors of the local project.

“The primary object of today’s meeting is to decide definitely whether or not the cold storage plant will be in use for the present season. It is the belief of several members of the board that to build the plant now would not be advisable and for the matter to be on hand for the full season would be better. If the plant is available by the fall season a large amount of onions and potatoes could be stored this winter. Several members are of the opinion that delay in the erection of the plant would be more advisable. From the information learned from good authority it is not believed that the cold storage plant will be in operation this season.”

EP; 23 Jun 1909; item: “Andrew Beck et ux to Andrew N. Zufich [Zufich]—Lot 48, Blackburn’s subdivision No. 1, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 23 Jun 1909; item: “Frank Marisch, a prominent mining man of Goldfield, Nevada, is here on a visit to his brother-in-law, M. N. Lettunich.”

EP; 24 Jun 1909; item: “Andrew N. Zufich to John Zufich—Lot 48, Blackburn’s subdivision No. 1, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 24 Jun 1909; item: “**Wants Marriage Annulled.** The case of Peter Capitanich vs. Belle Capitanich... will come up in the Monterey county superior court at Salinas next Monday. This suit is brought by the plaintiff for the annulment of a marriage alleged to have been obtained by force...”

EP; 24 Jun 1909; item: “Steven Zelin, a section foreman on the Southern Pacific branch line for the past five years, has returned to his old home in Dalmatia, Austria, to reside permanently.”

EP; 25 Jun 1909; item: “Beginning on Saturday applicants for marriage licenses will be compelled by law to give all the minute vital statistics required to the county clerk, who must fill out the prescribed blank, instead of having the person who performs the marriage ceremony do this work. County Clerk Miller says he will not require both parties to the marriage to appear if one of them can give the data required, but those particulars must be given before the license is issued.”

EP; 25 Jun 1909; article: “**Never Before Has so Large a Percentage of a Season’s Crop Been Purchased in Advance.** There is not a day goes by but what reports are made of additional apple crop purchases in various sections of the valley by different Austrian packing house firms. Never before in the history of the valley, this early in the season, has such a large percentage of the apple crop been purchased in advance by the packing houses and on an average at such a satisfactory prices to the sellers. Right now it is conservatively estimated that close to 70% of the 1909–10 Pajaro valley apple crop has been purchased and either paid for outright or payment guaranteed. The prices paid this year for orchards are in excess of a year ago...”

EP; 28 Jun 1909; ALL: Johan Brajica, John Galan, Milan Vujinovich. Foreign: Matteo Crivicich, Jon Ostoja.

EP; 28 Jun 1909; item: “A NEW PARTNERSHIP. Andrew Strazicich has disposed of his interest in the California Restaurant to George Hrepich, and the latter, with Peter Sersen will continue to conduct the business. Mr. Strazicich retires from the pleasant five years’ partnership with Mr. Sersen in order to take up other business matters.

“Mr. Hrepich, the new partner of Pete Sersen, is well qualified for the business and the reputation of the California as a first-class restaurant will be maintained...”

EP; 28 Jun 1909; item: “T. J. Horgan, O. D. Stoesser and Luke Scurich were out Saturday afternoon securing subscriptions to help defray the expense of the Santa Cruz county exhibit at the Alaska Yukon fair now in progress at Seattle. \$1000 was donated by the county for such purpose and it was understood at the time that a similar sum would be collected by the chambers of commerce of Santa Cruz and Watsonville, under whose auspices the exhibit was to be installed.”

EP; 29 Jun 1909; article: “**Uncle Sam’s New Naturalization Laws Are Being Most Strictly Enforced...**In former years it was a very simple and easy job for any foreigner to become a citizen of the United States, but nowadays it is different.

“There were nine applications yesterday before Judge L. F. Smith and the United States Naturalization Officer Fred Littleton, at Santa Cruz, says the Surf, and only one was passed...Those examined were: ...Antone Ostoya, native of Austria. His witnesses were William Erdman and Vincent Milicich; but as Milicich had not known the petitioner for five years, he was dismissed without prejudice to the filing of a new petition...”

EP; 29 Jun 1909; item: “A RUMORED SETTLEMENT. Divorce Case Troubles of a Watsonville and Castroville Couple. The motion of Mrs. Belle Silva

Capitanich for temporary alimony, court costs, and counsel fees came on for hearing before Judge Sargent of the Superior Court of Monterey county at Salinas...Mrs. Capitanich through her attorneys...moved for an allowance of \$50 per month and the sum of \$75 as a counsel fee. After hearing the testimony of both parties Judge Sargent made an order allowing Mrs. Capitanich an attorney’s fee of \$75 and a monthly allowance of \$20. The motion made...grew out of an action instituted by P. P. Capitanich, of Watsonville, against his wife, whereby he seeks to annul the marriage on the ground that his consent thereto was obtained by coercion. It was rumored, however, after the hearing of the motion that the parties affected a settlement of the matrimonial entanglement, but when questioned with references thereto, James A. Hall, attorney for Capitanich stated that he could not say whether or not there was any foundation for the rumor.”

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Fig. 3-34. Another ad from a non-Slav business in the *Jadran*, a Croatian newspaper out of San Francisco. See the index for other *Jadran* ads. 1 July 1909.

EP; 1 Jul 1909; item: “Agreement for sale of real estate—Cora E. Pettit and husband with Joseph Secondo et al.”

EP; 1 Jul 1909; item: “**FOURTH OF JULY MONEY. Names of Contributors and Amount Subscribed by Each.** At the direction of Director-General E. A. Hall the following list of contributors, and the amount subscribed by each, is given publication.

“Five dollar contributions: ...Steve Strazicich...California Restaurant...Manzanita Co...Copriviza & Alaga.”

EP; 1 Jul 1909; article: “One of the Slavonian laborers at the Logan quarry of the Granite Rock Co. met with a distressing accident yesterday afternoon which came within an ace of his losing his life. The laborer, whose name could not be learned, attempted to board a moving

freight train and in doing so slipped on the car steps and fell to the ground.

“He struck his right temple a hard blow on a jagged rock, inflicting a wound which was over an inch in length and which cut the bone. The wounded man was conveyed to Watsonville in an automobile and Dr. Pope carefully dressed the wound and pronounced the man out of danger...”

EP; 2 Jul 1909; item: “In re estate of John Arbulich, deceased—Inventory and appraisalment.”

EP; 3 Jul 1909; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Nick Marisch of San Francisco are here on a visit to Peter Mengol.”

EP; 3 Jul 1909; item: “Nick Zar, a former Watsonville boy, is here from San Francisco to take in the Fourth of July celebration.”

EP; 6 Jul 1909; item: “**At Lake Watsonville.** The sporting events of the Fourth of July celebration proved a great attraction to the holiday crowds and every event was warmly contested. Lake Watsonville saw, perhaps, the biggest crowd in its history while the aquatic events were in progress there yesterday...Following is a complete list of the events at the lake, the prizes and the winners: ...best double rig, Messrs. Luicich [Lucich] and Gordon, \$5...”

EP; 7 Jul 1909; item: “F. P. Marinovich, plaintiff, vs. F. A. Kilburn, defendant—Stipulation for dismissal.”

EP; 7 Jul 1909; article: “...the board [of aldermen] had several other business matters of vital importance, among which was the terse report of the board of health. This valuable document was read by Dr. Saxton Pope and the report minced no words in describing conditions as they were found by the board in this city. The milk of this city was generally condemned. For some time past the board of health has been conducting a series of experiments relative to the condition of the present milk supply of the city and as a result the board was unanimous in the opinion that the city must have better milk. After detailing in technical phrases the methods pursued in sampling milk, the report went on to state the results of four tests made by the board:

“First, a tamale parlor supplied by a Portuguese dairyman; milk found to contain 12,800,000 bacteria and germs.

“Second, a private family supplied by an American dairyman; milk contained 4,300,000 germs.

“Third, Watsonville Hospital, furnished by an American; milk contained 2,500,000 bacteria.

“Fourth, a Slavonian restaurant; proprietor thought the milk had a peculiar taste and wanted it tested; found to contain 26,400,000 bacteria.

“The above tests were taken during the recent warm

weather. The normal cow under the best conditions will give milk containing only 42,500 bacteria to the cubic centimeter, hence the above figures go to show how bad the local milk supply is...”

EP; 7 Jul 1909; item: “In re estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Petition to set apart personal property exempt from execution.”

Paj; 8 Jul 1909; item: “J. B. Marinovich has purchased the agency of the Examiner and Chronicle for this city and valley. The headquarters of his agency will be maintained with the Watsonville News Co.”

EP; 8 Jul 1909; notice: “**Dissolution of Co-partnership.** Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between Andrew Strazicich and Peter Sersen under the firm name and style of Strazicich & Sersen in the conduction of the California Restaurant and Lodging House has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. Andrew Strazicich retiring therefrom, the business will be continued by Peter Sersen and George Hrepich, who will pay all bills owing by the firm of Strazicich & Sersen and receive all moneys due said firm. ANDREW STRAZICICH, PETER SERSEN.”

EP; 9 Jul 1909; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: Strazicich & Sersen, meals: \$13.40... Indigent Fund: Copriviza & Alaga, mdse: \$10...Pajaro Special Road Fund: Balovich, John, Labor: \$33.75...”

EP; 9 Jul 1909; disp. ad: “Railroad Exchange Hotel, Opposite the S.P. Depot, Watsonville. PAUL BONDRY, Proprietor. First-class board by the day, week or month. Newly furnished, large and convenient rooms. All service up-to-date. Wines, Liquors, and Cigars in Connection”

EP; 10 Jul 1909; item: “In re estate of John Arbulich, deceased—Affidavit of publication.”

EP; 12 Jul 1909; ALL: Marko Vlahivich.

EP; 13 Jul 1909; item: “J. B. Featherstone has arrived from Los Angeles and will open a variety store of 5, 10, 15 and 25 cent goods of all descriptions, both useful and ornamental. A store has been rented in the Marinovich block on [Peck] street, and will be opened in a few days.”

Paj; 15 Jul 1909; article: “...The well known hotel near the S.P. depot for years conducted by Geo. Strazicich under the name Railroad Exchange, has changed hands, Paul Boudry having taken possession July 4th, under a purchase of the hotel business and lease of the premises...Mr. Strazicich, who has conducted the hotel for many years, and made it so popular that it has had to be enlarged several times, will take a rest before deciding on his future plans.”

EP; 19 Jul 1909; ALL: John Bulash. Foreign: Julia Lucich.

EP; 19 Jul 1909; article: "**APPLICANTS FOR U. S. CITIZENSHIP. Uncle Sam Is Quite Strict and Applicants Must Hereafter Make Two Trips to County Seat.** A United States attorney will be at the courthouse in Santa Cruz on November 16th, to make a final examination of applicants for citizenship.

"This final examination must be preceded by an application not less than 90 days before that date.

"It should be understood, then, that between now and August 16th all applicants for citizenship must be present in person, and each must be accompanied by his witnesses. Again on November 16th he must be in Santa Cruz with his witnesses, ready for the final examination.

"Unless this rule is adhered to by the applicant no attention to the application will be paid by the United States attorneys."

EP; 20 Jul 1909; item: "Henry P. Kane is back from a week's business trip to Los Angeles. He reports business as good in the southern metropolis and believes there will be a good market there this season for Pajaro valley apples. He states that Wm. Pulisevich, formerly of Watsonville, has two fruit and produce stores there and that his business is rapidly increasing. Mr. Kane has been appointed local agent for Mr. Pulisevich."

EP; 21 Jul 1909; item: "Andrew Zar was granted permission to erect a barn at 123 Callahan street, said barn to cost \$250..."

EP; 22 Jul 1909; item: "In re estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Order fixing time to place of hearing of petition to set apart property."

EP; 22 Jul 1909; item: "Miss Catherine Balovich has gone to Santa Cruz, where she has accepted a position as cashier in the beach casino."

EP; 22 Jul 1909; article: "After examining 85 veniremen, the attorneys in the case of the People vs. W. P. Austin, the University of California student charged with soliciting trade without a license, finally secured 12 men this morning who stated that they knew nothing about the case, who are not prejudiced either way, and who are in other respects model jurors...The jurors secured to hear the evidence were: Frank O'Brien, Luke Scurich, R. H. Gossom, Frank Segó, Wm. J. Heckard, Alex Beck, Wm. Grul, F. P. Marinovich, W. J. Wilkinson, R. Emmett Atteridge, J. Buckhart and Chesley Stow."

EP; 24 Jul 1909; item: "In re estate of John Donohue, deceased—Bid of Emily Sasselo [Sassilo]; order confirming sale of real property."

EP; 24 Jul 1909; item: "Messrs. Sliter and McGlashan have secured a new lease of the Mansion House property, dating from Sept. 1st, the expiration of the present lease and continuing for five years. The owners of the property are Mateo and M. N. Lettunich, and it is said that they contemplate making several improvements to the hotel building before the beginning of the new lease. Several other parties besides Sliter and McGlashan were applicants for the new lease."

EP; 24 Jul 1909; item: "The following bids for the apple crop on the John D. Murphy orchard, near Vega, were opened this afternoon at the Pajaro Valley Board of Trade rooms: B. Pista, \$8500; N. V. Lettunich, \$8126; Alaga Bros., \$8050. The sale was made to the first named bidder. The price bid is slightly in excess of the highest offer received by Mr. Murphy last year."

EP; 24 Jul 1909; article: "The annual meeting of the Pajaro Valley Shippers and Packers Association took place last evening and a new board of directors and the new officials were elected as follows:

"Directors—W. H. Benteen, M. N. Lettunich, C. H. Baker, O. D. Stoesser, and James Sheehy. When the board organized the following officers were elected:

"President, W. H. Benteen; vice president, O. D. Stoesser; secretary, C. H. Baker; assistant secretary, W. S. Foltz; treasurer, Pajaro Valley Bank.

"A committee was appointed to take up the matter of securing a storage in transit rate, which has already been decided against by the railroad company. C. H. Baker, F. W. MacDonald, M. N. Lettunich and T. J. Horgan are to see Traffic Manager Jones."

EP; 26 Jul 1909; item: "Apricot drying is increasing in volume on the Lettunich grounds at Cassin Park, about 50 women and girls, being employed at cutting besides the dozen or more men used at heavier work. The drying is in charge of Frank Farlin whose experience at the Del Monte farms demonstrated his ability as a superintendent."

EP; 26 Jul 1909; ALL: Foreign: T. U. Perazich.

EP; 27 July 1909; item: "M. P. Kalich has gone to Tassajara Springs for a vacation trip."

EP; 27 Jul 1909; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children, after spending their vacation in Santa Cruz, returned to their home in San Francisco today."

EP; 28 Jul 1909; item: "Lease—Geo. Strazicich to Catherine Boudry, 'Railroad Exchange Hotel,' Watsonville, five years from July 4, 1909."

EP; 30 Jul 1909; item: "Four employees of the new Copriviza & Guerra [Gera] packing house being erected

at the corner of Second and Walker streets came within a hair's breadth of losing their lives...when in jacking up an old building on the site the jacks slipped and the heavy building nearly crushed out their lives. The four men were beneath the structure setting up the jacks when something slipped and a small amount of cribbing under the building was all that saved their lives. The men were extricated from their dangerous position in quick order none worse for their close shave with the Grim Reaper."

EP; 30 Jul 1909; item: "Estate of John Donohue, by executor, to Emily Sasselo—Lot 80x110 on north side 5th street, 76 feet 8 inches east of Walker street, Watsonville, \$1331."

EP; 30 Jul 1909; item: "Geo. Strazicich was granted permission to erect a two-story building at the corner of Lake avenue and Walker street, said structure to cost \$1000. Geo. Strazicich was also granted permission to transfer his liquor license to the Railroad Exchange hotel to Paul Boudry."

EP; 31 Jul 1909; item: "Yesterday...Charles E. Peckham and Steve Strazicich, on behalf of the local society of the Ancient Order of Druids, presented Dr. Guy Miller with a handsome gold-headed cane as a testimonial of the high esteem in which that gentleman is held by the Druids. The presentation was made on the eve of the departure of Dr. Miller and family for an extended visit to the old home in Virginia..."

EP; 31 Jul 1909; item: "Ed Hannay, Jack Marinovich, Stanley Sliter, Lawrence Green and Jack Tanner motored to Capitola and Salinas last night."

EP; 2 Aug 1909; item: "**The City Grocery Co.** Andrew Strazicich, for several years one of the proprietors of the California Restaurant but who lately retired therefrom, has purchased an interest in the grocery business of Copriviza & Alaga, and the firm name will hereafter be 'The City Grocery Co.' Messrs. Copriviza and Alaga have built up a successful mercantile business, but lately their other outside interests have demanded much of their attention. Mr. Strazicich, the new partner, will devote all his time to the personal management of the business. Many improvements will be made in storeroom in order that an even larger stock of goods can be carried."

EP; 2 Aug 1909; item: "The members of the local Austrian Benevolent Society who took in the big barbecue and picnic of that order at San Jose yesterday were Wm. Silva, Frank Lacey, Ernest Leham, John Gurisch, M. Sablich, Geo. A. Forencich and G. Forencich. Alex Rodriguez drove them to the Garden City in his big Mitchell car."

EP; 3 Aug 1909; item: "CERTIFICATE OF CO-PARTNERSHIP. 'We, the undersigned, George P. Copriviza, N. Alaga, and Andrew Strazicich, residents of the City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, do hereby certify that we are a co-partnership transacting business in Santa Cruz county under the firm name and style of City Grocery Company.' GEO. P. COPRIVIZA, N. ALAGA, ANDREW STRAZICICH, Dated, August 2nd, 1909."

EP; 4 Aug 1909; item: "A. B. Lettunich, the well known wholesale fruit dealer of Los Angeles and San Diego, who is a former resident of this city, is here for a few days' business trip."

EP; 4 Aug 1909; item: "Steve Kuchi [maybe Kucher], an apple picker at work in Green valley, suffered a compound fracture of his arm...while engaged in working in an orchard. Kuchi was standing on a high ladder picking fruit when he lost his balance and fell heavily on his left arm...The force of the blow was sufficient to fracture the limb."

EP; 5 Aug 1909; item: "Peter Sersen is enjoying a few days' fishing on the placid waters of the bay at Monterey."

EP; 5 Aug 1909; item: "Barrister George W. Smith is in distress. After working laboriously for some time poring over dry-as-dust citations from the codes and after getting his legal guns primed up ready for battle[,] his client is now alleged to be delinquent in finances. In other words, Geo. W. Smith alleges that one T. Mayahara, a native of Holland, failed to come through with any fees for work performed by said Smith. Counselor Smith has, therefore, filed action for \$25 counsel fees in the Justice court and has retained Geo. P. Burke as his counsel."

EP; 6 Aug 1909; board of supervisors, payments: "Pajaro Road Fund: Balovich, John, labor: \$31.50...Pajaro Special Road Fund: Balovich, L. C., labor \$18..."

EP; 7 Aug 1909; item: "Antone Scurich, plaintiff, vs. John M. Ryan, defendant—Stipulation."

EP; 7 Aug 1909; article: "**NEW COUNTY HISTORY. Ed Martin Has Been Engaged To Write Historical Features.** M. J. Flannery is here calling on our people in the interest of the history of Santa Cruz county which will be issued some time during the coming year by the Historic Record Co. of Los Angeles.

"The prospectus of the work announces that 'the history of Santa Cruz County, its origin, first settlement, and its growth in all branches of development up to the present time will be written by Ed Martin, a pioneer of the State, well known attorney of this county, searcher of records and a man who is known by nearly everyone in

the county, and needs no introduction to the people. Mr. Martin has been a contributor to the local papers for many years and has been especially interested in saving material that would be of a great deal of interest to both the young and the old, for he has kept in touch with pioneer times as well as being much interested in the growth of the county.'

"The 'Pajaronian' can most heartily add its endorsement to all that is said of Ed Martin in the quotation from the prospectus. He is certainly the right man to write an accurate and reliable history of this county. He is a regular walking encyclopedia of county, district, State and national history."

EP; 10 Aug 1909; item: "The suit brought by Attorney Geo. W. Smith against R. Miyahara for counsel fees amounting to \$25 was this morning dismissed...on motion of Attorney Geo. P. Burke for the plaintiff. The case was compromised and declared settled out of court."

EP; 10 Aug 1909; item: "John Zuffich [Zufich] to Andrew N. Zuffich—Lot 48, Blackburn's subdivision 1, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 10 Aug 1909; item: "R. Miyahara, a local Japanese fruit packer, has instituted civil action in the justice court against R. P. Quinn for \$11 but behind these bare facts there is an interesting tale. Shortly over a month ago Quinn rented a packing house owned by the plaintiff, for which he was to pay a monthly rental of \$11 for six months. During the month of July Quinn re-rented the house to J. C. Capitanich for \$11 a month, to be paid quarterly. Quinn paid the \$11 rental for July and is alleged to have received the \$33 rental from Capitanich and now Miyahara alleges that Quinn will not pay the rental for August. He therefore sues for the sum of \$11 and the restitution of the possession of the property..."

EP; 11 Aug 1909; item: "Chris Milanovich, the genial apple buyer and general fruit agent of the Pajaro valley, was here yesterday looking after business interests and shaking hands with his many Salinas friends. Mr. Milanovich is soon to change his base of operations from San Francisco to Salinas, being interested in many business enterprises in the vicinity.—Democrat."

EP; 11 Aug 1909; item: "...Mateo Lettunich and Luke Scurich filed a demurrer to the damage suit which A. Tschumi has instituted against them for \$50,000. The suit is the outgrowth of the difficulties the parties to the suit recently had over the tenancy of a Main street storeroom."

EP; 12 Aug 1909; item: "Gregory Alexich, a former Watsonvillean, is here from San Francisco in the interest of his commission house."

EP; 12 Aug 1909; item: "Pete Sersen, Mervyn Henry, Archie McEwen, George Martin and Harry Brewington motored to San Jose last night."

EP; 14 Aug 1909; article: "Hon. John Dennis and wife of London, England, arrived...for a couple of days' visit to the Pajaro valley. Mr. Dennis is of the firm of Dennis & Sons, a leading English fruit house which has for years made a specialty of handling Pajaro Newtown Pippin apples, particularly the 'Bear' brand of M. N. Lettunich & Co.'s. This is the first visit of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis to America...While here Mr. D. will be shown through the principal orchards..."

EP; 16 Aug 1909; item: "George Strazicich, formerly proprietor of the Railroad Exchange Hotel, met with a distressing accident...while engaged in constructing a building on the corner of Walker street and West Lake avenue. Strazicich was standing on a scaffolding some 20 feet above the ground...when the scaffolding broke, causing him to fall to the sidewalk below.

"Before he could arise a heavy plank dislodged from the scaffolding fell to the ground, rendering Strazicich unconscious with a blow on the stomach. The injured man was revived and carried to his room in the hotel, where Dr. Koepke attended to his case. The injury is not serious but will likely incapacitate him from work for several days at least."

EP; 16 Aug 1909; marriage: "CUPID AGAIN BUSY. A pretty wedding was solemnized yesterday morning...when Rev. Father Hassetton pronounced the words that made Antone Novacovich and Miss Mary Kalich of this city man and wife...B. M. Novacovich, a brother of the groom, officiated as the best man, while Mrs. M. L. Kalich was the bridesmaid.

"At the conclusion of the ceremony all adjourned to the J. P. Miovich packing house, where tables groaning with good things to eat awaited the guests...The groom holds a responsible position in a local packing house, while his bride is the niece of Mitchell P. Kalich, and a sister of M. L. Kalich of this city."

EP; 17 Aug 1909; item: "Estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Affidavit of mailing notice of hearing of petition to set apart exempt property; order granting petition."

EP; 18 Aug 1909; article: "**SUES T. J. HORGAN FOR \$827.20 AND COSTS. Nicholas V. Lettunich Alleges That Watsonville Broker Has Not Paid For Carload of Apples.** Today there was filed in the county clerk's office at Santa Cruz a civil action wherein N. V. Lettunich, a well known fruit packer of this valley, seeks to recover from Timothy J. Horgan, a broker of this city, a large sum of money alleged to be due the former from

the latter for a carload of apples sold in 1907.

“Following are the allegations set forth in Mr. Lettunich’s complaint:

“That on September 12, 1907, said plaintiff sold and delivered to said defendant, at the special instance and request of said defendant, 685 boxes of apples; that said apples comprised a carload, and were delivered by said plaintiff to said defendant at Aromas, in the county of Monterey...

“Wherefore, said plaintiff prays judgment against said defendant as follows, to-wit:

“1. That said plaintiff recover judgment against said defendant for the sum of \$827.20, in gold coin of the United States of America, together with interest thereon in like gold coin, from September 12, 1907, until the entry of judgment herein...”

Paj; 19 Aug 1909; married: “Watsonville, Aug. 15, 1909...Antone Novacovich and Miss Mary Kalich, both of Watsonville.”

Paj; 19 Aug 1909; article: “The export of boxed apples from the United States to Europe is increasing each year, notwithstanding that the export of barreled stock, which is enormous, does not decrease.

“The European demand for boxed stock is on the increase, though, and it therefore behooves our shippers this year to be more careful than ever before in the grading and packing of apples for export trade.

“The current issue of the New York Fruit Trade Journal, a journal which seems to think that all the apples raised in the west come from Washington and Oregon, when in reality this little valley ships more than both those States combined, erroneously states in its last issue that the first boxed apples to attract much attention abroad were from Hood River. Long before Hood River was heard of as an apple district choice Newtown Pippins from Watsonville were being sold at fancy figures in London and Liverpool. This correction is made with no intention to disparage the great Hood River district, but simply in justice to our own valley...”

EP; 23 Aug 1909; item: “Mrs. Celesta Mortizia has purchased the French-American bakery of Louis Clement’s at 207 Main street. Mrs. M. is an experienced business woman and will make a success of her venture.”

EP; 23 Aug 1909; item: “J. Milanovich, formerly in the apple shipping business in this city, was over from Salinas yesterday, where he is at present engaged in the same line. He and his partner, Gregory Alexich, have purchased most of the apple orchards in the outlying districts of the Salinas valley.” [*prob. C. Milanovich*]

EP; 24 Aug 1909; item: “Marshal A. Frank substituted for Pajaro Valley Bank vs. Watsonville Transportation

Co., Stephen Scurich et al.—Satisfaction of judgment as to defendant, Stephen Scurich.”

EP; 26 Aug 1909; item: “Lease—Pajaro Fruit Farm Co. to Zar Bros., 25 acres of Pajaro rancho, 5 years.”

EP; 27 Aug 1909; item: “Wm. Pulisevich, formerly of this city but now one of the leading commission merchants of Los Angeles, arrived last night for a few days’ business trip. ‘Bill’ is doing well in the southern metropolis and is handling large produce shipments from this valley.”

EP; 28 Aug 1909; item: “Nicholas V. Lettunich vs. T. J. Horgan—Demurrer; summons.”

EP; 28 Aug 1909; obit: “Santa Cruz, August 27, 1909, Antonio Ostoja, a native of Grach [Brač], Dalmatia, Austria, aged 28 years.”

EP; 1 Sep 1909; article: “Special Officer Hays, representing the local board of health, arrested Antone Mioceovich, a well known Austrian farmer of the Salsipuedes district...for violating a provision of the health ordinance which provides a wagon of special description for the hauling of garbage.

“Mr. Mioceovich has for a long time hauled the refuse from the kitchen of the California Restaurant to his ranch, where it is fed to hogs. He says the refuse has always been hauled away in old wine barrels and in such a manner as not to give offense. He contends that the barrels are far more sanitary than the ‘municipal cans’ provided by the ordinance as the legal method...

“Yesterday afternoon, with the dismissal of a similar charge against Geo. Doering, it was thought that the Board of Health would in the future refrain from further arrests like the one today and confine their attentions to an enforcement of the order for the cleaning of backyards. But apparently such is not to be the case.”

EP; 2 Sep 1909; item: “**New Grocery Store.** Mirko & Zinich [Zimich], owners of a large retail grocery store in Oakland, have opened a branch grocery store at 237 Main street... Stock is arriving daily and soon the branch establishment will open its doors to trade. The proprietors have had years of experience in the grocery business.”

Paj; 2 Sep 1909; article: “**This Valley to Be the Host of Nearly Five Hundred ‘Apple Birds’ on Annual Visit.** The now famous ‘apple tramp’ army, numbering some four or five hundred persons and representing almost every nation upon the globe, is once more invading the fertile Pajaro valley, as it has done for years in the past. The sweet ‘call of the wild,’ the Newtown Pippin, the Bellefleur, and others, has been hearkened to and the ‘apple birds’ are arriving in large flocks every day to aid

the orchardists, the shippers and the packers of this valley in the harvesting and marketing of this season's banner crop. Already the wheels of the apple industry are turning and from the time the sun rises upon the month of September until shortly after it sets in November, and probably December, the bulk of the apple tramp army is with us, their presence in our midst lending a cosmopolitan tinge to our environments, which is not found when they are gone. A brief study of this peculiarly successful and uniquely omnipresent army would not be amiss at this period, the verge of their active work in this valley for the season of 1909. The apple tramp army is one of the most peculiar features or industries in this State and to dilate upon its travels, its work of almost multitudinous proportions furnishes food for thought and gives the uninitiated a better insight into the inner workings of this now powerful factor in labor circles, without which the apple, grape, orange, pear, cantaloupe and other fruit industries would be seriously handicapped.

"Let us then begin this brief study right here at home in the Pajaro valley. The line of work accomplished by this class embraces every phase of the apple industry, from the picking of the fruit from the tree to its transportation to the markets. The apple tramp army is composed of men whose specialty is picking the apples in the orchard, men whose knowledge of box making is expert, men who are especially adapted to packing the fruit in boxes, men whose executive ability is needed in the supervision of their colleagues in the industry, others are needed in sorting the various varieties of the fruit, others who are clever at stenciling, marking or tagging the packed boxes of fruit, men—well, there are lines of work innumerable that this apple tramp army follows and in its midst are individuals whose ability can be of service to any department of the industry. The shippers and packers together with the orchardists depend upon the annual invasion of this army and their absence from this valley in the apple season would be missed, as the available home supply of labor is not sufficient to meet the demands. Their work is just beginning in full blast at the present time and a visit to the orchards and packing houses of this valley would give one a clearer idea of just how indispensable their presence is to the industry. The number of apple tramps at present in the valley has by no means reached its height and every train has its quota of apple birds bound for Watsonville to join their comrades in the army which at present is one of the features of the industries of the State as well as of the west.

"As the days of December gradually lead up to the opening of a new year, the ranks of the army become rapidly depleted. Their departure from the valley is then as sudden as their arrival over three months before. The army then hears a different call and they leave us in answer to this new demand, leave us for another year, until the cry of this valley for their return brings them

back to us again. Then comes the invasion of the lower San Joaquin valley, commonly called the branch, where the towns of Porterville, Terra Bella and Exeter nestle amid their orange groves. Then begins the great orange industry which, while longer in duration, is of no greater importance than is our apple industry. Over on the branch the orange season of the State first begins and from December 1st to January 15th the apple tramps are working there at the same line of labor which they pursued in the Pajaro valley. When the month of January is nearing its end the fruit army picks up its belongings and from the branch region they go on to Southern California to engage in the orange business there. Here the season is the longest for the army. From January 15th to June 1st the orange industry demands their presence and here also their varied skill is called to action in exactly the same way it is in this valley.

"When the month of June arrives an entirely different call is once more heard, this time to the famous Imperial valley, which, hugging the borderline of our Golden State, has developed a new industry that bids fair to rank in importance with the apple, orange and grape industries. This is the cantaloupe industry which, beginning in June continues until almost September, the time when the army is beginning to once more cast longing eyes toward the apple orchards of the Pajaro valley.

"But there is still the grape industry, which has made Atwater, Fresno, Malaga, Sanger and Selma so famous. Here the army arrives from Imperial in August and the eastern-central portion of the great San Joaquin valley is then the working ground until even after it is due in the Pajaro valley. Each year a remnant of the army lingers in the grape or cantaloupe sections, delaying their presence in the apple district of the State, but the army alternates in this respect. Those who remain in the former sections this season will in all probability be the first to arrive in the apple section next year, while many of those who came to the Pajaro valley early in the present apple season will next year postpone their arrival, in order that they may bring the grape and cantaloupe seasons to a close.

"The fruit tramp army is doing a paying business. Many of them, by wandering from one section of the State to another, have reaped a snug financial harvest and some upon whose heads the winter of life is falling are dropping from the ranks to enjoy the fruits of their labor in ease and comfort. It would not then be inopportune to mention briefly what wages are commanded of the various lines of work pursued. The piece-work system applies generally in all of the fruit industries wherein the army takes part. Here in the Pajaro valley the wages are among the highest paid for that class of work in the State. Four cents per box for packers and from 50c to 60c per hundred boxes for the box makers is the price commanded and these wages net the skilled workmen a neat weekly wage. The orange industry pays from 3c to 3½c for packers and from 85c to \$1 for box makers, the latter

being a much higher wage than is paid in this valley for box making. Over in the grape section, the packers receive their wages per diem which vary in proportion while the wages for making crates average 60c per hundred. The cantaloupe crate makers receive from 90c to \$1 per hundred crates while the packers receive 5c per crate. The packing of pears is most generally rewarded by a daily wage. Hence, one can see readily that those who are associated with the fruit tramps receive no mean stipend for their labor and it is not then to be wondered at that the army assumes such large proportions and that its ranks are yearly being recruited.

“Now, a closing word as to the character and makeup of the average ‘fruit tramp,’ which is a slang term used by themselves. There are of course, and it is to be expected in such instances, those in the army who course, and it is to be expected in such the general public but to their colleagues [*sic* typos in original]. The acts committed by some of these individuals are deplored by the better class, who, happy to say, are in the vast majority. The average ‘fruit tramp’ is the personification of good fellowship and manly conduct. Their presence in this valley each year is largely awaited for, their being here brings a jolly, good-natured temperament to the city that is more pronounced than when they are gone. Their decided cosmopolitan make-up, their appreciation of a good time, their knowledge of human nature gleaned from close contact with nearly all sections of the State gives the city a distinctive glamour that could not be duplicated under ordinary circumstances, such as prevail while the army is absent from our midst. Take off your hats to the ‘fruit tramps.’ You can find no better specimens of humanity than are found in their midst. While they are with us they excel even ourselves in many instances in boosting the valley. Further, while they are performing their duties in other districts of our State they never forget us and they never neglect to give this valley and its people a boost.

“We appreciate the ‘fruit tramps’ and we all rejoice that once more the army is with us to remain for a few months. They are, to use a slang expression, a mighty good ‘bunch.’”

EP; 3 Sep 1909; item: “J. P. Braycovich, an Austrian fruit packer who resides on Ford street, near Walker... suffered two fractured ribs...the result of a bad fall which he took from a fruit wagon. Braycovich was endeavoring to climb off the wagon, when his foot slipped and he landed heavily upon the ground on his right side, the fall being severe enough to break two ribs. He summoned medical assistance and was removed to his home...”

EP; 4 Sep 1909; item: “Nicholas Lettunich vs. T. J. Horgan—Order for subpoena.”

EP; 4 Sep 1909; item: “Miss Kathryn Balovich has returned from Santa Cruz, where she spent the summer.”

EP; 6 Sep 1909; marriage: “Yesterday morning...Miss Sarah Arlar and Carlos Castro [were wed]. The young lady is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Arias, while the groom is a well-known young farmer of the Freedom district...Those present at the reception were: ...Mr. and Mrs. N. Malasovich [maybe Miloslavich]...”

EP; 6 Sep 1909; item: “...Among the Pippin fans in Hollister yesterday were...George W. Smith...Paul Alaga...”

EP; 6 Sep 1909; obit: “Watsonville, Sept. 5, 1909, Andro Karaman, a native of Austria.”

EP; 7 Sep 1909; born: “Watsonville...Sept. 5, 1909, to Frank Radovan and wife, a daughter.” [*Anna*]

EP; 7 Sep 1909; item: “The apple shipping season has just fairly started in this city and valley. Yesterday 30 carloads went out of Watsonville yard, making a total of 185 carloads for the season to date, 50 carloads more than will be produced by the famous Hood River district in Oregon the present season. Within the next few weeks it will not be an uncommon occurrence to see 50 to 60 carloads a day go out from Watsonville depot, and such will be the order unless a shortage of refrigerator cars occurs.

“So far this season the daily supply of cars has been pretty well maintained, and the railroad officials claim that such will likely be the case when the big demand is on. Let’s hope their optimistic view will not be shattered...”

“Most of the commission packing houses are short on ‘consignment’ business this year and have been compelled to buy apple crops outright, while a few have been making purchases from the Austrian packing houses...”

EP; 7 Sep 1909; article: “**Simple Plan To Increase Reputation of Our Principal Product During Convention.** President E. A. Hall of the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce has launched an important move for local advertising of Pajaro valley apples which should meet with the prompt co-operation of all orchardists, packers, shippers, and merchants of the valley.

“His purpose is to ask every merchant in town to make a window display of apples during next week when the large number of delegates to the Grand Council I.D.E.S. will be present in Watsonville from all parts of California.

“Apples in every conceivable package, apples loose, apples dried, and all by-products of apples should be on display, and in case where the whole display and in cases where the whole window cannot be devoted to an apple belish the display of other goods. [*sic*]

“The idea is a splendid one. Its design is to so impress the visitors with a sight of Pajaro valley apples that when at home after the convention, every time they think of Watsonville or speak of it, they will think and speak of Watsonville apples.

“The effort necessary to secure this end is trifling, and

the expense but nominal, while the advertising effects will be cumulative and lasting.”

EP; 8 Sep 1909; item: “The estate of the late Mrs. Lillie Smith was sold today to Peter Scurich for the sum of \$3100...”

Paj; 9 Sep 1909; obit: “Andro Karaman, an employee on the Gus Sanborn place now rented by Mr. Pekoch, died...at the Watsonville Hospital...[He] was a native of Austria...”

Paj; 9 Sep 1909; item [separate from above]: “...A singular feature of the funeral services was the presence of 6 first cousins...as pallbearers. They were George [Joe] Secondo, Matt Secondo, Louis Secondo, Michel Secondo, Peter Secondo, and Peter Radin...[Mr. Karaman was a] native of Austria...aged 36 years.”

EP; 10 Sep 1909; item: “Michael Drobaz to Santa Cruz Co.—40 foot strip of land adjoining Lemon; \$10.”

EP; 10 Sep 1909; item: “Edw. A. Hall is to be given credit for one of the best street displays of our famous home product ever made in the city. In one of his large windows he has used Bellfleur apples, and in the other Newtowns.

“It is not the large number nor the variety that makes the display so noticeable, but rather the artistic manner in which the apples have been used to embellish the display of his regular stock...”

EP; 10 Sep 1909; board of supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: Balovich, John, labor: \$40.50... Drobaz, Michael, real estate: \$75...”

EP; 11 Sep 1909; item: “Three carloads of the choicest Pajaro valley Newtown Pippin apples have been shipped from here to London for exhibition purposes at the great Earl’s Court exposition about to open in that city...The three carloads of Newtowns...are said to be extra choice and were secured from Frank Radovan, R. H. Goodchild, San Monte Co. and Loma Fruit Co., and were grown principally in the foothill section of the northern part of the valley. They were specially wrapped[,] and packed along with each carload was sent a lot of pamphlet advertising matter of Pajaro valley...”

EP; 13 Sep 1909; item: “I.D.E.S. SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS HERE...Tonight at the Opera House a reception is being tendered to the officers and representatives of the Supreme Council by the members of Pajaro Council, No. 13, I.D.E.S., and municipal officers and citizens of Watsonville. Introductory remarks will be made by J. S. Martin, followed by addresses by Mayor Watters, Supreme President Freitas, Lieutenant-Governor Porter,

Superior Judge Smith, L. P. Freitas, E. A. Hall, Sen. J. B. Holohan, P. G. Sheehy, F. L. Limas (in Portuguese), Edward White, Geo. G. Radcliff, A. M. Martin and Geo. W. White...The Irmandade do Divino Espirito Santo, known as I.D.E.S. was organized in the little town Mission of San Jose on the first day of July, 1889. The first council taking the name of the place of its organization: Council Mission San Jose, No. 1. Every succeeding year a few more councils have been added, and today it counts 81 councils scattered in this whole State, with the aggregate membership of 5747...Council Pajaro, No. 13, of Watsonville, was organized February 17, 1899, with a charter membership of 23 names. At that time the total membership of the order was only 400...”

EP; 13 Sep 1909; Monterey Co. board of supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: M. Kilich: \$36.50...”

EP; 14 Sep 1909; article: “James Sheehy is in receipt of a letter from Garcia, Jacobs & Co. of London, England, which states that a committee from the world famous British chamber of commerce...has been selected to inspect and make the awards of apple prizes in the big fruit show that is now in progress in Earl’s Court in that city. In the big exhibit are apples from all over the world, but the variety that attracts the most attention is the Newtown Pippin, and of course, those from Watsonville, Oregon and Washington predominate. Pajaro valley has at present one carload on exhibit there and within the next week there will be two additional carloads arrive. It is said they were the most beautiful lot of 3½ and 4-tier Newtown Pippin stock that ever left this valley.

“The following well known local apple shippers have Newtown Pippins on display in this Earl’s Court exposition and we hope that each and every one of them may receive a blue ribbon: J. D. Copeland, Earl Co., P. Mengol, Novakovich & Stolich, Ivancovich & Vjodich, R. W. Goodchild, San Monte Co., N. Radovich & Co., Frank Radovan, Resetar & Balich.”

Paj; 16 Sep 1909; item: “Notary Public...took the deposition of Nicholas V. Lettunich in the case...in the superior court of this county against Timothy J. Horgan to recover \$827.20...on a carload of apples sold the latter on Sept. 12, 1907...”

Paj; 16 Sep 1909; board of supervisors, payments: “Pajaro Road Fund: John Bolovich [Balovich], labor, \$40.50...”

EP; 16 Sep 1909; article: “**Apple Car Being Sent to Oakland Fair**...The special exhibit car of Pajaro valley apples to be installed at the Oakland State exhibit leaves the Watsonville depot this evening for the City of Oaks and will be in charge of C. G. Redman, A. N. Judd being unable to go at the last moment. The car contains over 550 boxes of the choicest Pajaro valley apples, carefully

selected as regards size and quality. Most of the apples being sent are Bellefleurs, but a few boxes of early Newtowns are being sent...

"The idea of setting apart Wednesday, September 29th, as Watsonville Day is meeting with general approval and the indications are that this plan of action will be carried out. Special rates for the occasion have already been guaranteed by the railroad company. Parties of 15 can secure one and one-third fare for the round-trip, while for 100 people or over a one-way fare is guaranteed. The local exhibit should be a big advertisement at the State exhibit and will show visitors from outside places just what kind of apples are raised in this valley. Mr. Redman will be on the spot to discuss the apple growing business with all visitors and the exhibit that leaves tonight should be a big boost and a credit to our famous product."

EP; 17 Sep 1909; article: "A. S. Vandervoort, a well known hotel keeper of Haywards, Alameda county, was among the visitors here today, and his visit marks an absence from this valley since 1877. In conversation with a 'Pajaronian' reporter this morning, Mr. Vandervoort told many interesting reminiscences of his visit here some 32 years ago, when he said the present city of Watsonville was marked by a lonely red depot used only as a flag station on the narrow gauge railroad. Then the railroad ran only from Santa Cruz to San Miguel, and nearly all traffic was accomplished by teaming over the mountains and other primitive modes of travel. The little red flag station was the only sign of human habitation for miles and gave then but little promise of being a nucleus for such a thriving and populous city as Watsonville is today. Then the entire Pajaro valley was practically a small prairie used as a range for cattle, sheep and other livestock, with here and there a wheat field to vary the monotony. The popular entrance to this valley then was via the old San Jose grade from Santa Clara valley, and via the Pacheco pass from the San Joaquin valley. Houses were few and far between, no orchards enlivened the dull monotony of the landscape and fruit growing was practically unknown. Mr. Vandervoort stated that he was not only pleased but surprised to find Watsonville such a city as it is and expressed his great delight at being able to return for a brief visit after his absence from here of over a quarter of a century..."

EP; 17 Sep 1909; item: "**Insult Young Girls.** Several complaints have reached our ears from farmers residing on the roads leading into town in regard to the tactics pursued in some instances by gangs of apple-pickers returning or going to their work in the country. One instance to illustrate the grounds for these complaints is as follows: A number of young schoolgirls residing on points along the San Juan road have for several evenings past been bothered by apple pickers and the acts of these

rowdies finally became so insulting that the girls told their parents. These apple pickers have been complained of by more than one party and it is learned that if they do not cease their 'mashing' tactics soon, they will get their just desserts and it may not come from a regular court of justice, either."

EP; 17 Sep 1909; item: "Two Slavonian apple pickers employed on the Zar orchard in Green valley were prostrated with the intense heat...and as a result are now at the hospital recuperating. The two men were laboring with the terrific rays of the sun and then unnatural heat from the mountain fires beating upon them and it was more than they could endure. The prostration came suddenly and both were thrown heavily from their high ladders and precipitated with no degree of ease upon the ground. They are rapidly convalescing and will be well again in a few days."

EP; 20 Sep 1909; ALL: "John Talj, Ivka Beatovich, John Relja, Milovan Tahachovich.

EP; 21 Sep 1909; item: "Another phase of the damage case of Adolph Tschumi, formerly a jeweler in this city, against the Mateo Lettunich Co. for \$50,000, was presented in the superior court at Santa Cruz when... attorneys for the Lettunich Co. argued the demurrer they presented some time ago. Geo. P. Burke, for Tschumi argued against the allowance of the demurrer. Judge Smith has taken the matter under advisement. Mr. Tschumi is at present residing in San Francisco."

EP; 22 Sep 1909; honor roll: Low 6th: Ellen Balovich, Lena Rilovich; Low 6th: Kate Knego; Low 5th: Antonio Scurich; High 4th: Willie Marinovich; Low 3rd: Ella Strazicich; Low 2nd: Chris Rilovich.

EP; 24 Sep 1909; item: "Action was initiated...in Judge Hawkins's court by Miss F. Hrepich against Frank Radovan, in which plaintiff seeks to obtain the sum of \$77 which she alleges is due her for labor performed. The complaint alleges that this \$77 has not been paid, either in whole or in part, and that plaintiff therefore seeks to secure same. The labor was performed from July 1st to September 15th of this year, Miss Hrepich being a domestic servant in Radovan's home at that time..."

EP; 24 Sep 1909; article: "At the meeting called by E. A. Hall yesterday...the matter of attendance at the State fair at Oakland was discussed and it was decided to make an endeavor to get 100 or more persons to signify their intention to go up on Wednesday, September 29, which has been chosen as Watsonville Day.

"Already Watsonville has taken first prize in two classes, one for the best arranged exhibit of apples, and one for the best packed box of the same fruit...according to

word received from C. G. Redman, who represents Watsonville at the fair...

"President Hall read from a letter received from Mr. Redman, to the effect that the Labor carnival and Industrial Exposition, which is to have a big display during Portola week, October 16th to 24, offers to reserve without charge any amount of space desired for an exhibit. The exposition is to be on a magnificent scale. It will be held in the old Central Park grounds which ensures plenty of room. A big display before an assemblage of apple eaters, as the labor carnivalites might be called, would be of untold benefit to Pajaro valley.

"Mr. Hall has announced that all persons desiring to join the excursion shall leave their names with him. It will be necessary to secure 100 names before a special rate of one fare and one-third for the round-trip can be obtained."

EP; 25 Sep 1909; item: "Frank Farlan [Farlin], Morris Geyon, Louis Miller and Larry Hansen motored to Castroville last night."

EP; 28 Sep 1909; obit: "Santa Cruz, September 26, 1909, Peter Vapodich, a native of Austria."

EP; 28 Sep 1909; item: "...in the superior court at Santa Cruz, Judge Smith overruled the demurrer of the defendant in the \$50,000 damage case of A. Tschumi vs. Mateo Lettunich Co., and allowed said defendant 10 days in which to answer the main complaint. At the end of this time it is likely the case will be...set for trial.

"The case grows out of business troubles the parties to the suit had in relation to the tenancy of a storeroom in the Mateo Lettunich Co. block on Main street..."

EP; 30 Sep 1909; item: "Estate of Lillie Smith, deceased, by administrator, to Peter Scurich—Lot on southwest side Sudden street, and lot on northeast side Brennan street, southeast of Curtis, Watsonville, \$3531."

EP; 30 Sep 1909; article: "W. N. White, one of the best known and best informed fruit brokers in the world, is here from New York and is spending a few days inspecting the apple orchards of this valley, and incidentally enjoying himself by social visits to old friends. He is a guest tonight at the mountain home of Judge W. V. Gaffey.

"'Nick' White knows the fruit business from A to Z and he has encountered all the ups and downs that are to be encountered therewith. Upwards of 15 years ago his headquarters were in London and Liverpool, when he was known as the apple king of Great Britain. It was then that he paid his first visit to the Pajaro valley and for several years afterwards handled and sold large quantities of our Newtowns in the British market. For a number of years past he has had his headquarters in New York and has at

intervals visited this city, and there has never been a time that he favored this section with such a visit but what there was soon 'something doing' in the apple trade.

"As a letter writer for the papers, 'Nick' is in Teddy Roosevelt's class—he is forceful, interesting and comes mighty near hitting the nail squarely on the head every time. Frequently his contributions have appeared in the 'Pajaronian,' and they have always been read with much interest."

EP; 4 Oct 1909; article: "EASTERN BUYERS AFTER PAJARO APPLES. Early this spring the 'Pajaronian' predicted that the Pajaro valley apple crop would bring a good price this year and would be eagerly sought after by the Europeans and eastern buyers. These firms generally prefer to handle fruit on a commission basis, but when there is a general storage in the country of apples they can generally be found making f.o.b. quotations. From the time this paper made its first prediction concerning the good prospects ahead for Pajaro valley's apple crop it has seen no occasion for changing its views, although heretofore throughout the season many of the 'middlemen' in the apple business have not coincided in our views. The interest of the growers always has and always will come first with the 'Pajaronian,' while that of the middlemen in the business will come second.

"Last year the apple crop of this country was far below the average and early this spring a perusal of government reports and even the general tenor of articles in eastern fruit journals, which are more loyal to the interest of the brokers than they are to the growers, lead us to believe that the crop would be even shorter this year than last. Later we predicted a shortage in the northwest, which, of course, was not coincided in by most of the middlemen, but time has demonstrated the correctness of our contention.

"But there was one class of people connected with the fruit business in this city and valley who also believed there was going to be a general shortage of apples in the country, and that was the Austrian buyers and packers, and they immediately proceeded to 'get busy' buying up the 1909 crop, long before the apples were fairly formed on the trees. As usual, there were those connected with the fruit business who predicted that 'this is the year when Mr. Austrian Buyer is going to make a miscue and get financially pinched.' The writer has annually for 20 years past heard like futile predictions about the Austrian buyers not knowing their business. The financial standing of most of them today is the best testimonial of their good judgment in the apple business. This year they control about 85% of the apples grown in this valley, having on an average paid much better prices for the orchards than they did last year, and from present indications most of them will make good money this year.

"Those orchardists who did not sell their crop outright early in the season but are doing the harvesting themselves and selling through the commission packing hous-

es will no doubtedly get better financial returns than if they had not handled their own apples.

“Already almost the entire Bellefleur crop has been purchased by local agents of coast buyers and the present f.o.b. quotations for four-tier stock is 90 cents per box and it will probably go higher. Los Angeles and the southwest is generally our big market for Bellefleurs, but this season the demand from Montana and other northern points has been better than for many years past.

“One New York buyer who has been here for a week past is credited with having already contracted for 200 cars of Newtown Pippins at from 90 cents upward per box...Yesterday the representative of a large British firm arrived here and it is expected that he is busy today making Newtown purchases, and we predict that before the week is ended another large firm, with worldwide connections, will enter the buying arena and if it does there will be things doing. It is estimated that the output of four-tier Newtown Pippin stock from this valley will total at least 1000 carloads, which if sold at even as low a figure as 90 cents per box will mean a return to the growers and packers of about \$600,000. But strictly first class four-tier Newtown Pippin stock should bring at least \$1.00 per box f.o.b. Watsonville.

“But now is the time, particularly in a season like this when there is an active demand for apples, when inestimable future harm can be done the fruit industry of this valley by sending out any inferior packs. The ‘Pajaronian’ hopes that the buyers will from now on this season most rigidly inspect the pack and see that it is up to the grade called for. The quality of the Pajaro valley apple crop this year is above the average and the party or parties that will send out an inferior pack under such circumstances is the worst enemy the community can have. Any inferior or small sized apples should be sent to the driers or to the cider and vinegar works, where they are bringing a better price than for several years past.”

EP; 11 Oct 1909; item: “John Dubuis et ux to M. Krilanovich—Lots 5 and 6, Big Tree Park, \$10.”

Paj; 14 Oct 1909; item: “Mike Zar, a former Watsonville boy who has been employed as an electrician at Spreckles for the past 9 years, has severed his connections with the company, and left Salinas yesterday for San Francisco, where he will look [into employment] as an electrician on trans-Pacific boats...After taking his proposed trip in this capacity [he] will make his home in San Francisco.”

EP; 14 Oct 1909; item: “Lease—C. P. Johnson to Martin Kulich—80 acres on Green valley road, north of Watsonville, 5 years from November 1, 1909.”

EP; 14 Oct 1909; item: “Marshal A. Frank vs. M. Lettunich—Order for issuing subpoenas.”

EP; 14 Oct 1909; item: “...Officers were elected to conduct the election and polling places designated, the following being the arrangement: ...Third ward—Polling place, Johnson House...ballot clerks: J. L. Fulton, L. Farlin...”

EP; 16 Oct 1909; item: “Geo. G. Nicol to Peter N. Chrovich—Lot 69, Camp Fair View; \$10.”

EP; 16 Oct 1909; mar. license: “Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by County Clerk Miller as follows: Jack S. Sambrailo of San Francisco, age 25, and Annie Meloslavich [Miloslavich] of Watsonville, age 23...”

EP; 16 Oct 1909; article: “W. R. Stone, the United States trademark attorney, who has been here for almost 2 days past, says: ‘I was more than surprised and astonished at the vast amount of apples grown in, and shipped out of this valley, I doubt if there is one person in a thousand in the State of California who realizes the value of this growth, not only to those interested in its industry, but the value in an advertising manner to the whole State of California.’

“Mr. Stone is visiting this State to interest the packers in the protection of their trademarks and brands in the United States patent office, and while a registration of a mark in the office of the secretary of state of the State of California, protects it in a measure within the State, yet the registration in the patent office protects it in the commerce among the several States of the United States, and between the United States and foreign nations.”

EP; 16 Oct 1909; article: “Thirty names from which the next grand jury will be selected were drawn up by County Clerk Miller from the grand jury box yesterday afternoon...The names drawn are as follows: ...M. Lettunich...[only Slav]”

EP; 19 Oct 1909; honor roll: Low 6th: Kate Knego; Low 5th: Antonio Scurich; High 4th: Willie Marinovich; Low 4th: Lena Strazicich.

EP; 19 Oct 1909; item: “John R. Rose et ux to Mitchell Krilanovich—5 acres on the east side, west San Lorenzo road, south of Cantwell in Zayante and Rincon ranchos, \$10.”

EP; 19 Oct 1909; item: “Mitchell Krilanovich et ux to John R. Rose—Part of lot 3, block 1, S. E. addition, Santa Cruz, \$10.”

EP; 20 Oct 1909; article: “BOOSTING APPLE CARNIVAL. The directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet...and one purpose of the session will be to discuss ways and means for holding an annual apple carnival in this city. President E. A. Hall and Secretary Einfalt have

broached this subject to several of the packers of this city and their proposition for the holding of such an event has met with unanimous approval. While it is the general opinion that the present fruit season is now too far advanced to warrant the holding of an apple carnival this winter the packers, shippers and other fruit men will discuss the proposition Friday afternoon of having this show next season and will start to boom the carnival this year.

“The idea of those backing the scheme is to make this apple carnival an annual affair and to have the entire show typical of this city and valley, and their products. The erection of an exhibit hall for the housing of the fruits and produce displayed will be among the topics discussed at the meeting on Friday.”

Paj; 21 Oct 1909; item: “The case of Miss Frances Hrepich vs. Frank Radovan, wherein the plaintiff sought to recover the sum of \$77 due her for labor performed as a domestic servant, was settled out of court [for] the amount in full...”

EP; 21 Oct 1909; item: “Adolph Tschumi vs. Mateo Letunich Co.—Notice of motion to strike out parts of amended complaint.”

EP; 21 Oct 1909; article: “APPLE BUYER WHITE TAKES EXCEPTIONS. Watsonville, Oct. 20th, 1909.

“Editor ‘Pajaronian:’ —In your today’s issue I noticed remarks anent ‘Watsonville Apples Selling in London,’ and your own special remarks about ‘apples at two dollars per box.’ For your benefit and your readers generally I append below the price and minimum charges, together with net results:

Box sold at: \$2.

Railway charges to New York: 52¢.

Sea freight to London: 27¢.

Market charges: 12¢.

Commission at 5%: 10¢.

Insurance, cables, etc.: 01¢.

Total: \$1.02.

Net: \$0.98.

“As a matter of fact I say four-tiers have been sold today in Liverpool at only \$1.86.

“Furthermore, I want to say here that Watsonville apples are never sold in London in carload lots. Your readers who have sent them there know there are always broken and damaged boxes. The practice is to sell in lots of 10, 12 or 20 boxes.

“Yet here I have bought 285 cars at 90 cents to \$1 each. The dealer gets his money here the day after the goods are shipped. When he ships to England he has to wait 18 days for goods to get to New York. There goods wait 2 to 4 days to get shipped, seven more days to get across the herring pond, three days to get unloaded and ready for sale, and after the sale 14 days for the money to get to Watsonville, or a total of about 44 days, besides taking

chances, such as lost in transit and plenty of other risks.

“Some of your readers remember their red ink sales of last year. From these charges I have deducted nothing for agency charges in Watsonville or New York. Since I have been here this time I am told of two firms in New York who have always charged \$25 per car for doing something. I take it no agencies here or in Europe are working for Watsonville apples out of philanthropy for Watsonville.

“The charges I have quoted above are the minimum, not the maximum.

“Yours faithfully, W. N. White”

EP; 22 Oct 1909; article: “APPLE CARNIVAL DISCUSSED TODAY. An important meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce is billed for this afternoon and as the ‘Pajaronian’ goes to press the meeting is on. The most important business to be discussed and transacted is relative to the scheme advocated by President Hall, Secretary Einfalt and many others of the local packers for the annual holding in this city of an apple carnival, an outline of which was given in the ‘Pajaronian’ of last Wednesday. The meeting today is to discuss the carnival in its general phases and also to talk over ways and means for the building of an exhibit hall to be used in connection with the show. If this idea meets with general approval the appointment of committees to further the proposition will likely ensue today. The possibility of this city receiving a slice of the annual legislative appropriation for agricultural purposes for the purpose of aiding the apple carnival will also be taken up.

“The idea of an apple carnival for this city is one that appeals to all. The promoters of the big show plan the erection of a good sized exhibit hall where will be housed the various displays of fruits made by the packers of this valley. The carnival would last one week, at which time the city and valley would play the part of host to many outsiders who would come here for the fete. A feature of the carnival would be a good program, which would include baseball games, football games, a big parade, balls and in fact all of the features that go to make up a typical carnival. The inauguration of the scheme into an annual affair it is believed will mean good advertising for this city and valley and the products thereof and would mean much in the end from a dollars and cents standpoint.”

EP; 23 Oct 1909; article: “As the ‘Pajaronian’ was going to press yesterday...a meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce was in session, the principal topic of discussion being the proposed apple carnival to be annually held here in the autumn of each year. The directors had decided to hold a big smoker in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce next Wednesday evening, to which all citizens of this city and valley are invited, and at which the carnival project will be taken up in

detail. This smoker will be an informal affair and everyone interested in the carnival scheme is free to enter into the discussion and state their particular views upon the matter. Some definite action will likely be taken at that time in the matter and a large attendance is desired, that the subject may be thoroughly thrashed out.

“The directors of the Chamber of Commerce in session yesterday appointed a committee to co-operate with Mr. C. H. Rogers, president of the Pajaro Valley Orchardists’ Association, who is in charge of the biggest convention of the State Fruit Growers’ Association which convenes here in December. The committee appointed from the Chamber of Commerce to assist Mr. Rogers is composed of Messrs. W. H. Benteen, James Sheehy and J. A. Linscott. Secretary Einfalt was also instructed to render whatever assistance within his power in the matter.”

EP; 23 Oct 1909; article: “Editor ‘Pajaronian.’—In your last night’s issue I notice your anxious inquiries for more light on the apple business. This morning’s mail brought in a printed catalog from Liverpool, under date of October 9th, and among other details I find sales of 1318 boxes of Watsonville apples by the steamer *Campania*. Below I give you details of such sales, together with the net returns per box. The charges are minimum, not maximum. The difference between the two being \$25 per car for agency fees:

“Kosmos Gospodnetich, Watsonville. Extra fancy Newtown Pippins:

4-tier	— 360 boxes, each....	\$1.92
"	— 1 box at.....	.48
4 ½-tier	— 135 boxes, each....	1.44
"	— 134 boxes, each....	1.26
"	— 2 boxes, each.....	.66
Total.....		\$1057.25

Railway freight to New York....	\$328.64
New York to Liverpool.....	106.44
Sale expense, Liverpool.....	75.84
Cables and insurance.....	6.32
Commission.....	52.85
Total.....	\$570.09

Total net, 632 boxes.....\$487.16
Not quite 74c per box net.

“Gurash & Stolich, Watsonville, Newtown Pippins:

4-tier	— 35 boxes, each....	\$1.92
"	— 165 boxes, each....	1.80
"	— 2 boxes, each.....	.72
4 ½-tier	— 10 boxes, each.....	1.44
"	— 330 boxes, each....	1.26
"	— 124 boxes, each....	1.20
"	— 8 boxes, each.....	1.02
"	— 6 boxes, each.....	1.14

"	— 8 boxes, each.....	.72
Total.....		\$975.10
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Freight to N.Y.....		\$363.58
Freight to Liverpool.....		116.52
Sales expense, Liverpool...		82.32
Cables and insurance.....		6.86
Commission.....		48.75
Total.....		\$618.03
Total net, 686 boxes...\$357.07		

52c a box net.

“As I have this catalog, no doubt the gentlemen in question have their account sales. You, Mr. Editor, can call and see them and I shall be very much mistaken if both of their cars have not been mulcted in New York to the tune of a further \$25 per car.

“Your contemporary spoke about ‘prominent packers’ and ‘White being off his base.’ I may have been foolish in paying such high prices, but I am still guarding the base. — Yours truly, W. N. White”

EP; 23 Oct 1909; item: “Estate of John Arbulich, deceased—Decree showing that due and legal notice to creditors has been given.”

EP; 26 Oct 1909; item: “In a letter to Danny Richardson, Mike Zar (a former Watsonville boy), who left a week ago for San Francisco, writes that he has secured employment as electrician on board the steamer ‘Alameda,’ and will soon sail for Honolulu. He is putting in the time before the arrival of the boat in doing electrical work on the docks in the northern metropolis.—Democrat.”

EP; 26 Oct 1909; article: “The public smoker to be held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night, at which time the apple carnival project will be discussed, is arousing much interest among the packers, shippers and other businessmen of this community and present indications point to a large attendance at the affair.

“Presidente E. A. Hall will preside over the meeting and informally will reign in the discussions. The meeting will be open to anyone with ideas on the subject and the privilege to express their views will be given to everyone.

“While the meeting will not be official in one sense, yet there is a possibility that various committees will be appointed tomorrow evening to take up the apple carnival idea and carry it into effect. One of the first steps to be taken if the project receives the desired engagement will be the erection of an exhibit hall, centrally located and large enough to house the various exhibits and displays during the carnival week. The reason for such an early discussion of the project is to have this proposed hall built in time for the carnival next year.”

EP; 26 Oct 1909; item: “Adolph Tschumi vs. Mateo Lettunich—Continued to Nov. 8th.”

EP; 27 Oct 1909; item: "Catherine Boudry vs. George Strazicich—Complaint; undertaking on the injunction."

Paj; 28 Oct 1909; born: "Watsonville, Oct. 25, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zar, a daughter." [*Stella; died same day*]

Paj; 28 Oct 1909; obit: "Watsonville, Oct. 25, 1909, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zar."

Paj; 28 Oct 1909; article: "...A. L. Blum, traveling sales agent for the Wm. Pulisevich produce commission house of Los Angeles, was in Watsonville...and...called attention to [new markets]...for Watsonville apples, through the active personal efforts of 'Billy' Pulisevich, as he is known by so many friends in his old home, Watsonville...Pulisevich was a packer and shipper of Pajaro valley apples in Watsonville for many years before he engaged in the commission business in Los Angeles about 3 years ago..."

Paj; 28 Oct 1909; article: "A big civil action involving the sum of \$1000 damages was instituted in the superior court at Santa Cruz...when Mrs. Catherine Boudry, lessee of the Railroad Exchange hotel on Walker street, in this city, filed a damage suit against George Strazicich, former owner of the hostelry...Mrs. Boudry alleges that Strazicich took certain articles of furniture from the hotel and also wrongfully occupies an [out building]...Further, it is alleged that the defendant maintains a nuisance, to wit: a winery, and that the grapes are permitted to accumulate and decay on the premises, thus injuring the plaintiff's business...Judge Smith issued a temporary injunction restraining Strazicich from conducting the winery..."

EP; 28 Oct 1909; article: "APPLE CARNIVAL IS BOOSTED AT SMOKER. The apple carnival for Watsonville and Pajaro valley in 1910 is an assured thing. The movement was unanimously approved and the preliminary plans laid at a meeting held last night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Those present at the gathering were President E. A. Hall, Secretary R. G. Einfalt, J. A. Linscott, J. J. Morey, Attorney J. E. Gardner, J. W. Baxter, E. Fritz, E. E. Steinhauser, S. P. Agent J. C. James, Geo. W. Sill, W. G. Taffinder, Thos. Canty, Lieutenant-Governor W. R. Porter, James Sheehy, Geo. F. Martin, Dr. S. C. Rodgers, C. B. Overhulser, C. H. Murphy, Otto D. Stoesser, Edward White, Henry Alexander and L. Cornell. [*no Slavs*]

"President E. A. Hall opened the meeting with a few preliminary words stating the object of the smoker, and he dwelt on the big advantages which would accrue to this valley by having the apple carnival. This carnival would interest and attract visitors from the east, middle west and south, and would bring fruit buyers here from all over the United States and Europe. Mr. Hall spoke of

the apple shows at Denver in January and in Spokane in December, and believed that Watsonville should have one in October. He believed it a wise plan to make the event a State affair and thus be in line to secure financial assistance from the State.

"Secretary Einfalt was then introduced and he read the following paper, which at its conclusion was awarded applause:

"...The apple carnival, which we hope to make as distinctively characteristic of the Pajaro valley as the various floral fetes that are held throughout the State are peculiarly suggestive of the sections where they are held, is manifold in its advantages.

"First among the benefits to be enjoyed is the widespread publicity that comes through the co-operation of a patriotic and energetic press. From the viewpoint of one engaged in promotion and publicity work, this may easily be regarded as the most important.

"To keep before the public eye is the chief aim of the successful businessman, who is awake to the wonderful results of intelligent advertising.

"Even though Watsonville has impressed upon the outside world that she raises apples that can vie with the best products of other localities and that the extent of the industry is as gigantic as the quality of her fruit is remarkable, this is hardly sufficient.

"How soon do well known brands of merchandise and proprietary medicines drop from sight and are lost to memory, when the attractive and appealing advertisements are dropped from well known avenues of publicity.

"To keep abreast of the times, and to hold one's position in the spotlight and against the encroachment and ultimate surrender to competitors striving for public favor, requires the utmost vigilance, intelligence and originality.

"If the citizens of Watsonville and the Pajaro valley accept the plan and co-operate in the movement, it will require all the energy and originality they can throw into the project to merit an annual repetition of it.

"But when once successfully conceived, the way is clear and the name of Watsonville goes abroad linked with an apple that is as much sought for as the historic one that first led our common progenitor from the accepted path of rectitude.

"The great avenues of publicity, which have able representatives here, are put into action and the news columns that are ordinarily closed to anything that is suggestive of advertising, are thrown open in hearty support of a movement that their representatives recognize is intended to foster the extension of an industry that never can depreciate in value to those engaged in it by over-production. The latest and most authentic advices from the market centers of the earth prove that this is no idle contention, but is a fact that becomes more apparent as time grows apace.

"From an ethical point of view the next important ben-

efit is that which co-operation achieves through the enlistment of men and a movement intended to promote the common good of the community...

“One really cannot enjoy the full benefits which this city offers to him as a place of residence unless he is in rapport with the constructive spirit that actuates those who are engaged in the development of its natural resources...

“The third benefit, which is none the less important because of its material aspect, is the one that comes through the attraction of visitors and the holding of your home money to local commercial channels that otherwise would be expended abroad in recreation.

“The local merchant, whose success depends upon the support that comes from your productive and industrial avenues, will appreciate this and will be enabled to retain a worthy position in your commercial world, if you will cooperate with him in fostering such movements as that which we hope to inaugurate.

“Being appraised of the benefits of an annual apple carnival, it is ‘up to you’...to make the decision.

“If it meets with your approval, it then devolves upon a committee of your responsible citizens to perfect the details necessary to bring the matter to a happy and gratifying conclusion.

“First of these is a pavilion sufficiently commodious to meet the requirements of such a fete and this should be agitated and brought into creation as soon as possible.

“Other matters of secondary moment will come along in the course of natural development and will be disposed of according to what in the judgment of those in whom the work is entrusted, they regard to be in the line of greatest urgency and importance...”

“Following the report of Mr. Einfalt a general discussion was invited. Those who spoke were Lieutenant-Governor Porter, Dr. S. C. Rodgers, Edward White, Supervisor Linscott, Attorney Gardner, J. J. Morey, E. E. Steinhauer, W. G. Taffinder, Otto D. Stoesser. Each speech was in support of the carnival project and the general trend of the short talks was along the lines laid down in Secretary Einfalt’s paper. Every speech was but an enlargement of some particular thought embraced in Mr. Einfalt’s well written report.

“A resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that it was the sense of the meeting to boost the apple carnival, and then the discussion drifted as to the proper way to put the matter into action. The matter finally ended by President Hall being authorized to appoint a general committee of 25 members in the next few days. This committee will be in full charge of the carnival and of all plans leading up to this event.”

EP; 30 Oct 1909; item: “Catherine Boudry vs. Geo. Strazicich—Notice of motion by defendant for order vacating order of injunction; exceptions to sureties; affidavits of Geo. B. Kennedy, M. Rilovich, Steve Knego, Geo. Strazicich, F. H. Koepke.”

EP; 30 Oct 1909; article: “The Pajaro Valley Orchardists’ Association met...in the rooms of the Board of Trade and was presided over by President C. H. Rodgers. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways and means for the local entertainment of the delegates to the State Fruit Growers’ convention which meets here in December. This event will be one of the most important of its kind ever held in this city and President Rodgers has appointed some strong committees to arrange for the convention.

“The committees appointed are as follows: [no Slavs]”

EP; 30 Oct 1909; article: “THE APPLE ANNUAL. The general committee for the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual was named last night by E. A. Hall, president of the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce. The personnel of the committee could not be improved upon. As will be seen by the following list[,] the most representative citizens in the various industries have been chosen, and it is expected that from the start the plans of the Apple Annual will be entered into with great enthusiasm by all concerned.

“These are the committeemen chosen: James B. Holohan, Charles H. Rodgers, W. H. Benteen, M. N. Lettunich, W. R. Radcliffe, Edward White, Carey Baker, Luke Scurich, A. W. Cox, James A. Linscott, John Baxter, Dr. P. K. Watters, F. P. Marinovich, George W. Sill, John E. Gardner, S. O. Andros, Dr. S. C. Rodgers, James Sheehy, Dan Leddy, A. E. Joy, W. A. Trafton, R. W. Eaton, T. M. Wright, W. R. Porter and O. D. Stoesser.” [*first mention of Slavs being involved with Apple Annual*]

EP; 1 Nov 1909; article: “The Pajaro Valley Orchardists’ Association, assisted by committees from the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce, is already preparing for the big convention here on December 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the State Fruit Growers’ Association, when some 200 delegates, representing every county in the State and also representing an industry of a total annual income of \$60,000,000, will visit this city. The Orchardists’ Association is planning to make their stay a memorable and pleasant one, and President C. H. Rodgers announces that no stone will be left unturned to show the visiting growers a good time...”

EP; 2 Nov 1909; article: “CARNIVAL COMMITTEE WILL INCORPORATE. The general committee of the apple carnival held a meeting last night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, at which time the various phases of the proposed annual event were discussed. The result of the meeting was that those present unanimously decided to incorporate the carnival and that a board of directors would be constituted from the chairmen of the various committees appointed from the general committee by President E. A. Hall. This step was favored unanimously by those present, who were Messrs. J. E. Gard-

ner, Otto D. Stoesser, T. M. Wright, A. E. Joy, Dr. S. C. Rogers, Geo. W. Sill, J. A. Linscott, S. O. Andros, Dan Leddy, C. H. Rodgers, E. A. Hall and Secretary Einfalt.

“President Hall opened the meeting with a few words of introduction, after which he announced the following appointments:

“Finance—John Gardner, W. R. Radcliffe, W. H. Benteen, Edward White, Luke Scurich, J. J. Morey, H. S. Fletcher.

“Publicity and printing—W. R. Porter, O. D. Stoesser, T. M. Wright, A. E. Joy, Dr. S. C. Rodgers.

“Building—G. W. Sill, J. A. Linscott, J. B. Holohan, S. O. Andros, F. P. Marinovich.

“Entertainment—A. W. Cox, W. R. Porter, P. K. Waters, Dan Leddy, R. W. Eaton.

“Exhibits—C. H. Rodgers, Carey Baker, Jas. Sheehy, W. H. Benteen, M. N. Lettunich.

“These appointments were approved unanimously.

“The discussion upon the various phases of the apple carnival project was general, several different subjects being considered. No definite action was taken on some of these, however, but they were referred to the various committees for more mature consideration, to be adopted or rejected accordingly. Attorney J. E. Gardner did not like the idea of two different committees hustling for the necessary finances, the finance committee seeking subscriptions for general purposes and the building committee seeking finances for the erection only of the exhibit pavilion. Gardner was of the opinion that the two committees should combine on the proposition and that only one committee be delegated to secure all of the necessary finances. He was also of the opinion that this was no small celebration and for that reason the committee should go after big amounts in a business way. The subscribers should be convinced that this carnival was a business proposition and would mean money in their pockets later. The matter of offering premiums for the various exhibits of packs was also discussed briefly.

“Carey Baker brought up a question about the quality of the exhibits to be shown at the carnival. He believed that the packers should exhibit only their standard, commercial pack, and not their fancy, choice fruits. This argument did not take well with the majority present, who were of the opinion that only exhibits of the choicest apples were shown at the various carnivals held in the middle west, northwest and other apple sections.

“This argument brought up the question of how large the exhibit should be, and a suggestion by Geo. W. Sill that 50 cars be exhibited seemed to meet with general approval.

“Then came the knotty problem regarding the nature of the exhibit hall, or pavilion, which question aroused an interesting discussion. Dr. S. C. Rodgers and Carey Baker favored the erection of a big tent for the first year and then if the annual should prove successful a pavilion could be erected. Otto Stoesser came out strongly in

favor of the erection of a permanent pavilion and said that a tent would only lend an air of cheapness to the affair. The permanent pavilion could be used for other purposes such as conventions, entertainment and the like at those periods of the year when the carnival was not in session. After a few others had expressed their ideas pro and con on this matter the question was finally left in the hands of the building committee.

“After President Hall and the chairmen of the various committees had been selected as the executive committee of the fair, Attorney Gardner was instructed to draft the necessary papers of incorporation...”

EP; 2 Nov 1909; item: “Antone Scurich vs. John M. Ryan—Notice of appeal to supreme court; undertaking on appeal.”

EP; 3 Nov 1909; item: “Peter Pollendich, who has been a patient at the county hospital for the past six months, was adjudged insane yesterday, says of the News, as a result of his performances at the county hospital on Sunday night, when he spent part of the night lighting piles of brush in the orchard, complaining that he was cold. He spent another night ‘hollering his head off,’ as another patient described it, and his general mental condition is such that a course at the State hospital has been found necessary.”

Paj; 4 Nov 1909; article: “THE APPLE ANNUAL. The general committee for the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual was named last night by E. A. Hall, president of the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce...These are the committeemen chosen: [out of 25 committee members, these are the 3 Slavs:] M. N. Lettunich, Luke Scurich, F. P. Marinovich...”

EP; 4 Nov 1909; article: “**Mr. Pajaro Valley Grower, Just Read the Following Interesting Little Article.** Year in and year out the ‘Pajaronian’ has been telling the apple growers of this valley, although many of them have grown rich out of the business, that they do not get enough money for their fruit and that they never will until they perfect an organization amongst themselves similar to several in the northwest and also in the south amongst the citrus fruit growers.

“Pajaro valley is the most productive apple district in the world, but the system of marketing its fruit is all wrong, as this paper has long contended and as has been proven in a way quite frequently of late by contributions appearing in the ‘Pajaronian’ from W. N. White. The benefit of organized effort is well demonstrated in the following item from the Hood River district:

“With the announcement of the prices which Steinhardt & Kelly, of New York, paid the Hood River Apple Growers’ Union for its product this year, a new record price for apples becomes known and the Hood River

apple leads the world in the price which the grower gets for his fruit. At a meeting of the directors of the union Saturday, it was decided to give out the prices which are record breakers for not only the fancy grades purchased by the New York firm, but for the choice apples which were purchased by Page & Son, of Portland.

“The fancy Spitzenbergs which pack 72 to the box and larger were purchased for \$3.35 with the smaller fruit proportionately high priced. Page & Son took the choice grade Spitz at \$1.75, which is a great advance over former prices.

“The fancy Newtowns went to New York at \$2.40 for the 4-tier and larger sizes. This same grade brought \$2.25 last year. The choice Newtowns brought the same figure as the Spitz, \$1.75. The fancy Jonathans brought \$2.00 a box, while the choice sold to Page & Son at \$1.75. Fancy Baldwins bring \$1.90 and Steinhardt & Kelly also took the choice grade Baldwins at \$1.50. The fancy Ortleys brought \$2.25.

“These prices are what the grower actually receives at the shipping point. The Apple Growers’ Union, in handling the crop which includes 90% of the apples grown in this valley, has by its excellent management secured a standing which will enable the Hood River growers to always obtain top prices for their fruit. The extremest care is used in every stage of the development of the apple until it is packed and loaded into the car.”

EP; 4 Nov 1909; article: “**ANOTHER EXPOSE OF APPLE GRAFT. Which Clearly Shows How the Watsonville Shippers Are Plucked By New York Middlemen.** Watsonville, Nov. 4th. Editor ‘Pajaronian.’—During this apple controversy, you will remember, I hinted at a charge of \$25 per car said to be made by some New York agents. That rumor has now proved a certainty. I have before me an account sale from Liverpool of a car of apples sold for a Watsonville shipper. Among other charges are twelve cents a box carried out as ‘our charges, etc.’ Of that twelve cents part goes to the New York agent. The commission is carried out as 5%, 2% of which is returned to the New York agent. But now watch the results in the left hand corner of this account sale. Marked there evidently with a rubber stamp is: Freight to New York, \$350; forwarding, custom house clearance, bills of lading, etc., \$25.60; marine insurance, \$6.40.

“It is quite true that in regard to the \$350 freight to New York he proves the item by forwarding the paid expense bill, but previous experience should have told him that the charge is excessive, and if he had seen the way bills turned up he would have found that the first charge was made on an estimate, and that when the goods passed Pajaro they were weighed 33,300 pounds [*sic*]. These figures I have proved, and the result of my investigations will get the shipper a refund here of \$17.

“As to the \$25.60 for ‘forwarding, custom house clearance, bills of lading, etc.,’ no other party in New York

makes such a charge. The freight broker does all that and is duly paid for it by the steamship agent. No charge is made for bills of lading. ‘Etc.’ may mean a lot, such as ‘how do you do?’ or ‘good morning,’ and surely such expressions of courtesy don’t cost \$25.60. Really I can’t help smiling at this sixty cent business. I have heard of the square deal given to the shipper, but I can’t square this one in any way. ‘\$6.40 marine insurance’—carried out exactly one cent a box. Suppose this lot of goods had been insured by me for \$1500. The charges I should have to pay would be exactly \$3.75. The rate of exchange is carried out at \$4.85½. The actual amount returned to the shipper in Watsonville was \$469.53 for 640 boxes, [or] 73½ cents a box. —Yours faithfully, W. N. White.”

EP; 4 Nov 1909; item: “Frank Scuttich, the young man picked up at Castroville by Constable McIntyre and who was later taken to the county hospital for treatment for paralysis, is now a raving maniac and will undoubtedly be committed to the State hospital within the next few days.—Salinas Journal.”

EP; 4 Nov 1909; item: “The influx of Austrian laborers to this valley that usually takes place each summer has now resulted in the reverse, and at present there are on an average at least 15 of them leaving this valley each day of the week. This migration has been on for a couple of weeks but the exodus has now about reached its height. The majority of these Austrians, most of whom have been employed here in the orchards, are bound for the gold mines of Tuolumne and Calaveras counties, where they gather in such towns as Sonora, Angels Camp, Jamestown and Tuolumne to labor in the mines. The most of them go to these mines via San Francisco, thence on to Stockton, where the Sierra Nevada foothill section connections are made. Comparatively few of the Austrian laborers go south for work in the orange orchards. It is a case of the mines for them during the winter and spring, and the Pajaro Valley in the summer and early fall.”

EP; 5 Nov 1909; item: “The newspaper delivery wagon owned by Jack Marinovich was badly smashed today as the result of a runaway that occurred during the noon hour. The horse attached to the vehicle became frightened for some reason and dashed the rig into a fish wagon on West Third street. The bronco tore loose from the rig and ran for several blocks before it was stopped.”

EP; 6 Nov 1909; item: “Catherine Boudry vs. George Strazicich—Demurrer to complaint.”

EP; 6 Nov 1909; item: “Antone Scurich vs. John M. Ryan—Stipulation.”

EP; 8 Nov 1909; item: “The annual convention of the

State Fruit Growers' Association is to be held in Watsonville during the second week in December, and the local committee appointed to secure rooms for the delegates would like to have the owners of rooms to rent leave their addresses, and information as to accommodations, with Edw. A. Hall, at his clothing store in Cooper block."

EP; 8 Nov 1909; marriage: "This morning...George Strazicich and Miss Josephine Mengol [Fiamengo] were united in the holy bonds of matrimony...the groom is a well known local businessman, having for many years, and until lately, conducted the Railroad Exchange hotel, near the depot. Lately he leased the hotel and erected a business building at the corner of West Lake avenue and Walker streets.

"The bride came here from Austria about six months ago to visit her cousin, John Mengol, of Pajaro...Mr. and Mrs. Strazicich expect to leave tomorrow for a honeymoon trip to Salinas valley points."



Fig. 3-35. Seated: George Strazicich (1861-1938) and his 2nd wife, Josephine Fiamengo (1871-1958). Standing: George's brother, Andrew (1872-1968), and Antonia Labaš (1879-1962), who later married William Sersen.

EP; 9 Nov 1909; article: "MISTAKE SHOULD NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. There has come into the possession of the 'Pajaronian' a letter which the Earl Fruit Co. of this city sent William Pulisevich, a Los Angeles fruit dealer, in relation to a certain shipment of Bellefleur apples, which Pulisevich had turned down, in which the following sentence concludes one of the paragraphs of the letter:

"We make no claim, and our brokers have no authority to sell extra fancy apples, as you know as well as the writer, that Watsonville does not grow extra fancy apples."

"This is the most harmful statement ever made about the leading industry of the Pajaro valley, and coming from such a large concern as the Earl Fruit Co. is one that is likely to do untold harm unless nipped in the bud and a public retraction made. The 'Pajaronian' stands first and last for the perpetuation of the apple industry along honest and conservative lines and has always condemned the shipping of any poor apples from here, but that such has been done quite frequently cannot be denied and the Earl Fruit Co. has no doubt been fre-

quently guilty of such offense, the same as many other apple shippers. But that the company would deliberately send out to the world such a falsehood as is contained in the published extract from Mr. Pulisevich's letter was almost beyond belief, particularly in relation to Bellefleur apples, and therefore Mr. W. H. White, the apple manager of the company was called on this morning for an explanation.

"Mr. White states that the letter was hastily dictated and in the quoted sentence he unintentionally omitted a few words that would have entirely changed the meaning thereof. He believed the term 'extra fancy' to mean apples without a blemish or defect of any sort and that as it was almost impossible to get carload lots of such fruit in any district[,] the Earl Co. did not want their brokers to quote out apples received from them as such. Further, Mr. White says the letter to Mr. Pulisevich was written in reply to one that had just been received from the latter gentleman about the carload of apples turned down as he (White) was so indignant thereat that unfortunately he was not careful in the phraseology of the reply thereto.

"The 'Pajaronian' is charitable enough to believe that Mr. White of the Earl Co. made an unintentional mistake that he greatly regrets and we trust his company will send out a circular letter to their brokers to that effect.

"The writer was told about 20 years ago by that well known and popular eastern buyer, W. R. Keller, a man who in the aggregate has paid out upwards of \$2,000,000 in cash purchases of apples in this city, that nowhere else in the world did the Bellefleur grow to such perfection as in the Pajaro valley. Our Newtowns, he said, were equalled by those of the northwest, but here the Bellefleur was supreme. Throughout the years Mr. Keller has frequently reiterated this statement and no doubt would do so this year if he were here. This year the quality of our Bellefleur apples has been better than for several years past. Any person or persons who says to the contrary know not what they are talking about.

"The 'Pajaronian' will continue to defend the quality of apples that can be raised in the Pajaro valley. We are only sorry that we cannot say as much about the marketing methods."

EP; 9 Nov 1909; very large disp. ad: "**Watsonville Cold Storage Company. IT IS A CORPORATION FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING A COLD STORAGE PLANT IN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE.** After a careful investigation, which extended to all parts of the State, and occupied months, it has been proved conclusively that a Cold Storage Plant will do more good for the apple industry of Pajaro Valley, both directly for the grower of apples, and indirectly for the packers, merchants, laborers, and all others interested in the welfare of the community, than any other proposition ever advanced in Watsonville.

"The main purpose of the Cold Storage Plant will be to

provide a means to avoid rushing all of the apples into market as soon as they begin to ripen, thereby overstocking the dealers with fruit and forcing down the price realized by the grower and forwarding agent.

“Another favorable feature is that by providing immediate storage facilities it will prevent deterioration between picking and storing, and will extend the shipping season. There are many other points of advantage to be realized, most of which will be presented in this paper, and there is not a single general disadvantage to be encountered.

“The Directors have concluded that a plant with a capacity of 1,000,000 cubic feet would be best suited for the present needs of the Pajaro Valley. Such a plant would take care of 500,000 boxes of apples or 760 carloads. A plant of this size would be assured of sufficient business at all times to make it an absolute PAYING PROPOSITION from the beginning.

“There is no guesswork in the proposition. All of the details have been gone into, and careful estimates, based on actual precedent, have been made on the cost of such a plant, of its maintenance, and of its direct profits.

“The plant of the Watsonville Cold Storage Company will be first-class in every particular. It will be equipped with the latest machinery, and will be capable of giving a maximum of efficiency at a minimum of cost.

INVESTIGATE

“Subscriptions for stock are now being taken by the directors, also applications for 6 per cent bonds, and applications for storage space. If you have the best interests of the valley at heart, and at the same time want a safe, profitable investment, investigate this proposition. Any of the following directors will be pleased to give full particulars:

“E. A. HALL, J. E. TRAFTON, J. J. MOREY, O. D. STOESSERT, W. J. MCGRATH, J. H. THOMPSON, J. D. MURPHY, A. W. COX and J. B. HOLOHAN.”

EP; 9 Nov 1909; item: “Articles of incorporation were filed with the county clerk yesterday at Santa Cruz with the following subscribers to the first shares of stock issued, the first seven named being the directors of the Watsonville Annual Apple Carnival Association: Edw. A. Hall, W. R. Porter, A. W. Cox, O. D. Stoesser, Geo. W. Sill, \$25 each; C. H. Rodgers, \$10; J. E. Gardner, T. M. Wright, J. A. Linscott, W. H. Benteen and James Sheehy, \$5 each.”

EP; 9 Nov 1909; item: “Watsonville apples won a gold medal at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition in Seattle...This award pertains to the exhibit placed at the exposition by the Santa Cruz county committee and does not mean any individual exhibit that might have been sent by local private parties...The Pajaro valley exhibit at the fair was much smaller than those from the Oregon and Washington apple regions, and yet the northern apples were ranked no higher by the judges...”

EP; 10 Nov 1909; item: “The articles of incorporation of the Secondo Fruit Co. of Watsonville have been filed in the office of the secretary of state and county clerk. The amount of the capital stock is \$10,000; the amount actually subscribed, \$3—Joseph Secondo, Lucy Bakich and Peter Radin each to the amount of \$1.”

Paj; 11 Nov 1909; mar. license: “Rado S. Chukovich, native of Austria, aged 34 years and Mrs. Levina Garrety, native of California, aged 46 years, both residents of Watsonville, were granted a marriage license in Salinas...Mrs. Garrety has long been a resident of this valley and owns a valuable orchard property beyond Freedom.”

Paj; 11 Nov 1909; married: “Salinas, Nov. 3, 1909, by Rev. Wm. Acton, Rodo [Rado] S. Chukovich and Mrs. Lovina Garrety, both of Pajaro valley.”

EP; 11 Nov 1909; item: “The fruit packing firm of Zar Bros. has leased the 69-acre apple orchard of Geo. H. Brewington on Lake avenue, adjoining the city limits, for a term of five years. The annual rental to be paid for the orchard is said to be a most satisfactory one to Mr. Brewington, and no doubt it is equally as satisfactory to the Zar Bros. The Brewington apple orchard is one of the best in the valley and is most conveniently located, being less than a mile from the depot.”

EP; 11 Nov 1909; item: “Marco S. Zarich, a student of Santa Clara college, is the guest of Nicholas Lettunich for a few days.”

EP; 13 Nov 1909; item: “Boudry vs. Strazicich—Continued to Nov. 19th.”

EP; 17 Nov 1909; article: “**Fruit Growers of the State Will Be Here Next Month.** A neat circular letter to the fruit growers of the State has been issued by State Commissioner of Horticulture J. W. Jeffrey to the effect that the 36th annual fruit growers’ convention will be held in Watsonville on December 7th to 10th, inclusive, and urging their presence thereat.

“One of the most pleasing features, states the circular, is the place where this convention is to be held, Watsonville, the center of the beautiful Pajaro valley, which ships yearly more apples than any other district or districts combined on the Pacific coast. These apples, the Newtown, Pippin and Bellefleur, which have made this valley famous, will be everywhere displayed, not only for inspection, but for sampling as well. Papers will also be presented on the subject of the apple in all its phases by representative men from the different sections of the coast.

“Of the other topics to be presented by the paper and discussion[,] some of the most important are: The leasing of our orchards and vineyards, its economic effect on the

people and properties, and the closely related and ever significant farm laborer problem. Our markets and transportation of our fruit will be discussed from every standpoint, from producer to consumer. Among these papers will be reports on transportation and storage experiments, pre-cooling, co-operation, distribution, grading and packing.

“Special rates will be given by the railroads to delegates attending the convention. A big crowd of representative producers are coming, so now it is up to the citizens of this city to assist the committees appointed by President C. H. Rodgers of the Pajaro Valley Orchardists’ Association in every way possible.”

Paj; 18 Nov 1909; born: “Watsonville, Nov. 11, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pavlovich, a son.”
[Joseph Steven; +1998]



Fig. 3-36.
Joe Pavlovich.

EP; 18 Nov 1909; honor roll: Low 6th: Lena Rilovich; Low 5th: Antonio Scurich; High 4th: Willie Marinovich; Low 2nd: Katie Rilovich.

EP; 19 Nov 1909; item: “Peter Sersen is in San Francisco for a short vacation.”

EP; 23 Nov 1909; item: “Adelaide Le Baudour vs. Mateo Secondo—Summons; restraining order preventing defendant from selling or mortgaging certain property in Watsonville.”

EP; 23 Nov 1909; article: “Frank Miller, a 19-year-old confessed vag, was arrested by Constables Lawrence Sandberg and John Corr shortly before noon today and is at present lodged in the city prison with charges of burglary and forgery hanging over his head. Miller is charged with not only stealing a check for \$70 upon a local bank but also for forging the name of Joseph Bendecovich, the payee, to the same and then cashing the check. Miller confessed his crime to Constables Corr and Sandberg and a ‘Pajaronian’ reporter this morning and stated as an excuse for his crime that he needed the money.

“News of the offense came to Constables Corr and Sandberg this morning when Joseph Bendecovich, a lodger at the Railroad Exchange Hotel on Walker street, reported that his room had been entered and a check for \$70 as well as a certificate of deposit for the same had been stolen. The officers notified the local banks to stop payment on this check and were preparing to notify the nearby officers of the theft when the Chinese proprietor

of the Red Front Store on Lower Main street, notified them in an excited and wild-eyed manner that he had been buncoed by a young man and the Chinaman then produced the stolen check. Miller had entered the store, bought a \$3 sweater, handed the Chinaman the \$70 check, received his change and made his getaway. The Chinese merchant discovered the crime when he tried to cash the check at a local bank a few minutes later. The officers proceeded to the store and Constable Corr was in the act of telephoning to other officers in this vicinity when Miller was espied a few yards away by the Chinaman. The young crook was pointed out to Constable Sandberg by the Chinaman and Sandberg accordingly placed Miller under arrest.

“Miller was sweated by the police and he confessed the whole affair...”

EP; 23 Nov 1909; article: “The directors and stockholders of the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual held a meeting... in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, the purpose of the meeting being to organize the company and to discuss the various phases of the apple carnival to be held next year. Those present were Lieutenant-Governor W. R. Porter, Supervisor J. A. Linscott, Geo. W. Sill, Otto D. Stoesser, J. E. Gardner, James Sheehy, E. A. Hall, R. G. Einfalt, E. C. McDonald, and the press representatives. The meeting of the stockholders was held first with E. A. Hall acting as temporary chairman. Attorney Gardner stated that articles of incorporation had been duly filed with the county clerk and Secretary of State and that by-laws were next to be adopted. When these had been adopted, the election of seven directors took place, the following being chosen: E. A. Hall, W. R. Porter, Geo. W. Sill, Otto D. Stoesser, A. W. Cox, J. F. Gardner and C. H. Rodgers...”

“The directors then started in to organize. The officers elected were as follows: President O. D. Stoesser; vice-president, A. W. Cox; treasurer, E. A. Hall; secretary, R. G. Einfalt. The meeting place of the directors will be the Chamber of Commerce and the depository will be the Pajaro Valley Bank...”

“Chairman Sill of the building committee reported that his committee favored the leasing of a portion of the city lot at Second and Rodriguez streets and the erection thereon of a building to cost from \$12,000 to \$15,000. A proposition to lease the lot for a certain term of years, and after the indebtedness on the building had been paid off, to have the structure revert to the city, was then discussed at length. After the subject had been talked over thoroughly, the building committee was instructed to procure tentative plans and specifications from Architect W. H. Weeks...”

EP; 24 Nov 1909; article: “Frank Miller the young confessed forger...was held to answer by Judge Hawkins before the superior court and Miller not being able to

furnish \$1000 bond was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Trafton and taken to the county jail...

“The preliminary hearing this morning was short and sweet. Joseph Bedekovich, the prisoner’s roommate, took the stand and testified to the facts concerning the entering of his room and the theft of the \$70 check by Miller. Luke Scurich officiated as interpreter, the witness being unable to talk the English language...”

Paj; 25 Nov 1909; item: “L. George Sresovich, a local fruit tramp who left this city for San Francisco a few days ago, is now wanted by the San Francisco police on a charge of passing a bogus check on Jesse A. Hall, a saloonman of that city. Sresovich gave Hall a check for \$25 on the Bank of Santa Cruz...[It] was returned marked ‘no funds.’ Sresovich has likely made off to the mines in the Sierras with other ‘fruit tramps.’”

EP; 26 Nov 1909; article: “The weekly letter of F. B. McKeivitt of Sacramento, general manager of the California Fruit Distributors, has the following paragraph of special interest to all fruit growers and shippers:

“The season of 1909 has shown the heaviest shipment of fruit that has ever gone from the State of California... While the season in general has been a fairly prosperous one for the California fruit grower there are some lines which have sold at very low prices and have entailed heavy losses upon growers and shippers alike. This condition of affairs has thoroughly awakened all interests at this end of the line to the necessity for the greatest care in picking and packing fruit for eastern shipment. Already a movement is well underway in this State for the standardizing of our fruit pack, and there is no doubt but that a greater effort will be made next season than ever before to ship no fruit except a strictly good and dependable article, honestly packed...”

EP; 27 Nov 1909; item: “Adelaide C. Boudour vs. Mateo Secondo—Demurrer; motion to strike out; motion to dissolve injunction.”

EP; 27 Nov 1909; item: “Baudry [Boudry] vs. Strazich—Injunction dissolved by consent; citation for contempt dismissed; demurrer overruled and plaintiff granted 15 days in which to file amended complaint.”

EP; 29 Nov 1909; item: “AROMAS ITEMS...During the present apple shipping season over 100 carloads of apples have been shipped from Aromas station—just 20 less than from the muchly-advertised Hood river district in Oregon.

“Three apple packing houses have been operated here the present season, namely: M. N. Lettunich & Co., H. C. Peckham and Lettunich Bros. Most all of the help employed therein was from Aromas...”

EP; 29 Nov 1909; item: “John Barich left for the city today for a few days’ visit with friends.”

EP; 29 Nov 1909; born: “Watsonville, Nov. 27, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. George Novakovich, a son.”
[George; +1997; became a doctor]



Fig. 3-37.
George Novacovich.

EP; 30 Nov 1909; mar. license: “Yesterday, at San Jose, Bozo C. Cikuth of Watsonville, aged 28 and a native of Austria, was issued a license to wed Stella Lamata of San Jose, aged 19 and a native of California.”

Fig. 3-38.
Božo “Ed” Cikuth (1879-1954)
and his wife, Stella Lamat
(1887-1946). Ed was Louis
Cikuth’s first cousin.



EP; 30 Nov 1909; item: “Lease—Eugene W. Cureton to Antone Bilicich, 55 acres in Doyle Gulch between Neary and Powell ranches, 5 years from Nov. 10, 1909.”

EP; 30 Nov 1909; item: “Lease—A. Hiscox to Peter Resetar, 32 acres on Pajaro river between Salsipuedes creek and Leland, 5 years from Dec. 1, 1906 [sic].”

EP; 30 Nov 1909; article: “The directors of the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual met in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce last night...and took up with Architect W. H. Weeks the proposed plans for the carnival exhibit hall. The plans submitted were but tentative and action was postponed upon them...”

“Mr. Weeks submitted plans...that call for a building to be erected upon the city lot, the building to have a frontage on Rodriguez street of 100 feet and a frontage on Second street of 50 feet...”

“Several detailed matters were taken up in an informal way but no definite action was taken upon them this being deferred until next Monday night at which time Mr. Weeks is expected to present an estimate of cost for the proposed building...”

EP; 1 Dec 1909; article: “**BOUND FOR BOYHOOD HOME. Paul Alaga Will Spend Holiday Season With His Mother in Austria.** Today noon Paul Alaga, of the

well known local fruit packing firm of Alaga Bros., accompanied by his cousin, Nicholas M. Lettunich, eldest son of Mateo Lettunich, left here for a trip to Mr. A.'s old home city, Konavle, Dalmatia, Austria, where resides his mother, a couple of brothers, and sister. It's been 15 years since Paul left his native city to come to this valley and join his brother, Nick Alaga, who had preceded him here one year. Since then the Alaga brothers have through their energy and perseverance, prospered and become important business factors in this community, and very sensibly Paul has decided to enjoy his first big vacation in that length of time by paying a visit to his mother in Austria and, incidentally combine a degree of business in connection therewith.

"While he will be gone from here six months, Paul and young 'Nick' Lettunich will spend much of that time in visiting London, Liverpool and other European cities where Pajaro valley apples are sold, or such other cities as are likely to become purchasers of such fruit, and both going and returning through the United States will spend some time in each leading eastern and middle west city that is a purchaser of Pajaro valley apples. In brief Paul will closely study market conditions and Nick will not be a bit behind him as an observer.

"A bon voyage and a safe return to the Pajaro valley is the wish of their many friends."



Fig. 3-39. Here is Paul Alaga (back, center, in western hat) on the trip described above. This is the Alaga family of Bani, Konavle, Croatia (then Austria). The man on the left is visiting from Montenegro, which is just over the hill from this village.

EP; 1 Dec 1909; item: "Homestead declaration of Domina Miloslavich on lot 50x137.5 on southwest side Walker street, 163 feet northwest of Gaddie, Watsonville; \$700.

"Agreement to annul agreement 11-175—Steve M. Miloslavich with Domina Miloslavich."

Paj; 2 Dec 1909; born: "Watsonville, November 26, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Jelincich, a daughter." [*Rose; +1998; married Cepernich*]

Paj; 2 Dec 1909; born: "Watsonville, November 24, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hrepich, a daughter." [*Frances; +1920*]



Fig. 3-40.
Frances Hrepich.

Paj; 2 Dec 1909; item: "The firm of Alexich & Milanovich (formerly of Watsonville), fruit packers and shippers, have sent to San Francisco...a number of carloads of apples, which have been placed on cold storage...The firm has made extensive purchases this year in this vicinity and on the Carmel.—Salinas Index."

EP; 2 Dec 1909; item: "John Bolich, the well known mixologist, returned from a visit to San Francisco today."

EP; 3 Dec 1909; article: "FIRST TRAINLOAD OF APPLES FROM WEST. The first solid train load of apples that ever went to any eastern or foreign market was from Pajaro valley. Just think of it, 20 carloads of 4-tier Newtown Pippins, each carload containing upwards of 600 boxes and having a value when placed on the market in New York of at least \$200,000.

"This special train load of Newtown Pippins was made up at Council Bluffs, Iowa, a couple of weeks ago, by the Chicago Great Western R.R. Co., for the well known New York apple buyers, J. H. Bahrenberg Bros., and it was run on passenger train time a part of the distance from Council Bluffs to Le Roy, New York, where the fruit went into cold storage...Altogether the 20 carloads were 11 days en route from the time they left Watsonville until they arrived at their destination in New York—just about one-half regular passenger train time.

"But the main fact desired to be brought out in this item is that the first and only solid train load of apples from west of the Rocky Mountains that ever entered New York—the big market center of the country—was from Watsonville, Pajaro Valley...California."

EP; 3 Dec 1909; item: "Cora E. Pettit and husband to Joseph Secondo et al.—Lots 1, 2 and 11, Peckham's subdivision, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 4 Dec 1909; item: "**Austrians Migrating.** A steady migration of Austrian fruit laborers to other parts of the State is being made every day from this city and on average there are about 15 who leave each day. At present Los Angeles, Riverside and other points in Southern California seem to be the most popular meccas for these workmen and an average of 10 of them are daily migrating to these parts. Three or four leave each day for the gold mines in Calaveras, Tuolumne and other Sierra Nevada counties. A few are leaving for Bisbee,

Arizona, where considerable railroad work is going on, while others are headed for the railroad shops in Sacramento. 'Fruit tramps' are dwindling down to but a few members, but all will be back next summer."

EP; 4 Dec 1909; item: "Estate of John Arbulich, deceased—Claims allowed."

EP; 7 Dec 1909; item: "Bodour vs. Secondo—Continued to Dec. 13th."

EP; 7 Dec 1909; article: "**Informal Reception to Governor Gillett...Open State Fruit Growers' Convention.** The opening gun of the State Fruit Growers' convention, the sessions of which officially opened this morning at the Christian church, was informally fired last night when a goodly number of citizens and delegates braved the elements to...receive Governor James N. Gillett, who arrived in the city last evening. There was nothing formal about the affair and those who attended had the privilege of meeting this State's chief executive and that was about all. The governor seemed to enjoy the unconventionality of the occasion..."

EP; 8 Dec 1909; item: "Estate of John Arbuish [Arbulich], deceased—First and final account; petition for final distribution of estate; order appointing day of settlement and hearing of petition for decree of distribution; vouchers."

EP; 10 Dec 1909; item: "Adolf Tschumi vs. Mateo Lettunich Co. et al.—Order of court denying defendant's motion to strike out certain portions of complaint."

EP; 10 Dec 1909; board of supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Balovich, John, labor: \$18..."

EP; 13 Dec 1909; item: "Andrew Zufish [Zufich] was a visitor to Santa Cruz yesterday."

EP; 13 Dec 1909; item: "N. V. Lettunich left today for Los Angeles for a few weeks' business trip."

EP; 14 Dec 1909; item: "Geo. W. Wells of Santa Cruz has purchased the interest of Peter Sersen in the California restaurant in this city. Mr. Wells has achieved a most enviable reputation as a manager of the California restaurant at the Surf City. He has many friends in this city who know of his ability as a caterer. It is the intention of Messrs. Hrepich and Wells...to soon make many decided improvements...in order to successfully handle the increasing business."

EP; 14 Dec 1909; item: "Adelaid Le Boudous vs. Mateo Secondo—Continued to Dec. 20th."

EP; 15 Dec 1909; obit: "The funeral services of the late Blas Puheira [Puhiera], who passed away at his home on Kearney street...were held this morning from the family residence. The services were conducted by the Austrian Benevolent Society, of which organization the deceased was a member...The pallbearers were Messrs. John Balovich, John Hrepich, George Strazicich, Martin Gera, J. Nire and J. Gospodnetich."

EP; 15 Dec 1909; honor roll: Low 6th: Lena Rilovich, Katie Rilovich; High 4th: Willie Marinovich; Low 2nd: Katie Rilovich. [*2 different Katie Riloviches*]

EP; 15 Dec 1909; item: "Stephen Scurich is a business visitor in San Francisco today."

Paj; 16 Dec 1909; item: "Mateo Lettunich this morning received a message, via wireless telegraph, from the steamer Lusitania, to New York, and Western Union to Watsonville, sent by 'Young Nick' Lettunich, who, with Paul Alaga, is now on his way to Austria on a visit. The message was projected from the Lusitania, on which they are passengers, when that vessel was two days out from New York, and stated that all were well and enjoying the trip."

Paj; 16 Dec 1909; obit: "(From Monday's daily.) This morning, at his home at 49 Kearney street, occurred the death of Blas Puhiera, a well known Austrian who for a number of years has been a sufferer from consumption. For years after the dread disease fastened its grip on his rugged constitution the deceased gentleman bravely battled to throw it off, while at the same time attending to his business affairs, but during the last two years the battle had become a hopeless one and Mr. Puhiera had been compelled to give up business pursuits. Throughout all his sickness he retained his cheerful nature, bravely assisted by his devoted wife and two little daughters.

"Blas Puhiera [was] ranked as one of the pioneer Austrians in the fruit business here. He understood all branches of the business and would have been an important factor in the local packing business but for his ill health. He was a member of the local Austrian-American Benevolent Society, and the funeral will take place Wednesday morning from the family residence, under the auspices of that organization."

Paj; 16 Dec 1909; item: "Antone Krilanovich, the well known grape grower and wine maker of Boulder Creek, whose place near Forest park is one of the show spots of that mountain town, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the heart with a shotgun...[He had] been in failing health for some time and that he was driven insane by despondency is the general belief. He leaves a wife and 5 small children. He was 65 years old and a native of Dalmacia, Austria. Krilanovich had practically

wrested his vineyard from the sand hills, planting many of his vines in a hole dug out of the solid rock with his own hands. He was well liked in that neighborhood and also had many friends in Watsonville."

Paj; 16 Dec 1909; obit: "Watsonville, Dec. 13, 1909, Blas Puhiera, a native of Dalmacia, Austria, aged 55 years."

EP; 16 Dec 1909; item: "Marko Kukuliza et ux to Mike Resetar—Lot 18, block 8, assessor's map of Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 16 Dec 1909; item: "General power of attorney—Peter Sersen to Geo. W. Smith."

EP; 18 Dec 1909; item: "Estate of Antone Krilanovich, deceased—Petition of Mitchell Krilanovich for letters of administration and consent."

EP; 20 Dec 1909; notice: "**Notice of Change.** Frank Farlin having purchased the saloon business known as the American Exchange Saloon at No. 310 Walker street notice is hereby given that all bills against M. P. Kalich will be paid by the latter at the saloon on January 10, 1910, and all bills payable to him will be receipted at the saloon by Frank Farlin. M. P. KALICH, FRANK FARLIN, Watsonville, Dec. 20, 1909."

EP; 20 Dec 1909; article: "The directors of the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual Association will meet...in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, and considerable business of importance is expected to be transacted. Among the matters to be taken up will be the increase in the directorate of the association from 7 to 15 members. This step was decided upon at the meeting held last week, and Attorney J. E. Gardner was directed to amend the by-laws to provide for that step. The eight new directors will therefore in all probability be chosen tonight. Another matter to be taken up will be the important financial question for which a solution is still needed. Whether the necessary capital shall be raised by popular subscription; whether it shall be secured through the sale of stock or whether, as Director Gardner suggested, it shall be had through a partnership in the proposition with the municipality, are the problems advocated, and some definite action on the matter is expected at tonight's session..."

EP; 21 Dec 1909; item: "Catherine Boudry and Paul Boudry vs. George Strazicich—Amended complaint."

EP; 21 Dec 1909; item: "Estate of John Arbulich—Order settling first and final account and decree of final distribution of estate."

EP; 21 Dec 1909; item: "Adelaide Bandour vs. Mateo

Secondo—Motion to strike out to be submitted on authorities; five days granted."

EP; 22 Dec 1909; item: "George Wells, until recently manager and part owner of a popular restaurant in Santa Cruz, yesterday noon succeeded to the ownership of the interest of Peter Sersen in the California restaurant in this city, and hereafter will be associated with Geo. Hrepich in the active business management of that excellent feasting place.

"Mr. Wells has had much experience in catering to the wishes of the particular feeders among patrons of restaurants, and without doubt his advent into the business at the California will soon have the effect of building up a good addition to the trade.

"Sersen, who for awhile after leaving here, was employed in a restaurant in Stockton, has gone to Fresno. His old friends wish him well."

EP; 23 Dec 1909; item: "Jack Marinovich left today for San Francisco to visit friends during the holidays."

EP; 27 Dec 1909; item: "John A. Pimentel et ux to Andrew N. Zufich—Lot 85x125 on the north side Pelton avenue, west of Snyder, Santa Cruz; \$10.

"Andrew N. Zufich to John A. Pimentel—Lot 48, Blackburn's subdivision, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 27 Dec 1909; item: "Frank Farlin is in San Francisco today on a business trip."

EP; 27 Dec 1909; item: "C. Milanovich, the pioneer fruit packer of Salinas, spent Christmas here with relatives."

EP; 28 Dec 1909; article: "NEWTOWN PIPPINS IN LONDON...James Sheehy of this city, has just received some splendid photographs of the Golden West Exposition, held recently in London, the pictures being the gift of Messrs. Garcia, Jacobs and Company, the well-known London brokers for Pajaro Valley fruit. The set of pictures is seven in number and shows to a slight degree the great and splendid showing made at the exposition by the Pajaro Valley fruit. The first picture shows the big offices of the brokers downtown, the second and third show the docks with boxes of Pajaro Valley apples everywhere, the fourth shows the storerooms with boxes of Pajaro Valley apples piled in high stacks, while the remaining photographs show the Pajaro Valley apple exhibit in the pavilion. These pictures give a clear idea of how the exhibit looked and it certainly was a credit to this valley..."

EP; 28 Dec 1909; article: "**Pajaro Valley Packers and Shippers...Decide to Oppose Standardizing Fruit Pack.** At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, the directors of the Pajaro Valley Packers' and Shippers' association went on record as being opposed to any

attempt on the part of Congress to regulate the size or standard of a box and by a unanimous vote condemned the Lafean bill now before Congress at Washington, D.C. The meeting last night was called by President W. H. Benteen for the purpose of advising Horticultural Commissioner Chas. H. Rodgers relative to certain local matters which he will present early in the coming year in Sacramento at a meeting to be held there of the special committee of the State Horticultural Commission. This meeting will be called to discuss such matters as the standardizing of the fruit pack, securing fairer freight rates and to take up other matters of vital interest to the fruit growers of this city.

“The standardizing of the fruit pack as incorporated in the Lafean bill now before Congress was discussed at length last night and the directors expressed their opinion on the matter in every phase of the question. To get the opinion of those present in better form, the following resolution was drafted and unanimously adopted:

“Resolved: That inasmuch as this Association has protested against any set size of box being adopted by the federal government as a standard box, that we request Mr. C. H. Rodgers, as a member of the committee of ten called together by the State Horticultural Commission to discuss the standardization of the fruit grade and package and the freight rate on fruit from California, to protest earnestly against the adoption by Congress of the standardizing of apple grades and packages as set forth in what is generally known as the Lafean bill now pending before Congress.”

“Mr. Rodgers was asked to present this resolution before the Commission and he so promised to do...”

EP; 28 Dec 1909; article: “**Chairman Gardner Tells Apple Annual Directors That Bonding the City is the Best Plan.** After both verbal and written reports from them had been accepted and their decisions in the matter practically deemed final, the finance committee of the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual Association was last night given permission to render a supplementary report by the directors, for the reason that Director J. E. Gardner, chairman of the finance committee, thought the committee now saw the matter of finances in a different light. Three weeks ago, Mr. Gardner rendered a verbal report on behalf of the finance committee in which that committee introduced three solutions for the financial problem. The first solution was to secure the necessary funds by subscription of stock; the second was to bond the association for \$15,000, and raise the remainder by stock subscriptions and the third was to bond the city for the sum of \$15,000 and raise \$5000 by subscription. In the written report rendered last night, the committee favored the second proposition, namely that of bonding the association for a given amount. In favoring this proposition, the committee stated that there would be no dividends until the bonds were paid off and that this solution should

prove feasible, for the reason that those who invested would get their money back in dividends.

“After this report had been read by Secretary Einfalt, Chairman Gardner of the finance committee stated that his personal views on the question did not coincide with those expressed by the rest of the committee in its report. Since the committee had made its report he had discussed the question with various persons and the more he had investigated the question the more firmly he believed in bonding the city to build the exhibit pavilion. At first he did not believe the election could carry but now he was convinced that it would. The city needs a building of this kind, he said, and it would be an easy matter for the city to pay the interest and sinking funds of the bonds out of the annual income from the building. If this could be done, the taxpayers would not need to pay a cent on the bonds. Here Director Hall moved that the finance committee be requested to submit a supplementary report, which in other words means that the committee will consider its report...”

“Chairman Stoesser of the nominating committee, which is to choose eight new directors, asked for more time and his committee was granted until next Monday evening, when the directors will convene next. Those present last night were President O. D. Stoesser, Directors E. A. Hall, A. W. Cox, Geo. W. Sill, C. H. Rodgers, J. E. Gardner and Messrs. W. G. Taffinder, Jas. Sheehy and Secretary R. G. Einfalt.”

EP; 28 Dec 1909; ALL: Fr. Viokovich. Foreign; Johann Prokurica.

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EP; 3 Jan 1910; ALL: Domestic: Paul Pijerovich.

EP; 3 Jan 1910; disp. ad:

“BREAD

We now have a **FIRST-CLASS BAKER** in our employ. The Bread and Pastry of all kinds now on sale in our store have never been excelled in Watsonville.

Try us with one order and your custom is ours.

**Mrs. C. Mortizia,
French-American Bakery,
207 Main Street.”**

EP; 3 Jan 1910; disp. ad:

**“You Shouldn’t Forget to Try
COPRIVIZA & ALAGA’S
Amber Roast and
Pioneer Roast Coffee**

Once tried always considered the best.”

EP; 3 Jan 1910; disp. ad: “Railroad Exchange Hotel. Opposite the S.P. Depot, Watsonville. PAUL BOUDRY, Proprietor. First-class board by the day, week or month.

Newly furnished, large and convenient rooms. All service up-to-date. Wines, Liquors, and Cigars in Connection.”

EP; 3 Jan 1910; item: “V. Zimich, the local grocer, is visiting relatives and friends in Oakland. While in the Commuters City, Mr. Zimich will consult with Mr. Mirko, his partner, relative to the new building that the firm intends to erect in Watsonville.”

EP; 3 Jan 1910; item: “The Elm street matter, which was expected would come up last night, was once more postponed. Alderman Horgan stated that Messrs. Stoesser and Scurich had asked for a little more time in which to collect a scattering amount of money, when the deed would be turned over to the city. As Messrs. Stoesser and Scurich thought all would be well in one week’s time, the Elm street question was postponed until next Tuesday night.”

EP; 5 Jan 1910; item: “Bill of sale—Peter Sersen to Geo. W. Wells, California Restaurant and Lodging House, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 7 Jan 1910; board of supervisors, payments: “County Fund: ...Hrepich & Wells, meals: \$16...Pajaro Road Fund; Bolovich [Balovich], John, labor: \$11.25...”

EP; 7 Jan 1910; item: “**FINE PROGRAM AT ST. PATRICK’S HALL. ‘Jean Noel’ and Other Numbers Presented in Good Style Before Large Audience...**...But ‘Jean Noel’ was not the entire program. An evenly-balanced, first-class orchestra rendered several good numbers in pleasing style...Mr. N. Strazicich gave a fine violin solo...”

EP; 10 Jan 1910; item: “**OVER 500 ATTEND CROATIAN MEETING.** The second annual installation of the officers of the local Croatian Lodge, Sokol No. 352, attracted to Odd Fellows’ hall...the largest fraternal gathering ever held in Watsonville. It is estimated that at least 500 witnessed the elaborate installation ceremonies and partook of the lavish hospitality at the festival board.

“Although they have played an important part in the world’s stage, comparatively little is known of the Croatian people and their accomplishments—a condition deliberately brought about by the Austrian government which has, since the conquest of Dalmatia in the 11th century, practiced a course of tyranny and oppression towards these people. Education has been denied them, every conceivable tax has been levied upon their possessions; and the ban of governmental displeasure has been placed upon their language—it cannot be used officially. Yet, in spite of all this, the Croatians have been loyal and valiant subjects. It was the regiments recruited from the humble peasants of Dalmatia that saved Austria from inglorious defeat at the hands of the Turks in its last war. Although thousands of these people perished in this great

conflict, Austria’s reward for their bravery was the repeal of the line tariff, permitting the entry of the cheaper products of other nations to enter the kingdom duty free—thus ruining the great industries and entailing years of suffering. The Croatians number nearly a million, yet they are unrepresented in all branches of the government.

“In America the Croatians have been known as Slavonians, and while they are a branch of this great race, yet the term is too broad. The Croatians derive their name from the territory in which they now live, now Dalmatia, but, at the time of its occupation and conquest by these people, in the reign of Augustus Caesar, known as Croatia. Croatia for centuries was a separate kingdom, and became a part of Austria by conquest in the 11th century when it was named Dalmatia. Finding conditions unbearable in late years a great number have immigrated to the United States. The record in this valley needs no comment, suffice to say that no more law-abiding, thrifty and industrious people can be found.

“Croatian Lodge, Sokol, No. 252, was instituted in Watsonville during the month of February, 1907, and is a branch of the parent organization in Pennsylvania. The objects of the order are the relief of the sick and needy members and their families by providing sick and funeral benefits and by life and accidental insurance.

“The officers for the ensuing year were impressively installed by P. G. Carevich and V. Lister. After which Treasurer Stephen Scurich introduced N. V. Lettunich, president elect, who dwelt at length on the objects of the order, and promised to devote his time and attention to its advancement.

“The annual report was read by the Secretary Nick Stolich, showing a membership of over 140, and a goodly balance in the treasury.

“Geo. Carstulovich, of Santa Cruz, evoked great applause when in the course of a few eloquent remarks he feelingly referred to the struggles of his people for recognition and betterment. Mr. Carstulovich, a number of years ago, headed a deputation to the Austrian emperor, petitioning him for at least one representative in parliament. The emperor’s reply, through his prime minister, was the imprisonment of the entire deputation for several days on the ground that they were revolutionists.

“Luke Scurich, gave a history of early days in the Pajaro Valley. Mr. Scurich stated that those Austrians who were in the Pajaro Valley when he came here, but two were living, himself and A. Miochevich [Mioceovich].

“Stephen Scurich urged the building of a home for the aged and infirm at San Jose, and the establishment of a separate jurisdiction on the Pacific coast.

“That the Croatians were indebted to the United States beyond re-payment, and that they should not forget those who came before them and by their privations blazed the trail to success was the substance of a brief address by Attorney Geo. W. Smith.

“At the conclusion of the speech making all repaired

to the banquet hall, where Chef John Scurich and his assistants had prepared a great repast. After the banquet dancing was indulged in until an early hour.

“The following are the newly elected officers: President N. V. Lettunich; vice president, V. Lister; recording secretary, Nick Stolich; financial secretary, J. Mihlinich; treasurer, Stephen Scurich; chaplain, G. Pujo; conductor, J. Diclich [Diklich]; sergeant-at-arms, J. Gustinsky; trustees, Thos. Zegar, A. Vukich, A. Strazicich; president sick committee, M. Knego.” *[some facts here are incorrect; for example, the Slavs came to the area now known as Croatia 650 years after Augustus Caesar; also Croatia did not become Dalmatia—Dalmatia is the Adriatic part of Croatia; this article was likely written by George W. Smith, who often reported for the Pajaronian]*

EP; 10 Jan 1910; item: “**The Biggest Deal of the Kind Ever Consummated in the Pajaro Valley.** Never before in the history of the fruit industry in this Valley has there been so much leasing of orchard property for a term of years as has been going on within the past few months, and most of these transactions have been reported in the ‘Pajaronian’.

“During the past week negotiations tending towards the leasing for five years of probably the two largest apple orchards in the valley, those of John D. Murphy and sisters, located in Vega district, were concluded. The 210-acre orchard of Mr. Murphy, 175 acres of which is in apples and 35 in apricots, was leased to N. V. Lettunich, while the 110-acre apple orchard of the Misses Murphy has been leased by John Scurich & Co. The annual rental to be paid for each of these places is most satisfactory to the owners.”

EP; 10 Jan 1910; marriage: “A pretty wedding took place...yesterday in St. Patrick’s church when Rev. Father P. D. Hassett united Bozo Gluhan and Miss Nellie Nirich, both of this city in the bonds of holy matrimony. The bride’s sister, Miss L. Nirich, was the bridesmaid, and Mr. Antone Gluhan of Oakland, a brother of the groom, was best man. After the wedding ceremony, the happy couple and a large number of their friends went to the Nirich home on Sixth street where an enjoyable afternoon was spent in feasting and dancing...”

“Mr. and Mrs. Gluhan left on the...train for San Francisco where a week’s honeymoon will be spent. The

Fig. 3-41.
Božo “Ned” Gluhan
(1881-1924) and
Helen “Nellie” Nirich
(1892-1976).



groom is popularly known in this city being a member of the well-known fruit packing firm of Milinich and Gluhan and he is a prominent member of the local Austrian colony.

“The bride is one of the most admired of the younger people of the Austro-American extraction in this valley. After the loss of her mother through the terrible catastrophe of April 18, 1906, Nellie Nirich, then a girl of 14, took upon herself the duties of caring for her father’s household, and notwithstanding an early engagement to her present husband she remained at the home post for four years, and until a younger sister became proficient enough to succeed her, before accepting the responsibilities of a household of her own. It is of such material that the best women of the land are made.”

EP; 10 Jan 1910; born: “Watsonville, January 6, 1910, to Antone Zarolovich [Zadielovich] and wife, a daughter.” *[Annie; died 5 days later]*

EP; 10 Jan 1910; born: “Watsonville, January 8, to Michael Petrovich [Perovich] and wife, twins, a son and daughter.” *[Nick; +1974; Mary; +Sep 1910]*



Fig. 3-42.
Nick Perovich.

EP; 10 Jan 1910; married: “Watsonville, Jan. 9, 1910, at St. Patrick’s Church...Bozo Gluhan and Miss Nellie Nirich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 10 Jan 1910; item: “FINDS FOR PLAINTIFF. Justice A. B. Hawkins...handed down a decision in the case of William Evans vs. Frank Radovan of this city giving the plaintiff judgment to the amount of \$153.90. This case was tried last week before Judge Hawkins and was taken under advisement by him for a few days. Evans sued Radovan for the recovery of \$226, which he alleged was due him on 27 tons of apricots purchased by Radovan. Radovan admitted buying the fruit but stated that the quality was poor and alleging defects in the fruit refused to pay. Evans then brought suit.

“In deciding for the plaintiff, Justice Hawkins held that the custom of Pajaro Valley fruit growers in the past had been that whenever the buyer of fruit had accepted the same, he waved all defects as to the quality of the fruit by such acceptance. Attorney George W. Smith represented Evans while Radovan was represented by attorney J. E. Gardner. It is rumored that the case will be appealed.”

EP; 12 Jan 1910; obit: “Watsonville, Jan. 11, 1909, Annie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Zadielovich, aged 6 days.”

EP; 12 Jan 1910; item: "**New Thoroughfare Granted by Board...To Be Known as Central Avenue.** The long-delayed, much-postponed Elm street extension matter was finally brought to a definite and official conclusion...when the board of aldermen in special session accepted the deed to the opening through the Gallagher property from Union to Main streets and instructed Messrs. Stephen Scurich and Fred W. Johnson to begin immediately to clear the proposed extension of all obstructions. The matter was first brought up when a communication was read accompanying the deed in which letter, Messrs. Scurich and Johnson petitioned the board to call the new street Central avenue. Upon motion of Alderman Horgan, seconded by Alderman Covell, the deed was accepted, the legal name of the street was designated as Central avenue and Messrs. Scurich and Johnson were instructed to get busy..."

"Building permits galore were granted last night...The permits granted were as follows: ...Secondo Brothers, three houses, three barns, three sheds, \$2500..."

"A petition signed by the following residents of Callaghan street was read asking that the thoroughfare be macadamized as soon as possible...Andrew Zar...[only Slav of 10]"

EP; 12 Jan 1910; obit: "Mr. and Mrs. Antone Zadielovich, who reside at 143 Walker street in this city, suffered the loss of Annie, their infant daughter, yesterday afternoon when the Grim Reaper claimed the little child. The deceased infant was but six days old and the bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral services were held this afternoon from the Valley Church, the interment being made in the Valley cemetery."

EP; 12 Jan 1910; item: "Stephen Scurich et al. to city of Watsonville—Lot 46x271.2 on northeast side of Main street, southeast of Johnson Hotel, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 13 Jan 1910; item: "Estate of Antone Krilanovich, deceased—Letters of administration issued to Mitchell Krilanovich, with bond of \$5600 given upon qualifying."

EP; 13 Jan 1910; item: "The crack Manzanita baseball club of this city, which has just recently been organized, will journey to Gonzalez...where the local nine will line up against the speedy Alpine club team of that burg. The Manzanita team comprises some of the best amateur baseball talent in this city and the locals ought to be able to start off the season with a victory. The lineup of the Manzanita team is as follows: Catchers, Wm. Ventich or Oscar Parraguez; pitchers, V. Manouz or M. Nirich; first base, Frank Ribera; second base, Dan Soto; third base, Frank Rodriguez; shortstop, Wm. Ventich or Oscar Parraguez; left field, Clarence Duro; center field, Jack Berryessa; right field, David Felix."

EP; 15 Jan 1910; honorary promotions: From low 1st to high 1st: Annie Knego, Katie Strazicich; high 4th to low 5th: Nellie Marinovich; low 6th to high 6th: Kate Knego.

EP; 15 Jan 1910; disp. ad: "SPRAY Early and Often. Don't Forget that we can supply you with Lime-Sulfur Solution. City Grocery Co. 258 Main Street. Phone, Main 63."

EP; 17 Jan 1910; item: "The coroner's inquest over the remains of Harry Bruce, the young laboring man who was killed by W. B. Kinley in the latter's home at 232 Lincoln street in this city...is in progress this afternoon at the undertaking parlors of Wyckoff & Aston. The following are the names of the jurors: Ben Crews, Geo. Smith, F. S. Austin, F. H. Burnside, H. C. Peckham, L. Scurich, F. P. Marinovich, A. E. Joy and M. Tuttle..."

EP; 17 Jan 1910; item: "Edward Kelly, as administrator of the estate of the late Joseph Albright, has leased to Jasper Simonovich [Simunovich], a well-known local fruit packer, the 52-acre Albright apple orchard in Railroad district for a term of five years."

EP; 17 Jan 1910; born: "Watsonville, January 16, 1910. To the wife of Mr. Stephen Knego, a son." [Peter; +1979]

EP; 17 Jan 1910; item: "Gregory Alexich, the well known fruit buyer, is a visitor here today from San Francisco."

EP; 21 Jan 1910; promoted by exam: Low 8th to High 8th: Peter Marinovich; High 6th to Low 7th: Florence Smith; Low 6th to High 6th: Lena Rilovich, Katie Rilovich; to Low 6th: John Buak; to High 5th: Antonio Scurich; to High 4th: Lena Strazicich, John Strazicich; to High 3rd: Tony Grizich, Ella Strazicich; to Low 3rd: Anna Balanac, Steve Marinovich; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Katie Rilovich; to Low 2nd: John Eggae, Martin Rilovich, Frank Saverija, Emma Grizich; Low 1st to High 1st: Nick Castropelli, Frank Uvodich, Mark Rilovich, John Cordich.

EP; 24 Jan 1910; marriage: "...**Ceremony...United Popular Couple, Members of Austrian Colony.** There was a joyous scene at the gathering in honor of the wedding yesterday of Mike Resetar and Miss Lucy Igia. The wedding ceremony was performed at noon...with Mitchell Resetar, a brother of the groom as best man, and Mrs. Ellen P. Stolich, a sister of the bride as bridesmaid.

"Immediately afterward the bridal party and friends were driven to the large packing house of Stolich Bros., on West Fifth street and after a preliminary wedding breakfast the merry making, congratulations, dancing and feasting was kept up until evening. The popularity of the couple was well attested by the large crowd of relatives, friends and well-wishers present.

“The bride, who is a niece of John Igia of Ford street, and sister of Mrs. P. Stolich, has resided here for the past three years. She is remarkably pretty, and because of her sunny disposition has acquired a wide circle of friends who have united in wishing her joy on her new stage of life.

“The groom is a well known fruit packer with headquarters on Kearney street. Although he has only lately engaged in business for himself, he is well known locally and has had much experience in handling fruit. He has a host of friends and the lines of his future are laid for success.

“After the ceremony and later reception yesterday the young couple took the evening train for San Francisco where they will spend their honeymoon. Their departure was the occasion of much rice throwing. On their return they will reside in a new home fitted up for them on Kearney street in this city.”

EP; 24 Jan 1910; married: “Watsonville, January 23, 1910...Miss Lucy Igia [orig: Hidža] and Mike Resetar, both of this city.”



Fig. 3-43.
Mike Resetar
(1887-1970) and
Lucy Hidža
(1886-1965).

EP; 25 Jan 1910; list: “1910 GRAND JURY. In compliance with an order from Superior Judge Smith the following list of citizens of the different precincts of this county has been selected and listed to serve as grand jurors in the county and State during the year 1910, or until a regular grand jury has been selected therefrom as provided by law: ...S. Dabelich...M. Lettunich...L. Scurich...”

EP; 27 Jan 1910; article: “FOUNDATION LAID FOR SOCIAL CLUB. The directors of the Pajaro Valley Board of Trade met yesterday...and...passed a resolution to the effect that a social club be organized in this city, which club will take over all present property of the Board of Trade and pay the debts of the same...”

“President Hall introduced his resolution, for the organization of a new social club, that such a club be duly organized and that it shall pay off all debts of the Board of Trade in return for receiving a property of that organization. A committee of five members was appointed to canvass the city today for members of the new club,

over a score of names having already been secured. On this committee were appointed Messrs. W. D. Gulick, Luke Scurich, H. Wylie, James I. King and Robert Eaton...”

EP; 29 Jan 1910; item: “Lease—Estate of Jos. Albright, deceased, by executor to J. Simunovich 67.036 acres of Salsipuedes Rancho on Pajaro river to Dec. 1, 1914.”

EP; 29 Jan 1910; item: “A. Tschumi vs. Mateo Lettunich Co.—Order overruling demurrer of defendant Scurich to amend complaint; order denying defendant corporation to strike out; order overruling demurrer of defendant corporation.”

EP; 29 Jan 1910; item: “O. D. Stoesser, Geo. W. Sill, A. W. Cox and W. R. Porter, four of the directors of the Apple Annual Association met...in the Chamber of Commerce rooms for the purpose of hearing read and considering the report of the finance committee appointed some time ago to formulate a plan of procedure...”

“After Secretary Einfalt had read the minutes of several previous meetings and they had been duly approved, he began the reading of the finance committee’s report signed by the members thereof, viz: J. E. Gardner, W. H. Benteen, J. J. Morey, W. R. Radcliff, Luke Scurich, H. S. Fletcher and Edward White...”

“The report, while quite voluminous, is most thorough and, in brief, it recommends that after \$5000 has been raised from property interests outside the city towards the furnishing, etc., of a large building on the city lot on Rodriguez street, to be used for the annual apple show, convention purposes, concerts, shows, etc., that the city be asked to pledge its credit by the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$15,000 for the erection of the building, the ownership to be vested in the city...”

EP; 31 Jan 1910; item: ““Wm. Zimich is in San Jose on a few days’ business trip.”

EP; 31 Jan 1910; item: “**Ten Members Of the Board of Trade Agree to Pay Its Debts.** At an adjourned meeting...of the Board of Trade directors, the club soliciting committee reported that its project had been a failure and that other ways and means must be found to pay off the boards debts. Secretary Gretter then proceeded to read the names of ten men who have consented to assume the paying of the debts themselves and who will endeavor to maintain the club themselves.

“These men are Messrs. M. B. Tuttle, W. D. Gulick, Luke Scurich, S. G. Earle, A. Butman, J. M. Grimmer, George W. Gretter, J. B. Holohan, A. P. Peck and L. P. Cikuth. The ten men will be given the entire equipment of the Board of Trade and after they have paid off the \$188.75 indebtedness, they will endeavor to organize a first-class social club.”

EP; 1 Feb 1910; item: "TO ASK ALDERMEN TO BOND THE CITY. President Otto D. Stoesser, accompanied by the directors and members of the finance committee, will appear before the mayor and board of aldermen...to petition said body to call a bond election for \$15,000 for the erection of the Apple Annual pavilion, the calling of this election, however, being contingent upon the raising of the remaining \$5000 in the suburban districts.

"This plan of action was decided upon at the meeting held last night of the directors of the Annual Association, those present being Otto D. Stoesser, Edward A. Hall, Luke Scurich, James A. Linscott, George W. Sill, W. H. Benteen, J. E. Gardner, Mayor P. K. Watters and Secretary R. G. Einfalt..."

EP; 1 Feb 1910; board of aldermen; payments: "...Hrepich & Wells, meals: \$32..."

EP; 2 Feb 1910; item: "S. Balovich left this morning for Amador county to attend the funeral there tomorrow of his cousin, George Arnerich, who died yesterday. The deceased was a native of Dalmatia and was aged about 50 years. He had lived in Amador county over 30 years. Several relatives of the deceased reside in this valley."

EP; 2 Feb 1910; item: "**They Dissolve Partnership.** Gregory Alexich and C. Milanovich, two former Watsonvilleans who for two years past have been doing business at Salinas under the name of Alexich & Milanovich, apple packers and shippers, have dissolved partnership. It is said not to be the intention of either to leave Salinas, although much of Mr. Alexich's time is taken up by business matters in San Francisco."

EP; 2 Feb 1910; item: "The board of Aldermen... unani-mously decided that in the event of the directors of the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual association raising the sum of \$5000 in the outlying districts of this city, the people of this city would be called upon to vote at a bond election for \$15,000 for the erection of the big exhibit pavilion that it is proposed to build upon the city lot. The Apple Annual delegation present at the meeting of the council...met with no objection in securing the favorable expression of opinion from the board. Those who composed the Apple Annual delegation...were President Otto D. Stoesser, J. J. Morey, George W. Sill, Attorney J. E. Gardner, Edward White, Luke Scurich, Supervisor J. A. Linscott and Charles H. Rogers..."

EP; 4 Feb 1910; item: "Estate of Antone Krilanovich, deceased—Order appointing Luke Scurich, George Novacovich, and George Dabelich as appraisers."

EP; 4 Feb 1910; item: "Adelaide Le Boudour vs. Mateo Secondo—Order of court denying motion to strike out,

and also the motion to dissolve injunction against defendant, overruling demurrer to complaint."

EP; 7 Feb 1910; item: "TRIAL JURY LIST FOR YEAR 1910. At the meeting of the board of supervisors in Santa Cruz today the supervisor-newsgatherer from the district presented the following list of trial jurors from his district for 1910:

"Watsonville Precinct No. 2: ...Mateo Lettunich, Antonio Miocovich..."

"Watsonville Precinct No. 4: ...Stephen Scurich..."

EP; 8 Feb 1910; marriage: "At St. Francis church in Oakland today, Rev. Father Cantivell joined in wedlock Miss Stella Milcovich, a charming young lady of the Athens city, and Edward B. Lettunich, a well known and popular fruit packer of this city. The announcement of the wedding will be a surprise to many of Mr. L.'s friends...as they had no inkling that he had been considering such a happy step.

"The bride is a daughter of Mrs. N. Milcovich of Oakland, and she is a charming young lady who has many friends in this city as well as in Oakland. The groom has been in the apple packing business in this city for several years. He has made a financial success of such business a result of pursuing strictly honorable methods, and naturally thereby has made many friends, all of whom extend their congratulations and wish himself and wife a happy journey on the matrimonial sea.

"The groomsman at the wedding was M. N. Lettunich of San Francisco and Watsonville, while the bridesmaid was Miss Anna Milcovich of Oakland. The honeymoon will be spent in Los Angeles, after which Mr. and Mrs. L. will return to Watsonville."

EP; 8 Feb 1910; item: "Adolph Tschumi vs. Mateo Lettunich Co. et al.—Defendants granted 10 days to answer complaint."

EP; 8 Feb 1910; married: "Oakland, Feb. 8, 1910...Miss Stella Milcovich of Oakland and E. B. Lettunich of Watsonville."

EP; 8 Feb 1910; item: "F. P. Marinovich was a business visitor to San Francisco yesterday."

EP; 9 Feb 1910; article: "CENTRAL AVENUE MAY BE EXTENDED. To extend Central avenue through Main street to Rodriquez street was the nature of a petition presented...to the mayor and board of Aldermen when that body met in adjourned session for 10 minutes, one of the shortest meetings on record. The petition asked that this street be extended and was signed by the John Sheehy company, John T. Porter company, Luke Scurich, J. M. Grimmer, F. P. Marinovich, A. Kuhlitz, P. J. Freiermuth estate, P. J. Thompson, Manzanita compa-

ny, F. W. Johnson and O. S. Tuttle. This street will cut across on the west side of Main street where the Eclipse stables and the A.O.F. hall now stand, the entire property through which the street will traverse being owned by Carl Rappe...

“It is stated that Mr. Rappe asks \$18,000 for the piece of property desired for street purposes and that an assessment district will be formed to pay for its acquisition at whatever price is finally agreed upon. The opening of this street has long been desired and it is to be hoped that it will finally be accomplished in a satisfactory manner...”

Paj; 10 Feb 1910; item: “In the case of Adelaide Le Bandour vs. M. Secondo, Watsonville people, Judge Smith made 3 rulings...all in favor of the plaintiff. The motion to strike out certain parts of the complaint was denied; the motion to dissolve the injunction was also denied; the demurrer to the complaint was overruled. This is a breach of promise action.”

EP; 11 Feb 1910; item: “The joint committee appointed for the purpose of organizing a new promotion body to be known as the Commercial League met...yesterday afternoon. The following members were present: Edw. A. Hall, ex-president of both bodies, Mayor P. K. Watters, C. H. Rogers, Chas. Smith, Thos. Canty, A. N. Judd, W. H. Benteen, Steve Scurich, A. W. Cox, O. D. Stoesser, J. W. Baxter, and J. E. Gardner. The absent members were H. S. Fletcher, W. R. Porter and M. B. Tuttle...”

EP; 11 Feb 1910; item: “N. Radonich et al vs. MacDonald & Sons, a corporation—Notice of appeal to the superior court from the justice court of Watsonville Township, which gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff.”

EP; 12 Feb 1910; item: “Estate of Antone Krilanovich, deceased—Inventory and appraisal, \$3560.62.”

EP; 15 Feb 1910; item: “Stephen Scurich was in Santa Cruz today on a business visit.”

EP; 15 Feb 1910; item: “George Hrepich and George Forench left this morning for Santa Cruz to attend the funeral of J. B. Carstulovich.”

EP; 16 Feb 1910; honor roll: High 8th: Peter Marinovich; High 6th: Kate Knego; Low 5th: Willie Marinovich; High 4th: Lena Strazicich; High 2nd: Katie Rilovich, Chris Rilovich; Low 3rd: Anna Balanac, Steve Marinovich.

EP; 19 Feb 1910; item: “Nicholas V. Lettunich vs. T. J. Horgan—Demurrer overruled and 20 days granted to answer.”

EP; 21 Feb 1910; item: “George Melovich and Mark McDonough, two vags caught...at Pajaro...were today

sent over to Salinas as guests for the next few days at the Hotel Del Nesbitt by Judge Rohrback. Melovich was the toughest looking vag of the two and he was handed 25 days, while McDonough got 20 days. The vags seem to make Pajaro a mecca these days by the number of them that have been up before Judge Rohrback this year.”

EP; 22 Feb 1910; item: “The directors of the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual Association met...in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, those present being President Otto D. Stoesser, Secretary R. G. Einfalt and Directors George W. Sill, J. E. Gardner, J. A. Linscott, Mateo Lettunich, John H. Thompson, and R. H. Goodchild. The directors didn’t do very much in the way of business for the reason that all work depends upon the success of the various committees now canvassing the rural districts in an endeavor to secure the \$5000 necessary to have a bond election called in this city...”

EP; 22 Feb 1910; item: “Stephen Scurich is a business visitor to San Jose for a few days.”

EP; 22 Feb 1910; married: “Watsonville, February 20, 1910, by Rev. Father Hassett, Antone Scurich and Miss Anna Radonich, both of this city.”



Fig. 3-44.
Seated: Antone Scurich (1875-1939) and Anna Radonich (1891-1916).
Standing: Luke Scurich (1864-1932) and Mary Veseličič Novacovich (1881-1977; later Mrs. Lucian Lettis).

EP; 22 Feb 1910; article: “A quiet, yet pretty, wedding ceremony was solemnized last Sunday afternoon at St. Patrick’s church when the Rev. Father P. D. Hassett united Antone Scurich and Miss Anna Radonich, both of this city, in the bonds of holy matrimony. The nuptials were attended by only a few of the intimate friends and immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Luke Scurich, a brother of the groom, officiated as best man, and Mrs. George Novacovich was the bridesmaid. The ceremony over, the newly married couple and their friends went to the Novacovich home, where a wedding dinner was served. A couple departed on a late afternoon train for San Francisco, where a few days’ honeymoon will be spent. Mr. and Mrs. Scurich will return tomorrow and will then be at home to their friends at their new house on Sudden street.

“Both of the contracting parties, especially the groom, are well and popularly known members of the local Austrian colony. The groom is a brother of Luke, Stephen

and Peter Scurich, the prominent local packers, and he is a young man that has already become eminently successful in business. The bride is a cousin of Nick Radonich, a local fruit packer, and during her residence here for the past few years has made a wide circle of friends."

EP; 23 Feb 1910; item: "Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich are back from their honeymoon trip through Southern California."

EP; 23 Feb 1910; item: "V. Mirko, one of the members of the firm of Mirko & Zimich, is here for a few days' business trip from Oakland, where he has charge of a large grocery store."

Paj; 24 Feb 1910; item: "A. Tschumi, formerly a jeweler of this city, is here from San Francisco in connection with legal matters involved in his damage suit against the Mateo Lettunich Co, his former landlord."

EP; 24 Feb 1910; article: "WILL RECONSTRUCT THE HOTEL JOHNSON. V. Zimich, senior member of the grocery firm of Mirko & Zimich of Oakland and Watsonville, has purchased from F. W. Johnson the business of Hotel Johnson and Mr. S. Scurich, owner of the building will at once begin the work of modernizing and otherwise improving the hotel which, through the recent opening of Central avenue has been placed on a Main street corner..."

EP; 25 Feb 1910; item: "Adolf Tschumi vs. Mateo Lettunich Co.—Answer of defendant Luke Scurich; answer of defendant Mateo Lettunich Co."

EP; 28 Feb 1910; item: "Steve Scurich to F. W. Johnson—Undivided one-half of lot 13x80 at southwest corner Union street and Central avenue to, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 1 Mar 1910; item: "COMMITTEES RAISE \$3770 IN COUNTRY. The board of directors of the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual association met...in adjourned session in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of reporting progress on the financial campaign in the rural districts. Those present at last night's session were President Otto D. Stoesser, Secretary R. G. Einfalt, J. A. Linscott, T. J. Horgan, J. H. Thompson, Luke Scurich, J. E. Gardner, George W. Sill, Charles H. Rogers, R. H. Goodchild and Mateo Lettunich. Those absent were A. W. Cox, W. R. Porter, E. A. Hall and W. H. Benteen.

"That the financial canvass of the rural districts will be eminently successful and to show that the necessary \$5000 mark is now within reach, Chairman Gardner of the finance committee, reported...that the subscriptions up to date aggregated \$3770. Several of the most promis-

ing lists have not even been touched as yet and some working on the canvass have not as yet reported. Mr. Gardner thought it a good idea to have several volunteers come forth and devote two whole days to scouring the city and valley in automobiles and to endeavor to secure the remaining subscription money by united strength rather than by individual effort. The directors thought this a good idea and the suggestion was unanimously adopted. On Thursday next the various volunteers will gather at the office of G. W. Sill on Main street...and will start on a whirlwind ride around the valley. Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich and J. H. Thompson have donated their automobiles for the occasion..."

EP; 1 Mar 1910; item: "V. Mirko of the local firm of Mirko & Zimich, has returned to his home in Oakland after a few days' visit here."

EP; 2 Mar 1910; item: "[Board of Aldermen meeting] Two retail liquor licenses were ordered transferred: ...Andrew Schopp at the Johnson House to V. Zimich..."

EP; 4 Mar 1910; item: "Manzanita Co. to Stephen Scurich—All real and personal property; \$10."

EP; 5 Mar 1910; item: "Two candidates were initiated... at the regular meeting of Court Pajaro Valley Rose Circle No. 207, Companions of the Forest...during the social sessions the following numbers were rendered: ...piano solo, Miss Katherine Balovich..."

EP; 5 Mar 1910; item: "NEW HOTEL...NOW PROBABLE...Messrs. Edward G. Keen of Oakland, Julian H. Olcovich of San Francisco and F. N. Dodd of Alameda were here...discussing the proposition of a new hotel for Watsonville with several local business men and as the paper went to press they were holding an executive session in the office of Otto D. Stoesser. When the session was over the three visiting fiscal agents or promoters declared that a new hostelry for this city was an assured fact and that local capitalists had already been interested in the scheme.

"The meeting...was devoted to a discussion of ways and means for the erection of the new hotel and the financial plan outlined in the prospectus already sent out was duly explained by the promoters. The selection of a board of directors and plans for raising the money were the chief topics of discussion.

"The support of several local capitalists is practically promised for the new building and within the course of a few days the definite announcement will be made of just which local men are interested. The board of directors will first be chosen and they will then assume the business of financing the proposition. All moneys will be handled by them and the fiscal agents will receive a commission for promoting the scheme.

“The visitors expressed themselves as being very much satisfied over the present outlook. They state that the new hotel is a go in this city and more definite news can be looked for next week.”

EP; 7 Mar 1910; item: “In re estate Luke Sresovich, deceased—Affidavit of publication notice to creditors.”

EP; 10 Mar 1910; item: “The Flint orchard in the San Juan valley has been leased for a period of five years by Sam and V. Matulich and N. Vuich, of Watsonville.”

EP; 10 Mar 1910; item: “Nick Bencovich has purchased from P. F. Brown & Co. 24 acres of irrigated land in the Belle View tract, which he will plant to orchard trees. About 20 years ago Nick was a partner of Steve Strazicich in the restaurant business in Watsonville.”

EP; 12 Mar 1910; married: “Watsonville, March 10, 1910, at St. Patrick’s church...Andro Svicarevich of Oakland and Miss Matija Kuzmanich of Watsonville.”

EP; 15 Mar 1910; item: “**Mrs. C. Mortizia, Wife of Well Known Packer, Installs Large Modern Oven for Special Lines.** Mrs. C. Mortizia, proprietor of the French-American bakery at 207 Main street has an announcement in this issue concerning the perfection of plans for making French bread of the real French sort...”

EP; 16 Mar 1910; item: “The following is a list of the pupils of the Watsonville schools who have been neither absent or tardy for the past school month and have made at least 85% in their studies and are therefore entitled to a place on the roll of honor: High 8th: ...Peter Marinovich...High 6th: Kate Knego...High 4th: John Strazicich...High 2nd: Christ Rilovich...”

EP; 16 Mar 1910; article: “**NEW BANK WILL BE ESTABLISHED HERE. Stock Rapidly Being Subscribed For—Permanent Location Likely on Mansion House Corner.** A proposition which has been quietly underway for some time to establish a new banking house in this city has assumed such shape that its establishment is now an almost assured fact. Frequently for years past there have been rumors of the starting of a new bank in Watsonville, and while it has never been disputed that such would be a good business proposition still the matter has never come to a head until now and we are glad to say that it will be inaugurated by local capital and not financed by capitalists from elsewhere. The men who are interesting themselves in the movement believe that if local capital did not make such a move very soon it would not be very long until wide awake men from San Francisco did so.

“Attorney J. A. Hall is attending to the legal work of the formation of the new bank. He did similar work for

the Pajaro Valley bank at the time of the inception of that financial institution about 20 years ago. A few of the others interested in the new bank will be P. A. Callaghan Eugene and Edward Kelly and a number of the leading businessmen, farmers and orchardists, and several of the leading Austrian residents of large property interests...

“The location of the new bank has not as yet been determined upon, but it is beyond a doubt that its final home will be the Mansion House corner. The date of opening has not been decided upon, which of course will have to await the completion of legal procedure that Attorney Hall is now directing. But it will be a State bank with a subscribed capital stock of \$100,000, and later a savings bank department will be incorporated.

“No doubt the great success and prosperity of the present two commercial and two savings banks of this city has long been the incentive for prompting local capital to believe that there was room for another financial institution of the kind in this city.”

EP; 16 Mar 1910; item: “It has been currently reported along the street today that Geo. H. Brewington had sold to Mateo and M. W. [N.] Lettunich, the Main street property, adjoining the Mansion House, he recently purchased from the Ford estate heirs for \$22,500. To a ‘Pajaronian’ reporter this afternoon, Mr. M. Lettunich denied that such purchase had been made by himself and cousin.”

EP; 16 Mar 1910; item: “M. N. Lettunich is here from San Francisco looking after his business interests in this city.”

Paj; 17 Mar 1910; marriage: “A wedding of unusual interest in local Austrian circles took place...when Miss Matija Kuzmanich of this city became the bride of Andro Svicarevich of Oakland...Mr. Niko Banicich prob. Banicevich] officiated as best man and Mrs. Steve Strazicich was the bridesmaid... The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andro Kuzmanich of this city and has been a resident of Watsonville for only four months.”

Paj; 17 Mar 1910; article: “V. Mirko, the senior partner of the firm Mirko & Zimich of this city and Oakland, will arrive this evening from Oakland and together with his partner, Mr. Zimich, will look over the plans for the new store that the firm will have in the new Central hotel building, formerly the Johnson House. Mr. Stephen Scurich and Architect Weeks have already gone over the plans for the Central Hotel annex on Central avenue and the remodelled Johnson House...will commence next week. The old Johnson House will be completely remodelled and an almost entirely new front will be made on Main street, the new Mirko and Zimich grocery store to occupy a large portion of said front.”

Paj; 17 Mar 1910; item: “V. Mirko has returned to Oak-

land after a few days' business visit here with his partner, V. Zimich."

EP; 17 Mar 1910; item: "Stephen Scurich has returned from a business visit to San Francisco."

SFCall; 17 Mar 1910; item: "NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the state board of prison directors to be paroled from the state prison at San Quentin according to law. VIDO OPUSICH (No. 18985)." [see 7 March 1901]

EP; 21 Mar 1910; item: "Peter Rester [Resetar] et ux. to Ira M. Bradmess [Bardmess]—Lot 56.3x165 feet, corner Rodriquez and First streets, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 22 Mar 1910; article: "NEW THEATRE WILL BE ERECTED SOON. A committee comprising W. A. Trafton, Luke Scurich and T. J. Horgan, after two days of industrious circulation among the property owners and businessmen of the Maple avenue, Main and Second street corners district, have to report that they have secured all but \$1500 of the \$18,200 necessary for the purchase of the lot and the erection of a new theater building on Maple avenue near Main street. It is stated that 60% of the stock has been taken by the John T. Porter company, owners of the lot, and other subscriptions have been from \$500 down..."

"The lot will cost \$5500, the theater about \$10,000, and the remainder of the \$18,200 will be expended in furnishings and interior work. This is quick work and shows a commendable spirit on the part of the property owners and businessmen who will be directly benefited by the improvement."

Paj; 24 Mar 1910; item: "James Waters et ux. to Kosmos Gospodnetich—Lot 85, Waters subdivision, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 26 Mar 1910; item: "Thos. Grusich to Stephen Scurich—Lot 27, Scurich's subdivision, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 28 Mar 1910; item: "An outhouse on the Lucich-Gorden Ranch on the San Juan road was burned to the ground last Saturday night, the loss being about \$100. Heroic work on the part of the men on the ranch was all that saved the rest of the ranch buildings from destruction. The fire started in a brooder and soon the outhouse was ablaze. Seeing that this could not be saved, the men set to work to save the rest of the houses. Besides the brooder and several other farm implements, 200 chickens were burned."

EP; 28 Mar 1910; item: "L. Cikuth is in San Francisco on a business trip."

EP; 28 Mar 1910; item: "F. P. Marinovich left this morning for San Francisco for a few days' business trip."

EP; 28 Mar 1910; item: "John Derpich, an Austrian resident of this city for about 15 years past, was arrested last night by Officer Devine for stealing two chickens from Steve Strazicich of the Morning Star restaurant. Derpich was arraigned in the police court this morning and he denied having stolen the chickens and entered a plea of 'not guilty'...Constables Corr and Sandberg then went out searching for the owner of the poultry and soon ran across Strazicich, who identified the chickens as being his. When confronted by this evidence, Derpich confessed to stealing the chickens..."

"Officer Devine saw Derpich rapidly walking towards the Pajaro river bridge about 11 o'clock last night, hiding something all the while beneath his coat. Devine stopped Derpich and investigation showed that two freshly killed chickens, one a small white Leghorn pullet and the other a Buff Cochon, were being carried by the man. Blood, feathers and mud was discovered all over Derpich's clothes and he was taken to jail. Devine says Derpich offered \$5 first and \$25 to be turned loose, but the officer was not to be bribed. Derpich told several conflicting stories today to the police. He first said he found the poultry in the street, later he said that he plucked them off a fence and still later he said that they were in a yard. He denied, however, having stolen them. Later he changed his tune."

EP; 28 Mar 1910; item: "John Rocovich, an Austrian laborer in Green Valley, was the victim of a distressing accident early this morning as the result of which he lost his left thumb entirely. Rocovich was running a circular saw in some wood cutting operations when in some unknown way his thumb came in contact with the rapidly moving saw. His left thumb was cut off entirely... Although suffering awful agony, Rocovich did not lose his presence of mind but with the aid of a fellow laborer drove hastily into town to secure medical attention..."

EP; 29 Mar 1910; item: "Adelaide Le Baudour vs. Mateo Secondo—Set for trial for April 12th."

EP; 29 Mar 1910; item: "Tschumi vs. Mateo Lettunich Co.—Set for trial for April 19th."

EP; 29 Mar 1910; item: "President Otto D. Stoesser and Directors J. E. Gardner, W. R. Porter, E. A. Hall, Luke Scurich, George W. Sill and J. A. Linscott of the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual Association met...in the rooms of the Commercial League in special session. The business of importance of the session was [the] incomplete report of the finance committee to the effect that it had raised \$5450 in the rural districts towards the carnival. Chairman Gardner reported that others had signified their in-

tention of signing but had not yet done so. The report was adopted and filed.

“Upon motion of Director Hall the finance committee, the soliciting committee and Messrs. Luke Scurich and John Thompson were tendered a vote of thanks, the latter two for the use of their automobiles in the rural canvass...”

EP; 29 Mar 1910; item: “Articles of incorporation of the Porter Theatre company of Watsonville were filed in the county clerk’s office...Place of business is Watsonville, for a term of 50 years, and there are named as directors for the first year the following nine persons: W. R. Porter, O. D. Stoesser, P. G. Sheehy, Luke Scurich, W. A. Trafton, F. P. Marinovich, Geo. A. Tuttle, Ed Kelly and H. D. Freiermuth. The company is capitalized for \$25,000.”

EP; 29 Mar 1910; born: “Watsonville, March 29, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Scurich, a son.” [*Blas “Charles”*; +1977]



Fig. 3-45.
Charles Scurich.

EP; 30 Mar 1910; item: “The board of directors of the Commercial League of this city and valley met...and accomplished a great deal in the way of laying plans for immediate and future advantage to this section. As a first step to that end the following committees were named: ...Factories—W. R. Porter, chairman; A. W. Cox, L. Scurich...”

Paj; 31 Mar 1910; item: “Secretary R. G. Einfalt of the Commercial League has received the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition medals for local parties and the same are now on display in the window of the Commercial League. Those parties to whom the medals were awarded are...F. Radovan...”

EP; 31 Mar 1910; article: “**Mateo and M. N. Lettunich Buy the Ford Estate Property Above the Mansion House.** Mateo and M. N. Lettunich have purchased the property of the Ford estate on upper Main street, between the Mansion House and the Brewington property, and in which the ground tenants at present are J. F. Kane, Watsonville Water Co., G. W. Sill (all offices) and the livery stable of J. H. McEwen. Sometime ago it was reported that the sale of this same property had been offered to G. H. Brewington and the deeds from the Ford heirs to Mr. B. are now said to be on the way from the east. Ever since that reported sale efforts have been made to effect a sale to the Lettunichs. Now that they have

finally accepted it is thought they have not paid much more than the figure of the reported Brewington purchase, \$22,500. The property runs through to Alexander street, but not the width that it has on Main street.

“Mateo Lettunich informed a ‘Pajaronian’ reporter... that he and his cousin take over the entire Brewington purchase with the exception of a certain small tract to the rear of the McEwen stables and that further Mr. B. will have a right of way from his property to Alexander street.

“Mr. Lettunich further states that the plans are at present to tear out as much of the buildings where the offices and stables now are as will accommodate the Mansion House building, and that this work will commence shortly after the deeds have been passed. Where the Mansion House stands at present it is the intention of himself and cousin to build a modern three-story hotel, the building to be flush with the sidewalk on Main and Third streets and to be extended over the building now occupied by Burland Bros. furniture store and owned by the Messrs. Lettunich. No detailed plans of the hotel building have as yet been given consideration, says Mr. Lettunich, and he does not know that a bank will occupy the corner, although it is undoubtedly available for such purpose. He proposes, as far as the new hotel building is concerned, to make many inquiries before having final plans prepared. It is likely, he says, that the building will contain in the neighborhood of 100 rooms altogether.

“Messrs. Lettunich are among the biggest owners of Watsonville realty and in continuing to add to their purchases here they are pursuing the policy that the ‘Pajaronian’ recently commended them and their fellow countrymen for—investing their money at home.”

EP; 31 Mar 1910; article: “**...Probable False Charge... Affects Reputation of the Valley’s Leading Industry.** Late Saturday afternoon the editor of the San Francisco Call called up by telephone the correspondent of that paper in this city, who happens to be W. S. Sanborn, advertising manager of the ‘Pajaronian,’ and stated that the Portland (Oregon) Journal had a big news story to the effect that a car load of very bad apples from B. Pista & Co. of Watsonville had been received in New York by the commission house of Frank Lester, and that the boxes were falsely labeled ‘Oregon Apples.’ The editor of the Journal requested the Call to have its Watsonville correspondent investigate the story here and call on Mr. Pista for a statement. This Mr. Sanborn did, and he also made inquiries as to Pista’s reputation as a packer and also as to whether or not the New York firm of Frank Lester had done any business here. The conclusions of Mr. Sanborn are embodied in the following telegraphic dispatch which he sent to the Portland Journal on Saturday night and which undoubtedly appeared in that paper yesterday morning.

“Watsonville, March 26, 1910.

“Jas. Tyler, news editor, Portland Journal, Portland, Ore.:

“At your request I have seen B. Pista, a well known apple shipper of this city in regard to the statement coming from Portland, to the effect that he had shipped to Frank Lester of New York, a car load of bad apples marked, branded or labeled as Oregon apples. Mr. Pista makes the following statement, which is confirmed by some of the leading apple shippers of the valley: ‘I have sent about 25 cars of Newtons to New York. They were consigned variously to D. Crossley & Sons, Sgobel & Day, and Simons, Shuttleworth & French. I have never heard of Frank Lester of New York. Neither have I ever shipped any apples marked, branded or labeled otherwise than from Watsonville and Pajaro Valley. My label is the “World” brand, and is well known all over the world. My pack sells on its merits at higher figures than that received by other western shippers.’

“Your correspondent has verified the following facts: Mr. Pista is a man of high standing in the community, and one whose word can be accepted without question. He is very proud of the reputation held by his ‘World’ brand, and never ships under any other as he has no need to misrepresent the quality of his pack. In San Francisco his brand brings from the commission houses five cents a box more than the quoted prices, and on a recent shipment of cold storage goods he received fifteen cents more per box than has been paid to any other shipper.

“Mr. Pista, as well as the other 50 and more packing firms of Watsonville shipping Pajaro apples, who have heard the story of the fraudulent use of the name of Oregon in the New York shipment is highly incensed at report, and recommends that measures be taken to get at the truth of the story.

“Inquiry among a number of the foremost packers and brokers of apples in Watsonville, some of whom have connections all through the country, brings out the statement that they have never heard of Frank Lester as an operator in apples from this section. Furthermore, a member of one of the largest San Francisco general fruit commission firms is in Watsonville tonight and in reply to an inquiry stated he had never heard of the Lester firm, and while not doubting its existence does not believe any Watsonville apples are forwarded to Frank Lester.

—W. S. SANBORN.”

“Further investigation this morning bears out the statements made by Mr. Sanborn in his telegram to the Portland Journal and in addition thereto J. C. James, local agent of the S.P. Co. stated that he has no knowledge of any apples ever being shipped from here to Frank Lester, at New York.

“It is probable, though, that some unscrupulous eastern speculator has got hold of a carload of apples that have been out of cold storage for a long time and have been lost for weeks in shipment, which would decay the best

of apples at this season of the year, and has put the Oregon label on the boxes. And it may be that this crooked piece of work is a ‘frame up’ to purposely injure the leading apple growing district of the world, Pajaro Valley, in the interest of a lot of Oregon and Washington real estate agents. It now becomes the duty of the local packers and the Commercial League to at once take united action in the work of instituting an investigation of this serious matter which will show up and expose any party or parties that would injure the fair name of Watsonville and the Pajaro Valley. No time should be lost in starting the investigation and no expense should be spared in pushing it to a successful conclusion.”

EP; 31 Mar 1910; article: “LOCAL SOCIAL CLUB IS RAPIDLY FORMING. Twenty-one members of the new Pajaro Valley Social Club met...in the rooms of the old Board of Trade and after all phases, ways and means of organization and the like had been discussed the members decided to call another meeting next Saturday night at which time a permanent organization will be perfected. The members present...were Messrs. W. D. Gulick, W. H. White, Andrew Wilson, James A. Linscott, O. D. Stoesser, S. W. Coffman, G. W. Gretter, J. I. King, A. P. Beck, R. G. Einfalt, E. H. Lorensen, C. M. Jackson, H. Wilkinson, Chas. Blohm, Captain Henderson, Prof. H. H. Lawrence, C. H. Murphy, John Grimmer, Luke Scurich, L. Cikuth and H. G. Earle.

“...The members entered into the general discussion and several useful suggestions were made. A committee of five was appointed on rules, regulations and by-laws and this committee will report back at the meeting next Saturday night. On this committee are Messrs. W. H. White, Luke Scurich, R. G. Einfalt, H. G. Earle and A. P. Beck...”

EP; 1 Apr 1910; disp. ad:

California Restaurant

Wells & Hrepich, Props.

Fine Steaks a Specialty. Fresh Tamales All the Time.

California Oyster Cocktails. Banquet Orders Filled.

We make a Specialty of giving Fresh First-Class COFFEE—a new kind—try a cup.

EP; 1 Apr 1910; item: “John L. Foley to L. P. Cikuth—Lot 34x180 on southwest side Lake Ave., 184 feet from Alexander St., Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 2 Apr 1910; item: “The members of the Pajaro Valley Social Club will meet this evening in the old Board of Trade rooms to perfect a definite permanent organization and to adopt the rules and regulations for the government thereafter of the new body. The rules committee met last night and by this evening will have the constitution and by-laws in good shape for presentation...The members who have so far signed up are as

follows: ...Luke Scurich...L. P. Cikuth...G. Novovich...P. Stolich, Stephen Scurich...[of 92]"

EP; 6 Apr 1910; item: "H. R. Judah, assistant general passenger and ticket agent for the S.P.R.R., is here today from San Francisco. In Luke Scurich's automobile, and accompanied by Secretary R. G. Einfalt of the Commercial League, Otto Raphael and O. D. Stoesser, Mr. Judah is this afternoon making a tour of the entire valley for the purpose of securing data and statistics on this season's resources and output possibilities of the Pajaro Valley. Mr. Judah is one of the old guard in California railroad circles and his winning personality and great ability has made him one of the most popular and efficient railroad men in the State. His father was the real originator and first civil engineer of the Central Pacific railroad across the Sierra Nevada in the '60s, but he did not reap the financial benefit therefrom."

Paj; 7 Apr 1910; article: "**One of the Biggest Knocks that Was Ever Aimed at the Valley.**" [recap of article: Some property values in Pajaro valley were 'reassessed' by some shady methods. Among those reassessed were: F. P. Marinovich—Lot 74x85 SE cor. Peck and Union sts; old value: \$3,900; new value: \$5,550. M. N. and Mateo Lettunich—Lot 121.50x143.80 N.E. cor of Main and Third streets; old value: \$18,260; new value: \$24,300. Mateo Lettunich—Lot 70x176 south side Maple St; old value: \$980; new value: \$2,100.]

EP; 7 Apr 1910; item: "N. M. [prob. M. N.] Lettunich is back from a several days' automobile tour of the Santa Clara valley on an inspection of the early fruit crops. He states that the Los Gatos and Saratoga section will have a pretty full crop of cots while other places will have from one quarter to over half a crop. For the whole valley he judges that the crop will be two-thirds of normal. Providing no rain or big wind storm comes up within the next week or so he says the cherry crop will be a large one. The prune crop, in Mr. L.'s opinion, will not be anywhere near a large one."

EP; 7 Apr 1910; item: "Paul Alaga has returned from a three month's visit to relatives in Austria. While he enjoyed every minute of his stay abroad Paul says he is glad to be back again in dear old Pajaro valley. Nicholas Lettunich, eldest son of Mateo Lettunich, who accompanied Paul on the trip, will remain in Europe another month."

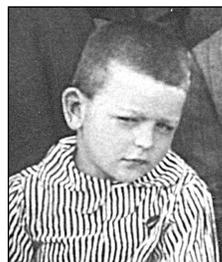
EP; 7 Apr 1910; item: "As the 'Pajaronian' goes to press the trial of Frank Silva of this city on a charge of battery preferred by Joseph Souza, is in progress before a jury... Assistant District Attorney Kramer of Santa Cruz represented the district attorney's office in the case and Attorney George W. Smith of this city represented the

defendant. Finally after about 20 prospective talesmen had been thoroughly questioned 12 men were found who met the requirements of a juror. These 12 were Messrs. Andrew Dethlefsen, M. B. Tuttle, Luke Scurich, Stephen Hatch, J. S. Jarrett, George H. Brewington, A. B. Martin, F. P. Marinovich, S. E. Wilcox, H. C. Peckham and William Akers..."

EP; 12 Apr 1910; item: "...IN FAVOR OF PAVILION BONDS...We, the undersigned businessmen and voters of the City of Watsonville, believing that it is for the best interest of the city and all persons residing therein that a public assembly hall should be constructed on the city lot, take this means of expressing our approval of the proposed bond issue for that purpose and urge all citizens to vote for these bonds: ...Mansion House...California Restaurant...N. G. Mortizia...N. Strazicich..."

EP; 13 Apr 1910; item: "The 'Pajaronian' is in receipt of the following message from Nick M. Lettunich; son of Mateo Lettunich, who has been visiting in Europe for several months, and is at present at Ragusa, Austria.

"I am having a splendid time in the old country; have seen many of Austria's ancient forts and castles and have secured photographs of quite a few. I am very much pleased with Europe, although the customs are quite different from those in America. Please remember me to my friends. Will on another day write you a letter of my travels."



EP; 14 Apr 1910; born: "Watsonville, April 14, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Gospodnicich [Gospodnetich], a son." [George; +1954]

Fig. 3-46.
George Gospodnetich.

EP; 15 Apr 1910; item: "Yesterday afternoon little Miss Hilda Hoyt had a birthday party at the home of her parents. Many different games were played, and finally all the company partook of excellent refreshments. Those present were Cecelia Alexander, Ernestine Alarid, Katie Strazicich, Phoebe Gay, Harvey Smith, Howard Morse, Waldo Marcus, Leta Hoyt, Russell Hoyt and Hilda Hoyt."

EP; 19 Apr 1910; item: "A farewell reception was given Arthur E. Rogge at 33 Locust street...by the Companions of the Forest of America...Those present were: ...Katharine A. Bolovich [Balovich]...Lucy L. Bakich...[of 30]"

EP; 19 Apr 1910; item: "Stephen Scurich has returned from a business visit to San Francisco."

EP; 19 Apr 1910; item: "V. Mirko, the well known Oakland merchant, has returned after a visit here with his nephew V. Zimich."

EP; 19 Apr 1910; item: "This morning the local apple packing firm of Stolich Bros., received from San Francisco a consignment of four tier Newtown Pippin apples, which had been a part of many carloads of the fruit put in cold storage there last October. The fruit is in just as firm and sound condition as when shipped from here and all the excellent flavor of the famous Pajaro Newtown is retained..."

EP; 20 Apr 1910; married: "Watsonville, April 24, 1910...B. Pista and Miss Maria Glovich [Glavich], both of Watsonville."



Fig. 3-47.
Vlaho "Blas" Pista
(1874-1961) and
Marie Glavich
(1884-1984).

Paj; 21 Apr 1910; item: "William Kokorodda, a 15 year old Austrian boy, and Mike Deliss, a 14 year old Italian boy, were caught at Pajaro...for tramping around the country...[T]hey were bound for Arizona or New Mexico to dig for gold...The Austrian boy claims to have an uncle there...The 2 boys have no parents living."

Paj; 21 Apr 1910; item: "Peter Mengol is here from San Francisco looking after his local fruit packing house business."

EP; 21 Apr 1910; item: "**Pleasant Valley Items**...Within the past few days several of the largest apple orchards have been sold at handsome figures, Peter Mengol of Watsonville purchasing the fruit from Silva and Nunes ranches and Geo. Novacovich that of Frank Light..."

EP; 25 Apr 1910; born: "Watsonville, April 23, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Cordich, a daughter." [*Lee*; +2000; *married Harbick*]

EP; 27 Apr 1910; item: "The attorneys and witnesses in the Adolph Tschumi vs. Matteo Lettunich Co. \$50,000 suit for alleged malicious prosecution in a civil action will start work tomorrow morning in the superior court at

Santa Cruz, the jury to hear the case having been secured today..."

EP; 27 Apr 1910; item: "All of the aldermen except Covell were present at last night's meeting when Mayor Watters rapped for the opening of business. There were four applications for building permits and they were granted as follows: ...Stephen Scurich, concrete addition to Central hotel, 12x69 feet, \$1000..."

Paj; 28 Apr 1910; marriage: "(From Monday's daily.) B. Pista, a prominent and well known apple packer and shipper of this city, and Miss Maria Glovich [Glavich], a winsome and popular young lady, were joined in wedlock yesterday morning...Jorn [John] Pista was the groomsman and Mrs. Ceo was the bridesmaid..."

"After the ceremony the newlyweds and friends went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Stolich on West Fifth street where an elegant wedding dinner was served, and later Mr. and Mrs. Pista departed for San Francisco where the honeymoon will be spent. They expect to return to Watsonville in about 10 days. The congratulations of many friends is extended the popular young couple."

EP; 28 Apr 1910; item: "Adolph Tschumi, plaintiff, vs. Mateo Lettunich Co. et al., defendants—Affidavit of Luke Scurich."

EP; 29 Apr 1910; item: "There was a meeting of the stockholders of the Porter Theatre company last night to elect officers and directors and discuss plans for the new 'Januty' theatre which is to be erected on Maple avenue. The election resulted as follows: W. A. Trafton, president; O. D. Stoesser, vice president; P. G. Sheehy, secretary; H. D. Freiermuth, Geo. A. Tuttle, Luke Scurich, F. P. Marinovich, and W. R. Porter, directors..."

EP; 29 Apr 1910; item: "The case of Adolph Tschumi against Mateo Lettunich and Luke Scurich, for \$50,000 alleged damages, came to a sudden end in the superior court yesterday when Judge Maurice T. Dooling of San Benito county, presiding for Judge Smith, granted the motion for a non-suit made by the attorneys for the defendants."

"Mr. Tschumi was a former tenant of the Mateo Lettunich company's brick block in this city. Mr. Scurich, as manager of the property leased the storeroom to another party than Tschumi, believing that the latter was soon to vacate the premises. Mr. Tschumi claimed that he was not desirous of vacating. Out of this difficulty grew the \$50,000 damage suit, filed many months ago."

"Yesterday, after the plaintiff's side had introduced testimony, the attorneys for the Mateo Lettunich Company made the motion for a non-suit which was granted by the San Benito jurist."

EP; 29 Apr 1910; item: "Luke Scurich, F. P. Marinovich and Mateo Lettunich autoed over to Santa Cruz today on a business trip."

EP; 30 Apr 1910; honor roll: High 8th: Peter Marinovich; High 6th: Ellen Balovich, Kate Knego; High 5th: Antonio Scurich; High 4th: John Strazicich, Lena Strazicich; High 3rd: Ella Strazicich; High 2nd: Katie Rilovich.

EP; 2 May 1910; item: "Mrs. L. Strazicich, Miss Katuran, N. Banicevich and M. Milkovich have returned from the Austrian military picnic at Niles canyon on Sunday, to which they were delegates."

EP; 4 May 1910; item: "Geo. H. Brewington to Mateo Lettunich et al.—Lot 81.5 on northeast side Main street, by 26 on southwest side Alexander street, southeast of Costello, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 4 May 1910; item: "[aldermen meeting]...A building permit was granted to George Copriviza to build a new front to a building on East Third street, the same to cost \$1000."

EP; 4 May 1910; item: "Geo. Hrepich left for San Jose last evening. George says he is going to bring back a 'classy' chef with him."

EP; 5 May 1910; item: "Adolph Tschumi vs. Luke Scurich et al.—Memorandum of costs and disbursements and notice of entry of judgment."

EP; 5 May 1910; item: "Adelaide Le Baudour vs. Mateo Secondo—Order for judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$2000."

EP; 5 May 1910; item: "M. N. Lettunich is down from San Francisco looking after his Watsonville business interests."

EP; 9 May 1910; item: "Antone Scar of San Francisco, is here visiting his cousin, V. Zimlich."

EP; 9 May 1910; item: "V. Mirko, a well known Oakland merchant, is here for a few days on business."

EP; 9 May 1910; item: "P. Miocevic, a prominent Austrian restaurant man of Oakland, is here on a business trip."

EP; 9 May 1910; item: "F. Akacich, managing editor of the Yadrans [Jadrans], the Croatian newspaper of the Pacific Coast, is here for a few days on business."

EP; 10 May 1910; item: "Geo. Hrepich of the California

Restaurant, left...for a few days' visit to Monterey."

Paj; 12 May 1910; board of supervisors, payments: "...General Fund...Hrepich & Wells, meals, \$19.40..."

EP; 12 May 1910; item: "Affidavit of release from Stockton State Hospital of Peter Polendich, committed from this county Nov. 2, 1909."

EP; 12 May 1910; item: "Nick Radonich and Luke Trekovich left...for Trieste, Austria, which is their old home. Mr. Trekovich will remain in Austria but Mr. Radonich intends to return to Watsonville in a few months."

EP; 12 May 1910; married: "Watsonville, May 12, at St. Patrick's church...Miss Lukrecia Hrepich of Pajaro, and Jasper Simunovich of Watsonville."



Fig. 3-48.
Jasper Simunovich
(1878-1947)
and Lucy Hrepich
(1891-1926).

EP; 12 May 1910; marriage: "A wedding ceremony of no unusual interest in the local Austrian colony was solemnized...this morning...in St. Patrick's church, when Miss Lukrecia Hrepich of Pajaro, was united in marriage to Mr. Jasper Simunovich of this city. The wedding was attended by only the immediate relatives and the most intimate friends of the contracting parties. Miss Kathryn Bolovich [Balovich] was the bridesmaid and Martin Simunovich, a brother of the groom, officiated as best man. The ceremony was followed by a sumptuous wedding dinner at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hrepich, at Pajaro. The happy newly-weds departed on a late afternoon train for Sacramento, where a brief honeymoon will be enjoyed. They will return soon to make their future home here.

"The bride and groom are both well known in this community and are among the most popular members of the local Austrian families. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hrepich of Pajaro and through her charming personality and sunny disposition has won a host of friends and well wishers here. The groom is a well known fruit packer and shipper of this city and although a young man[,] has already made his mark in the local business and commercial world. Mr. and Mrs. Simunovich have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy wedded life."

EP; 13 May 1910; item: "Estate of Antone Krilanovich,

deceased—Claim of Pacific Coast Undertaking Co. for \$70.75 allowed.”

EP; 13 May 1910; item: “N. J. Stojanovich, a former merchant of this city but who for several years past has been engaged in the grocery business at San Jose, is here visiting friends.”

EP; 14 May 1910; item: “The ‘Tiny Tads’ put the rollers under the ‘Sky Larks’ at Loma Vista park...and sent the Larks scooting out of the park on the baby end of an 8 to 4 score. The game was one of the hottest ever played on the diamond. Both games knocked the ball all over the lot and everybody almost made errors but both teams were about even. Captain Lettunich of the Tiny Tads and Captain Maddux of the Sky Larks both caught good games. The two teams lined up as follows: Tiny Tads—D. Lettunich, c [catcher]...” [*there was no “D. Lettunich”; probably Lewis*]

EP; 14 May 1910; obit: “Bogdan Sladovich, a well known resident of the local Austrian colony for the past two or more years, passed away last night at the Watsonville hospital after a few days’ illness. Paralysis is believed to have caused his demise. The deceased was a native of Austria and came to this city from Angels Camp, California. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.”

EP; 16 May 1910; disp. ad: “**Bids Wanted.** Bids will be received up to 2 o’clock p.m. Thursday, May 19th, at Hotel Central, for the orchard belonging to H. C. Peckham on Salsipuedes Road, now leased by PIROVICH [Perovich] & ARBANAS. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.”

EP; 17 May 1910; item: “In order to set at rest certain unfounded stories to the effect that the California Fruit Packing company would not handle apples this year, Mr. N. G. Mortizia, the manager authorizes us to state that he intends to do more business in that line this year than ever before.

“Mr. Mortizia has refrained from bothering the growers until ready to deal with them, but is now ready to begin his customary campaign, and with the record of former transactions as a basis confidently hopes to be in the front rank of packers from now on.

“He points with pride to the fact that last year the California Fruit Packing company had no difficulty in selling everything on hand, and returns show that they received 75 cents for 4½ tier and \$1 for 4 tier Newtowns and 85 cents for Bellefleurs. Furthermore the growers received their money early in December, and he had no fruit for cold storage.

“This is a good record and Mr. Mortizia accounts for it by the fact that he was so busy attending to the quality of

the company’s pack that he devoted all of his attention to that important business, and took no time away from it for the purpose of knocking his competitors.

“From now on he will be out amongst the growers and will endeavor to convince all that he not only is still in the apple packing business, but is in it to stay, and intends to keep up the first-class reputation of his house.”

EP; 18 May 1910; item: “B. Pista and Alaga brothers were granted permission to run spur tracks to their packing houses on Walker street.”

Paj; 19 May 1910; article: “**APPLE ANNUAL MEN IN BUSY SESSION – Directors of Big Carnival Worked Hard For Two Hours Last Night.** The directors of the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual association held a well attended and enthusiastic meeting last night in the rooms of the Commercial League...Those present...were President O. D. Stoesser, R. H. Goodchild, W. H. Benteen, M. N. Lettunich, T. M. Wright, E. A. Hall, J. A. Linscott, E. Steinhauser, Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich, Charles H. Rodgers and Secretary R. G. Einfalt.”

EP; 19 May 1910; item: “Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Petition of S. C. Rodgers for letters of administration.”

Paj; 19 May 1910; article: “United States Census Marshals Loring Cornell and Otto Schuchard of this city will wind up their 28 days’ work tomorrow and on Saturday they will forward their reports to Census Supervisor Rogers at San Jose, who will in turn forward them to Washington, D.C.

“While their figures cannot be made public until they have been officially tabulated at the national census office in the capital it is estimated that the population of Watsonville will be close to the 5000 mark. Hopes of the population reaching the 6000 mark will not be realized for the reason that several populous suburbs of this city which are unofficially classed as being in Watsonville, are out of the city limits and must therefore be tabulated in the rural census reports. Further, if the census was taken in this city proper any time between July 1st and December 1st, it would show an additional population of from 1000 to 1500, for that is the period of the year when the big fruit harvest is on which brings here the additional people.

“The population of Watsonville in 1890, according to the U.S. census report, was 2149, and in 1900 it was 3528.

“It is estimated that the 1910 census will show the business trading population of Watsonville to be 15,000, which includes the city, the Pajaro Valley proper (45,000 acres) and its contiguous districts.

“The local census marshals state that those people missed in the city are few and far between, and that their

systematic canvass of the city has been equivalent to raking the town with a fine-tooth comb.”

EP; 20 May 1910; item: “Adelaide Le Bandour vs. Mateo Secondo—Notice of defendant of intention and to move for new trial.”

EP; 20 May 1910; item: “Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Order fixing June 3 as day for hearing petition for letters of administration.”

EP; 23 May 1910; item: “George Skirovich had an impression that it required no great amount of practice, skill[,] equilibrium or mental foresight to navigate a pair of roller skates around a walled room and on a level floor. Saturday night he received a different impression. He felt most of the impression in a vague way, the heft of it having hit him where he was best able to sustain it, but some of it was real and as a result George has a broken arm.

“Skirovich was trying an old trick he had learned while skating on the ice in Austria—that of cutting his name in the solid maple floor. At first it worked all right, and he had carved out ‘Skiro,’ but when it came to the ‘vich’ the rollers skidded and he landed in the ditch. Chief Albright called up Dr. Bixby and the young man was given proper attention. The fracture was found to be a severe one and will keep Mr. Skirovich laid up for a long time.”

EP; 24 May 1910; article: “The directors of the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual association held a well attended and enthusiastic meeting...in the rooms of the Commercial League, a volume of important business being considered and acted upon. The directors seem pleased with the successful way in which ways and means are shaping themselves and prospects are brighter than ever that the greatest fruit carnival ever held in the State will be the Apple Annual right here in Pajaro Valley...”

“Those present...were President O. D. Stoesser, R. H. Goodchild, W. H. Benteen, M. N. Lettunich, T. M. Wright, E. A. Hall, J. A. Linscott, E. Steinhauser, Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich, Charles H. Rogers and Secretary R. G. Einfalt.

“Acting upon the recommendation of the publicity and printing committee the directors...decided to add the names of Edward H. Lorensen of the ‘Pajaronian,’ C. M. Jackson of the Register and Attorney George W. Smith to the publicity committee, these three gentlemen to compose the press bureau of the Apple Annual. Their mission will be to advertise and boost the Apple Annual all over California through the newspapers of the State and especially the big San Francisco dailies. Mr. Smith represents the San Francisco Examiner, Jackson represents the Associated Press and Lorensen represents the Chronicle and Bulletin of San Francisco...”

EP; 25 May 1910; item: “Here is a new aggregation of ballists and last night the least of the lot said: ‘Yes, we’re only kids, but we don’t get on the wrong end of nine to nothin’!’ These youngsters are not out looking for snaps. They want to play boys bigger than themselves—but not too big, of course. So they have asked us to issue a challenge and general defy for them.

“They will play anyone under 15 years and five months. That five months is to shut out a certain big brother of a couple of the little tads. He has a penchant for getting in against the youngsters and putting it over them. So the challenge is to any team whose members are all under the age of 15 years and five months.

“The challenging team is named the Lyric. It has the following cast: Vernon Vissiere, c; Charlie Williams, p; Albert Silva, 1b; John Rodriquez, 2b; William Grul, 3b; George Kellogg, ss; George Silva, lf; Louis [Lewis] Lettunich, cf; Clarence Arro, rf; Willie Roza, extra; Mr. Cota, captain-manager.”

EP; 25 May 1910; item: “Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Notice and affidavit of posting notice of time and place fixed for hearing application for letters of administration.”

EP; 25 May 1910; article: “It’s an earthquake coming! It’s the comet hit the earth! It’s the powder mill at Santa Cruz blowing up!...Those and many similar expressions were heard last night when a whole ‘passle’ of noise made its way up Main street, around the corner and down West Third...”

“It was none of the things above mentioned but on the contrary the 17,000 kinds of noise was made by a lot of well behaved people on their way to surprise a couple of newly-spliced Pajaraites.

“Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foster of the Beach district had committed matrimony and therefore were liable to fun and imposition. The Companions of the Forest had constituted themselves into a bunch of high executioners and punishment was to be meted out in noise... Following were the principal makers of noise: ...Katherine A. Balovich...[of 35]”

EP; 26 May 1910; honorary promotions: Low 2nd: Emma Grizich; High 2nd: Katie Rilovich; High 3rd: Ella Strazicich; High 4th; John Strazicich; Low 5th: Willie Marinovich; High 5th: Antonio Scurich; High 6th: Lena Rilovich, Ellen Balovich; High 8th: Peter Marinovich.

EP; 1 Jun 1910; article: “The publicity committee of the Apple Annual Association held a well attended and enthusiastic meeting...in the offices of President Otto D. Stoesser, at which time many plans for promulgating the gospel of the Apple Annual were discussed and informally acted upon. Editor W. G. Taffinder of the Pacific Underwriter of San Francisco was present and he gave

the committee many valuable hints and much excellent advice on several features of the coming advertising campaign. Those committeemen present at yesterday's meeting were T. M. Wright (chairman), Edward A. Hall, Sol Alexander, W. H. Benteen, R. G. Einfalt, Edward H. Lorenson, George W. Smith, C. M. Jackson, James A. Linscott, Otto D. Stoesser, C. H. Rodgers, E. Steinhauer, J. W. Baxter, W. G. Taffinder, A. E. Joy, W. R. Porter and Dr. S. C. Rodgers...

"The press bureau of the Apple Annual, the members of which belong to the publicity committee, will hold an executive session...and vague rumors are heard to the effect that the members will do something of a startling nature. On this committee are C. M. Jackson, George W. Smith, W. S. Sanborn and E. H. Lorenson."

EP; 1 Jun 1910; [aldermen meeting]: "...After permission had been granted to S. Norman to build a \$400 addition to his house on Brennan street and to Frank Radovan to erect an \$800 addition to a packing house on Walker street, the board adjourned..."

EP; 1 Jun 1910; article: "Next Sunday, June 5, the local members of the Croatian Society, Assembly No. 352, N.C.S. of U.S., will have a picnic and outing day at Capitola. The society will start from Foresters' hall, Main street, shortly after 9:00 a.m., and headed by the Watsonville City Band will march to the depot, whence the first train will leave for Capitola at 9:50 a.m."

"The usual Sunday excursion ticket rate to Capitola will be slightly reduced at the request of the society, and as everybody is welcome there is sure to be a grand time at the old camp. The society has rented the dancing pavilion at Capitola for the day, and the orchestra belonging to the organization will furnish the music for dancing."

"This picnic has no bearing on the one already announced to take place at New Brighton under the auspices of the Danish residents of Watsonville and Salinas, but as the two beaches are on the same bay and only a short distance apart, and as the people under whose auspices the picnics are given are good friends and neighbors when at home, it is probable the picnickers will exchange social visits. For information read the two separate advertisements in this paper."

EP; 1 Jun 1910; disp. ad:

The only
GENUINE FRENCH BREAD
made in Watsonville is now
being baked every day at
The French-American Bakery
Mrs. C. Mortizia, Prop.
Phone Main 244, 207 Main Street
Also for sale at the Pajaro Valley Mercantile Co.'s
grocery department.

EP; 1 Jun 1910; disp. ad: "Join the Crowd Next Sunday at the picnic to be given by Croatian Society of Watsonville, at Camp Capitola..."

Join the Crowd Next Sunday

AT THE PICNIC TO BE
GIVEN BY

Croatian Society OF WATSONVILLE AT Camp Capitola

SUNDAY EXCURSION TICKETS
SLIGHTLY REDUCED IN PRICE

First train leaves Watsonville at 9:50.
Procession will march to the depot
about 9:30, headed by the
WATSONVILLE CITY BAND

EVERY PERSON WELCOME

Fig. 3-49.
Ad in
Evening Pajaronian
of 1 June 1910.

EP; 2 Jun 1910; item: "**Movement to Establish a Training and Speed Track Association Here Has Met Success.** J. P. Soares...concluded his canvas for members in the Watsonville Driving Club...There will be a meeting of the newly signed members at A.O.F. (Rappe's) hall next Monday evening, June 5th, for the purpose of organizing, electing officers, appointing committees, and arranging to go ahead with the plans which are to include the laying out of a track on the Stoesser ranch, etc. The charter will be kept open until further notice...Those who have signed as charter members thus far are: ...Paul Alaga...Lucich & Gordon..."

EP; 2 Jun 1910; item: "Lease—F. J. Tarpey et al. to Peter Gukan & Co., 127 Rodriguez street, Watsonville, 3 years from July 1, 1910."

EP; 2 Jun 1910; obit: "Annie Lutich, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz L. Lutich, who reside at 64 Kearney street, died last Tuesday night as the result of inflammation in the stomach caused by swallowing cherry pits. The little girl had been eating cherries during the day and accidentally swallowed a pit. She was aged 1 year, 10 months and 23 days. The remains were shipped to San Francisco...and the funeral will be held in that city today. The Lutich family removed from San Francisco to Watsonville several months ago."

EP; 2 Jun 1910; obit: "Watsonville, May 31, 1910, Annie Lutich, a native of California, age 1 year, 10 months, 23 days."

EP; 4 Jun 1910; article: **“Croatian and Danish Folks Will Each Hold Big Picnic at Capitola Tomorrow.** The Santa Cruz bound 9:40 train tomorrow morning may well be called the picnic train for that is the train that will be taken by the Danish people of Watsonville and Salinas and the Croatians of this city to convey them to their respective picnic grounds at or near Capitola...

“The Croatians of this city will disembark at Capitola and a large crowd is also expected here. This is the first Croatian picnic or outing held this year and a fine, enjoyable program is said to have been prepared for the event. The Watsonville City Band will head the parade to the depot at about 9 o’clock. A portion of the band will accompany the excursionists to Capitola to furnish the dance music.”

EP; 4 Jun 1910; article: **“ALUMNI RECEPTION A GRAND SUCCESS.** Odd Fellows’ hall presented a gay and animated appearance...when both old and new graduates of the local high school assembled for the annual reunion...The literary and musical program presented proved to be a pleasant feature of the evening. ‘The Wrong Mr. Wright,’ a lively farce, was the hit of the program and the various parts were cleverly handled by such talented amateur thespians as...Miss Anna Farlin...”

EP; 4 Jun 1910; obit: “Mrs. Lucy Kalj [Kralj], wife of Martin Kalj, died this morning at the family home on Union street. The deceased had been ill for some time from lung troubles. She was a native of Austria and was aged 20 years and 6 months. Mrs. Kalj came here from her home in Dalmatia, Austria, about four years ago and during her residence here had made many friends who regret her early demise and sympathize with the husband and little son and daughter in their time of sorrow... interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.”

EP; 4 Jun 1910; obit: “Watsonville, June 4, 1910, Mrs. Lucy Kalj [Kralj], a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged 20 years, 6 months and 1 day. Funeral takes place on Monday from the family residence, 62 Union street...”

EP; 6 Jun 1910; article: “Yesterday was picnic day hereabouts and hundreds of Croatian and Danish residents of this and other towns made the most of it. The 9:40 train to Santa Cruz...was equipped with extra cars yet the train was filled to overflowing with merry picnickers from far and near. The Croatians picnicked at Capitola, where they arrived some 600 strong shortly after 10 o’clock. The Croatians were out for a variegated program of pleasure and to say that all present enjoyed the time of their lives is not putting it strong enough. When the great crowd invaded the peaceful town of Capitola the residents of that fair city capitulated and the town was turned over to the visitors. Many of the

Croatians took a dip in the surf, others chose tramps over the neighboring hills, others sat around in knots and groups to converse while others, tired of the dull cares and worries of the weeks past, sought solace amid green, shady nooks there to loll until the luncheon hour arrived. Everybody and his neighbor brought baskets filled with good things to eat and after the inner man had been satiated, the crowd adjourned to spend the remaining hours of the afternoon in dancing. The music was excellently furnished by the Watsonville City band and the dance was a great success from start to finish. At 5:28 the tired but happy folks clambered aboard a homeward bound train after enjoying one of the finest outings in the history of the Croatian society of Pajaro Valley.”

EP; 5 Jun 1910; item: “Andrew N. Zufich to Henrietta L. Edwards—Lot 85x125 on north side Pelton avenue, east of the Alameda, Santa Cruz; \$10.”

EP; 8 Jun 1910; item: “Claim of lien—Geo. C. Pratchner Co. vs. Edith V. Milasich on lot 40x97 on east side Washington street, 100 feet north of Maple, Santa Cruz; \$70.40.”

EP; 9 Jun 1910; item: “Attorney George W. Smith of this city has been appointed verification deputy by Superior Judge Lucas F. Smith of Santa Cruz, who has announced his candidacy for the appellate bench at the coming primaries. Attorney Smith will be around hereafter interviewing the Democratic voters.”

Paj; 9 Jun 1910; item: “Nicholas Lettunich motored to Capitola yesterday.”

EP; 10 Jun 1910; article: “...The directors of the Apple Annual association held a busy session last night all around. Those present were President O. D. Stoesser, Secretary R. G. Einfalt and Directors Luke Scurich, J. E. Gardner, A. W. Cox, George W. Sill, W. R. Porter, C. H. Rodgers, Thomas Canty and J. A. Linscott...”

EP; 10 Jun 1910; item: “Blas Vuinich, an Austrian laborer on the James Waters’ ranch, met with a serious accident while spraying...the result of which two fingers on his left hand were amputated. Vuinich was running a spraying machine engine on the ranch when in some unaccountable way his hand was caught in the machinery. The injured man was taken to the Watsonville hospital where two digits were amputated between the first and second joints. While Mr. Vuinich will be disfigured for life yet his working capacity will not be diminished when his hand heals.”

EP; 13 Jun 1910; item: “Guardianship of Clara Radovich, an incompetent person—Order of clerk fixing time of hearing final account; final account of guardian.”

Paj; 16 Jun 1910; item: "Lease—Ella Thurwachter et al, to T. Pergsich [Perasich] & Co., 15 acre orchard on Beach road, 5 years from November 1, 1910."

Paj; 16 Jun 1910; item: "Martin Kralj to John Kralj—Lot 48 by 130.5 on southeast Ford street, 176 from Rodriguez street, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 17 Jun 1910; honorable promotions: Peter B. Marinovich; to low 7th: Kate Knego; to low 6th: Antonio Scurich; to high 5th: Willie Marinovich; to low 5th: John Strazicich; to low 3rd: Katie Rilovich; to low 2nd: Katie Strazicich, Annie Knego.

EP; 20 Jun 1910; item: "Antone Krilanovich, deceased—First and final account and petition for final distribution of estate."

EP; 21 Jun 1910; article: "OFFICIAL POSTER SKETCH ACCEPTED. The board of directors of the Apple Annual Association held a brief meeting...the feature of which was the official adoption of a sketch for the Apple Annual poster, which will be one of the agencies employed by the publicity committee in its tremendous work of advertising the big local apple show and carnival. There were lots of sketches submitted...and every one was a dandy. Each picture had a pretty girl surrounded by apples, every sketch was appropriate for the annual but one submitted by P. M. Beringer, a freelance artist of San Francisco, was finally adopted as the official sketch after due consideration of the merits of the rest. Beringer's sketch was that of a tall, handsome, brunette girl standing beneath a heavily laden apple tree, while before her is spread a partial panoramic view of the Pajaro Valley. When colored for the poster this picture should be a winner everywhere. Beringer, the successful artist, is at present the manager of the Citizens' Alliance in San Francisco, was a former editor of the Overland Monthly and during the Spanish-American war was war correspondent for the New York Herald.

"The matter of co-operating with the Commercial League in the issuance of several thousand well illustrated booklets, descriptive of the Pajaro valley and the Apple Annual, was after considerable discussion postponed until next Thursday evening when the directors will meet again. Several of the members were dubious as to the benefits to be derived by the Apple Annual from this large booklet but others decried the idea of conducting a 'cheap circular' method of advertising..."

"Those present last night were President O. D. Stoesser, Director-General J. A. Linscott, Directors E. Steinhauer, R. H. Goodchild, W. H. Benteen, George W. Sill, Mateo Lettunich, E. A. Hall, Secretary R. G. Einfalt of the Commercial League, W. G. Taffinder and Messrs. Jackson, Smith and Lorensen of the press bureau."

EP; 21 Jun 1910; item: "Estate of Antone Krilanovich, deceased—Order appointing July 1 as day of settlement of account and hearing of petition for decree of distribution."

EP; 21 Jun 1910; item: "Mrs. N. Stojanovich and daughter, Millie, of San Jose, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Piroja."

EP; 21 Jun 1910; item: "V. Mirko, the Oakland merchant, is here visiting V. Zimich, his nephew, and also to look after his local business interests."

EP; 22 Jun 1910; article: "HARRIMAN SPECIAL GIVEN FRUIT SHOWER...[T]he traffic men of the Harriman roads of the United States, who have been in session at Del Monte for several weeks past, passed through Watsonville headed for a day's visit at Santa Cruz yesterday afternoon...and when they pulled into the local depot they found a number of local citizens there loaded with cherries, peaches, berries and advertising literature. The special stopped 10 minutes but during that time the men and women in the train were literally showered with samples of Pajaro Valley fruit. The Commercial League was behind the informal reception and after the feasting and laughter and talking was all over and the train was leaving, the platform of the rear car was crowded with men waving hats and cheering lustily for Watsonville, Pajaro Valley and the citizens that gave them a 10 minute round of solid pleasure. Those...who handed out the fruit...and welcomed the visitors were Messrs. E. A. Hall, J. A. Linscott, T. M. Wright, H. C. Peckham, James Sheehy, W. H. Benteen, R. G. Einfalt, C. M. Jackson, E. H. Lorensen, Geo. W. Smith, J. C. James, H. C. Wyckoff, Dr. F. H. Koepke, Dr. Saxton Pope, Charles Smith, Thomas Canty, C. H. Rodgers and O. D. Stoesser."

EP; 22 Jun 1910; promoted by exam: to low 7th: Lena Rilovich, Katie Rilovich; to high 6th: John Buak; to low 5th: Lena Strazicich; to low 4th: Jennie Dubretta, Tony Grizich, Nicholas Balanac; to high 3rd: Steve Marinovich, Anna Balanac; to low 3rd: Chris Rilovich; to high 2nd: Emma Grizich, Martin Rilovich, John Eggae, Tony Boscovich, Frank Siveria [Saveria]; to low 2nd: Nick Castropelli, Paul Dubreta, Frank Uvodich, John Cordich, Mark Rilovich; to high 1st: Johnnie Castropelli, Tone Dubreta.

EP; 23 Jun 1910; item: "Attorneys G. W. Smith, E. J. Kelly, Geo. P. Burke, T. J. Gaffey and A. W. Sans are in Aptos today."

EP; 30 Jun 1910; item: "Dr. F. H. Koepke, George W. Smith, Joseph Oliver, Frank Morehead and J. L. Luce were...inducted into the mysteries of Watsonville Aerie, No. 72, of the Eagles and the occasion was a splendid success from start to finish..."

EP; 30 Jun 1910; born: “Watsonville, June 30, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kalich, a son and a daughter.” [Nick; +1978; married Cvietkovich; Mary; +1976; married Bechis]



Fig. 3-50.
Nick Kalich.



Fig. 3-51.
Mary Kalich.

EP; 30 Jun 1910; article: “E. E. Luther, manager of the California Spray Chemical Company of this city has returned from a two month’s tour of the United States. Primarily the trip was a wedding tour, but Mr. Luther made it a point to visit most of the fruit districts and to observe conditions, particularly in relation to orchard pest control by spraying processes...”

“In summing up this short account of his observations, Mr. Luther said: ‘I am glad to say that the Pajaro Valley has the best facilities for packing and shipping of all places I have seen and more money has been spent here in the substantial and permanent betterment of the apple industry than in all of the other places combined. In most of the places I visited the sorting and packing is done in the fields, and even when handled through shipping houses it was with poor facilities. The exception to that rule is Hood River, where, on a smaller scale things are better than elsewhere, and where they have erected an ice plant and refrigerating storage...’”

Paj; 30 Jun 1910; article: **“HOTEL CENTRAL IS FAST IMPROVING. Remodeled Structure Will Add Greatly to Businesslike Appearance of the Corner.** Work is rapidly progressing on the improvements at the Central Hotel on Lower Main street and the opening of the apple season will witness the completion of one of the most modern and up-to-date hostelries in this section. The work now is being centered on the big grocery store of Mirko and Zimich at the corner of Main street and Central avenue, which when completed will be a well equipped and modern store. The hotel buffet, which adjoins the store, will be improved, the hotel office will be next in line, the next room will be remodelled and used as a barber shop and next door is the handsome office of Stephen Scurich, owner of the hotel building. The office is a concrete structure already completed and occupied jointly by Mr. Scurich and Tinkham’s employment agency...”

EP; 1 Jul 1910; item: “At the Gilbert residence, 107 Maple avenue, yesterday...there was a gathering of

happy little misses come to help Miss Cora Emily Gilbert celebrate her 11th birthday anniversary. The house had been tastefully decorated in sweetpeas and honeysuckle. Ice cream and cake were served and after a jolly time passed in playing games, etc., the whole party went for an auto ride through the valley. The accidental disconnection of the battery delayed the return, but every moment of the trip was enjoyed. Those present were: ...Lena Strazicich...[of 23]”

EP; 1 Jul 1910; item: “Guardianship of the persons and estates of George, Annia, Bozo and Antone Krilanovich, minors—Order fixing time and place for hearing petition.”

EP; 5 Jul 1910; item: “Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and son, Prosper, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gilbert were here yesterday from San Francisco.”

EP; 6 Jul 1910; item: “L. H. Lopes et ux to John Franich—Lot 42x132 on southeast side Lake Av., northeast of McCabe, Watsonville; \$10.”

SF Call, 6 Jun 1910; obit: “Christonson [Christenson]—June 4, 1910, J. Christonson, beloved husband of Hanna Christonson, and father of Thomas C. B. and Hanna Christonson, Mrs. J. Sloan, Mrs. Thomas Wallace, Mrs. George Peterson and the late Mrs. L. G. Sresovich, a native of Denmark, aged 75 years, 5 months and 5 days...interment at Odd Fellows’ cemetery...”

EP; 7 Jul 1910; item: “J. P. Milovich et ux to Nick Alaga et al.—Lots 1 and 31, block 18, official map of Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 8 Jul 1910; item: “The ‘Pajaronian’ is in receipt of a message from Nick Lettunich, eldest son of Mateo Lettunich, who has been visiting relatives in Austria since last fall, in which he states that he started for home on June 27 and expects to arrive here on July 28th. On the return trip Nick says he will make brief stops in Germany, France and Italy, and while in Rome will visit the Vatican.”

EP; 8 Jul 1910; board of supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Bolovich [Balovich], John, labor: \$33.75...”

EP; 8 Jul 1910; item: “Martin N. Lettunich et ux to Edwin B. Lettunich—Lot 22, Hawkins & Peckham’s subdivision, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 8 Jul 1910; item: “Secretary T. M. Wright of the local Fourth of July celebration committee...completed the financial statement of the celebration...The statement is herewith published as follows: Disbursements: ...Cal-

ifornia Restaurant, meals, San Jose band boys: \$24.65... Lucich & Gordon, 1st prize best decorated rig: \$7.50..."

EP; 8 Jul 1910; item: "George Hrepich, one of the proprietors of the California Restaurant, has been confined to his bed for over a week with a severe case of inflammatory rheumatism and as yet no perceptible improvement has been made in his condition. Owing to his serious condition he is not able to be removed to any springs or other health resort for treatment, but his condition is expected to be better very soon and George will then leave for an extended trip to recover his health. The many friends of the popular restaurateur regret to hear of his illness and all wish him a speedy recovery."

EP; 11 Jul 1910; item: "George Hrepich left today for Paso Robles hot springs to recuperate after his serious illness."

EP; 11 Jul 1910; item: "Nick M. Lettunich, a well known fruit packer of this city, left this noon for a several weeks' inspection tour of the apple orchard districts of Colorado, Washington and Oregon, and incidentally Nick will look up a few more places to which to ship Pajaro valley apples." [*Nick M. is still in Europe; this is probably Nick V.*]

EP; 11 Jul 1910; item: "Mrs. Louis Farlin left Sunday for Monterey to visit her sister, Mrs. Wm. J. McGowan."

EP; 11 Jul 1910; item: "B. N. Trobock, the well known San Francisco commission merchant, was here yesterday looking after his business interests in this valley."

EP; 12 Jul 1910; article: "James Horshburgh, jr., general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific; William McMurray, general passenger agent for the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company; Mr. Smith, head of the colonization bureau of the Southern Pacific and Mr. Markham, private secretary to Mr. Horsburgh, are in this city today to discuss rates and transportation with the directors of the Pajaro Valley Apple Annual association, and as the 'Pajaronian' goes to press a conference is being held on these matters in the offices of President Otto D. Stoesser. The purpose of these railroad men in coming to Watsonville is to ascertain just what will be expected of the Southern Pacific and other railroads in making the apple annual a success. The matter of reduced rates, stop-over privileges on overland tickets and other ideas will be fully threshed..."

"Mr. Horsburgh and party arrived in this city at 12:10 o'clock and were met at the depot by several of the apple annual directors in automobiles and then conveyed to the Mansion House...Those present at the luncheon were Messrs. Horsburgh, McMurray, Smith and Markham, of San Francisco; Secretary J. A. Filcher of the State fair

association of Sacramento; Secretary J. W. Kavanagh of the Apple Annual association; President O. D. Stoesser of the Apple Annual, Directors Geo. W. Sill, Mateo Lettunich, James A. Linscott, Luke Scurich, Elliott Steinhauser, Edward A. Hall, Robert W. Eaton, W. H. Benteen, J. E. Gardner and Dr. Saxton Pope, Edward H. Lorenson of the 'Pajaronian' and Sam M. Hawkins of the Register. A feature of the luncheon was the liberal display of strawberries, apples and other Pajaro Valley products on the well laden tables.

"At 2 p.m. the visiting railroad men were started on a two-hour tour around the valley, Directors Luke Scurich and W. H. Benteen donating the automobiles for that purpose. All of the most important points of interest in the valley were shown the visitors and a meagre outline was gleaned by them of the resources and probabilities of this section of the State. The visitors seemed exceedingly delighted with the cordial reception and hearty welcome tendered them and when they returned at about 4 o'clock they went into conference with the Apple Annual people..."

EP; 12 Jul 1910; article: "FORESTERS' AND THE COMPANIONS UNITE. Foresters' hall was the scene last night of a jolly good time when a large and enthusiastic number of the members of Court Pajaro Valley Rose, No. 44, Foresters of America, and Pajaro Valley Rose Circle, No. 207, Companions of the Forest, gathered there to enjoy a joint installation, a joint literary and musical program and last, but far from least, a joint banquet..."

"The installation completed[,] those present had the pleasure of hearing an excellent literary and musical program rendered in first class shape as follows: Instrumental duet, Miss Katherine Balovich and Nicholas Strazich...vocal solo, Miss Helen Balovich..."

EP; 12 Jul 1910; article: "**Grand Fair Here in October to Eclipse Expectations of Many People.** The directors of the Apple Annual held another busy session...in the Commercial League rooms, and many plans for the big carnival in October were discussed. Those present...were President O. D. Stoesser, Secretary J. W. Kavanagh, W. H. Benteen, R. G. Einfalt, J. E. Gardner, George W. Sill, Mateo Lettunich, J. A. Linscott, Luke Scurich, John H. Thompson, A. W. Cox, E. Steinhauser and E. A. Hall.

"Assistant President Linscott announced that circular letters were ready to be issued to every fraternal, social, civic and religious body in the city and valley urgently inviting them to participate in the big show. The plans as outlined at present will bring local religious orders into the carnival in a novel way. On Sunday, October 9th, the day before the big week of fun officially opens, the Protestant and Catholic churches of the entire valley will be invited to participate in this great religious service. The Orphanage band will be secured for the occasion to render appropriate music..."

EP; 13 Jul 1910; item: “Mrs. Steve Strazicich and her son, John, will leave for Sacramento on Saturday for a month’s visit with friends.”

EP; 16 Jul 1910; article: “The grand opening tomorrow of Stoesser’s park on the Beach road by the Watsonville Driving Club is being looked forward to with great interest all over the valley...A half mile bicycle race will be the opening feature and several local cyclists of much class will be seen in this event. Next will come the two mile motorcycle race between Oscar Hunsucker of this city and Fred Wilson of Corralitos...”

“The next will be the races and here the public will have a chance to see some of the finest horses in the valley in action...Following is the program of horse events to be seen tomorrow: ...Third race—Half mile. Geo. Mann’s Black Diamond, Paul Alaga’s Little Pete, and Cap. Dethlefsen’s May Azilia...”

EP; 18 Jul 1910; item: “Attorney Geo. W. Smith went to Salinas this noon on legal business.”

EP; 18 Jul 1910; item: “Attachment—Brassy & Co. vs. Paul Boudry et al. on lease hold interest in Railroad Exchange hotel, Watsonville, demand \$721.74.”

EP; 19 Jul 1910; article: “**Apple Annual Directors Discussed Plans...For Over Three Hours...**Those present...were President O. D. Stoesser, Manager J. A. Linscott, Secretary J. W. Kavanagh, W. H. Benteen, George W. Sill, Luke Scurich, J. E. Gardner, E. Steinhauer and W. R. Porter...”

“Messrs. W. R. Radcliff, J. E. Gardner and Stephen Scurich were appointed a committee on awards. They will decide on the designs, the character of the prizes, the value of the prizes, the number of prizes and will practically have full power to act.”

EP; 20 Jul 1910; item: “The supervisors have appointed election officers for the State primary elections to be held on August 16th, and the list of citizens appointed for such duty in this city and valley follows: ...Watsonville Precinct No. 2. Polling place—Hy Woods’ shop, 250 Main street...Clerks—Fred Austin, Mateo Lettunich...”

EP; 26 Jul 1910; item: “N. M. Lettunich has arrived home from a seven month’s visit to Austria and other European countries. ‘Nick’ has had a delightful trip but like a true Californian he is glad to be back once again in the Golden State.”

Paj; 28 Jul 1910; born: “Watsonville, July 26, 1910, to the wife of V. Lester [Lister], a son.” [*Jacob “Jack”*; +1990; see next Fig.]

EP; 28 Jul 1910; item: “The home of Mr. and Mrs. John

Fig. 3-52.
Jacob “Jack” Lister.



Soto on Locust street was the scene...of a pleasant gathering, the occasion being the 19th birthday anniversary of Daniel Soto...Those present were...Ben Zadielovich...[of 17]”

EP; 28 Jul 1910; item: “The Ladies’ Band held practice...at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peckham, and when business was concluded Mrs. Peckham opened the dining room and there was discovered a feast of a la Fairmount ready to be consumed, and the way those band ladies consumed it indicated that the business of blowing bugles is not such a soft snap as some suppose and that there is more or less appetite producing exercise in the practice...”

“The participating members, host and guests were: ...Carmen Mortizia...[of 23]”

EP; 28 Jul 1910; item: “After the big game Sunday the newspapermen’s team will tackle the railroad men of Pajaro and Watsonville...Here are the lineups of both teams: ...Railroaders—Nirich, c [catcher]...”

EP; 28 Jul 1910; item: “**Second Meet of Local Driving Club Will Be Conducted Next Sunday Afternoon...** There will be two driving races, one saddle horse race and one race for a track record. Following are the races and the contestants: First race—James Redman’s Bollie and J. Hrepich’s Bonita. Second race—J. P. Soares will drive Frank Sima’s buggy horse, Roy, against time for a new track record. The present record is 1:11 and was made at the first meet by Paul Alaga’s Little Pete... Fourth race—Cap Dethlefsen’s May Azalia and Nick Mortizia’s road horse Babe...”

EP; 29 Jul 1910; item: “Bill of sale—Catherine Boudry et al. to J. B. Labas, lease and furnishings of Railroad Exchange Hotel, Watsonville.”

EP; 29 Jul 1910; item: “Thomas G. McCreary vs. Edith Viola Milasich et al.—Cause submitted; A. H. Foster appointed commissioner.”

EP; 1 Aug 1910; item: “The second racing meet of the Watsonville Driving Club was held yesterday...at Stoesser’s park on the Beach road...The classy work of Palamino, Jess Nielsen’s running horse, proved to be a sensation, as did also the work of Babe, J. Mortizia’s animal. Both of these animals are yet young stock but show promise of being among the fastest in the valley. The track record of 1:11 made two weeks ago by Little

Pete was broken yesterday by Frank Semas' Roy, which made the rounds in 1:08.

"The results of the races were: First race—J. Hrepich's Bonita, first; James Redman's Bolly, second...Sixth race—J. Mortizia's Babe, first; Cap Dethlefsen's May Azalia, second..."

EP; 1 Aug 1910; marriage: "A pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized yesterday...at St. Patrick's church when...William Sersen and Miss Tonka Labish [Labas] [were united] in the bonds of holy matrimony. Nicholas Sersen, a brother of the groom, officiated as best man, and Miss Katherine Balovich was the bridesmaid.

"After the ceremony at the church the newly wedded couple and their guests repaired to the Railroad Exchange hotel on Walker street, where a sumptuous wedding dinner was enjoyed by over 100 guests. The afternoon was spent in dancing and other merriments and at 7:10 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Sersen departed for Santa Cruz for a few days' honeymoon trip.

"Both Mr. Sersen and his bride are well known and popular members of the local Austrian colony. The groom is one of the owners of the Railroad Exchange hotel and is one of the leading young businessmen in the community. Mrs. Sersen is a sister of John Labish, who is associated with Mr. Sersen in the Railroad Exchange, and who is a leading fruit packer and shipper of this city. Mrs. Sersen came here two years ago from Austria and during her residence here has won a host of friends, who wish her well in her journey across the marital sea and who extend their best wishes also to the groom."

EP; 1 Aug 1910; item: "P. Mioceovich, the well known Oakland restaurateur, has returned to that city."

EP; 1 Aug 1910; article: "**A \$50,000 CORPORATION WILL BE OWNED BY LOCAL AUSTRIANS. Corporation Takes Over the Central Hotel Property of Stephen Scurich...**Today Attorney Geo. W. Smith filed at Santa Cruz the articles of incorporation of the Central Grocery Co. of Watsonville, and the business scope of the corporation will go far beyond its ownership of a grocery store alone.

"The articles of incorporation state that the purposes for which the corporation is formed is to engage in business enterprises of all kinds, retail and wholesale, also to engage in the manufacture of goods, acquire and sell real estate, buy orchards, engage in the fruit packing business, conduct hotels, etc..."

"It is the purpose of the corporation to at once take over the Central Hotel block from Stephen Scurich and conduct the same as a hotel and lodging house, and also have on the ground floor at the Central avenue corner, a large grocery store. Steve Scurich is the principal organizer of the corporation and one of the largest shareholders.

"The amount of capital stock is to be \$50,000, divided into 10,000 shares [at] the par value of \$5 each. The amount of capital stock subscribed for incorporation purposes is \$2300, divided among the following nine directors: Stephen Scurich, \$500; Peter N. Miroceovich, \$500; Vincent Mirko, \$500; F. P. Marinovich, \$250; Luke Scurich, \$250; B. Pista, \$100; Peter Stolich, \$50; J. Franich, \$50; Geo. Novacovich [no amount given].

"The 'Pajaronian' is informed that most all the Austrian packers of the city and valley have subscribed for stock, which will make this one of the most solid financial corporations in this part of the State."

EP; 1 Aug 1910; married: "Watsonville, July 31, 1910... William Sersen and Miss Tonka Labish [Labas], both of Watsonville."

EP; 2 Aug 1910; item: "**Big Local Apple Show Being Boomed in All Directions By Publicity Committee...**

The big local show is receiving fine notices from newspapers and magazines all over the State and even publications in the east and elsewhere have taken to the boosting habit. Everywhere the Apple Annual is receiving a big boost and when the big show finally comes off the carnival will be talked about from snow-capped Siskiyou in the north to balmy San Diego in the south and from the towering Sierra in the east to the surging Pacific in the west..."

"Applications for carload exhibits at the big show are coming in at a rather fast rate already and at present six cars are assured. Mateo Lettunich and M. N. Lettunich will furnish two cars, McDonald Brothers will put in two cars, Edward H. Hall will install one and one has also been promised by Frank Radovan. Several other packers are about to enter the list and there is assurance at present of about 14 carload exhibits being made..."

EP; 2 Aug 1910; item: "Estate of Luke Sresovich, deceased—Decree of settlement of first account and report of executrix and executor; vouchers."

EP; 2 Aug 1910; item: "Thomas G. McCreary vs. Edith Viola Milasich—Decree in favor of plaintiff."

EP; 4 Aug 1910; married: "Rev. Father P. D. Hassett of St. Patrick's church this afternoon united Emilio Rainero of Corralitos and Miss Marie Radimir of this city in the bonds of holy matrimony. The couple leave this evening for San Francisco, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride was formerly employed by M. Polinsky here and has a wide circle of friends as has also the groom, who is well known at Corralitos. They will reside at Corralitos."

EP; 4 Aug 1910; married: "Watsonville, August 4, 1910...Emilio Rainero of Corralitos and Miss Marie Radimir of Watsonville."

EP; 5 Aug 1910; board of supervisors, payments: "Pajaro Road Fund: ...Ballovich [Balovich], John, labor: \$57.50...Telich, Toney, labor: \$31..."

EP; 9 Aug 1910; item: "The damage suit of F. J. Bettencourt vs. J. Mioceovich is on today before Judge Hawkins in the justice court. Bettencourt alleges that last year he contracted with Mioceovich for all of the gravel in the latter's pit near Logan and that all of the gravel was not forthcoming. Mioceovich declares that he could not furnish all of the gravel in the pit because his lease of the place expired in November and also that backwater from the river rendered hauling impossible...a goodly portion of the time..."

EP; 11 Aug 1910; item: "Judge A. B. Hawkins has handed down a judgment where by Frank J. Bettencourt is awarded the amount of \$12.90 from A. Mosevich [Mioceovich], whom he sued for \$120 damages. The action was brought upon the allegation that the defendant had prohibited the plaintiff from hauling gravel from a certain pit near Logan although said plaintiff had entered into a contract with the defendant to haul the gravel. Mioceovich alleged that there were conflicting oral agreements, which were not embodied in the main contract."

EP; 11 Aug 1910; item: "Below is published a table of the apple production in the different States of the nation for the past five years, and a perusal of the figures will soon demonstrate the wonderfully important factor in this great business is the 16,000 acres of the Pajaro Valley devoted to apple growing..."

"The figures are for barrel production. It takes a little over 2¾ boxes of Pajaro Valley apples to make a barrel of the fruit. In the subjoined table California is credited last year with having produced 1,100,000 barrels of apples, about one-twentieth of the total in the United States, or about 3,200,000 boxes. Of the latter total the production of Watsonville and the Pajaro Valley was at least 2,800,000 boxes, the balance coming from principally the Sonoma district and a few others scattered throughout the State. So after all, the Pajaro Valley is 'some pumpkins' when it comes to apple production.

"The biggest producing apple section of the country is the old Empire State of New York, but there are many large apple districts therein and they are well distributed throughout the State and cover a wide expanse of territory...[table omitted]"

EP; 11 Aug 1910; item: "Young Nick Lettunich met with an accident on last Tuesday night, which resulted in his arm being broken. Nick was engaged in cranking up his automobile when the crank suddenly slipped and reversed, striking Nick on the arm. The blow fractured a bone between the wrist and elbow. The injury is painful but not serious."

EP; 12 Aug 1910; item: "Thos. G. McCreary vs. Edith Viola Milasich et al.—Oath of commissioner."

EP; 12 Aug 1910; item: "Antone T. Pincevich et ux.—5.849 acres on the west side Robertson st., Soquel; \$10."

EP; 12 Aug 1910; article: "Charles H. Rodgers has returned from a brief visit to the Gravenstein apple show at Sebastopol in Sonoma county and to a 'Pajaronian' reporter...he waxed enthusiastic over the reception accorded the Apple Annual delegation...In the local party besides Mr. Rodgers were Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Stoesser, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker, E. Steinhauser, J. E. Gardner, Mateo Lettunich, George Bird and Mrs. Mary Menasco."

EP; 18 Aug 1910; article: "**Austrian Packing Houses Take an Important Step in Shipping and Marketing of Apples.** The Austrian-American Apple Packers' Association was organized on June 10th for the purpose of economizing on the heavy forwarding charges incurred at New York on European shipments of Newtowns. It comprises, with three or four exceptions, all the Austrian packers in the valley, the exceptions referred to preferring to market their shipments as heretofore.

"After a number of meetings at which details of their organization were discussed at length they finally came to an agreement and selected Mr. E. T. Fleming, who has for a number of years assisted them in transportation matters, as their traffic manager to make such arrangements and details as were necessary to carry out the plan agreed upon. Mr. Fleming has just returned from an eastern trip and reported at a meeting of the association...that all arrangements suggested by their plan had been accomplished and he was requested to take the matter fully in charge.

"His resignation has been filed with his company, the Chicago Great Western Railway, with which he had been employed for the past 10 years and on September 15th he will take up his duties with the association who will open their offices in New York and attend to all the details of forwarding to Europe their various shipments. Through an arrangement made with their European selling agents they will receive full market conditions weekly by cable, thus enabling the home market to be as fully informed as the New York brokers.

"The Austrian packers are exceedingly pleased over the results accomplished and look for a better condition of things in this particular branch of their business. They long since appreciated the necessity of combined action but so many difficulties were in the way to prevent such action that they are correspondingly jubilant that will permit each firm to control its individual business, at the same time sharing in the benefits of the organization and a central point of distribution at a minimum cost. Luke Scurich is president of the association, P. Stolich is secretary and F. P. Marinovich is treasurer."

Apple Packers and Shippers of Watsonville, Pajaro Valley, California

<p style="text-align: center;">STEPHEN SCURICH Packer of VALLEY ROSE BRAND APPLES Bellefleurs a Specialty. P. O. Box 387. Office 246a Main St.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ZAR BROS. Packers and Shippers of CALIFORNIA GREEN AND DRIED FRUITS P. O. Box 215, Watsonville, Cal.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">STOLICH BROS. Packers of GOLDEN GATE BRAND APPLES 162 West Fifth Street. P. O. Box 315, Watsonville, Cal.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">L. P. CIKUTH Successor to J. P. Miovich & Co. FRUIT PACKER AND SHIPPER Blue Ribbon Brand. Modern Economy Code. P. O. Box 384 Watsonville, Cal.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CALIFORNIA FRUIT PACKING CO. Packers and Shippers Pajaro Valley Apples. P. O. Box 51, Watsonville, Cal.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LOMA FRUIT CO. The Largest Packers and Shippers of Apples on the Pacific Coast. C. H. BAKER, Manager.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NOVACOVICH & STOLICH Fruit Packers and Shippers RED STAR BRAND P. O. Box 376, Watsonville, Cal.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LUCICH & GORDON Packers and Shippers of California Green and Dried Fruits Economy Code P. O. Box 125 Watsonville, Cal.</p>

Fig. 3-53. This ad ran for several months before the 1st Apple Annual in Oct. *Evening Pajaronian*, 18 Aug. 1910.

EP; 19 Aug 1910; item: "Following is the incomplete program of races to be held next Sunday...at Stoesser's park: ...third race—Fred Mann's Trixie M, N. Mortizia's Babe, F. Simas' Roy..."

EP; 19 Aug 1910; class. ad: "FOR RENT—Fine unfurnished rooms suitable for office or living. Apply F. P. Marinovich, 22 Alexander st."

Social Dance

To be given by the Croatian Society

"Sokol" Court No. 352

N. C. S. of U. S.

—NEXT—

Saturday Night, Aug. 20

at Rappe's Hall

Music furnished by the Watsonville City Band. Good time is assured. Everybody welcome.

Fig. 3-54.
Ad in
Evening Pajaronian
of 19 Aug. 1910.

EP; 22 Aug 1910; item: "Attorney George W. Smith, E. H. Lorensen, William A. Rauneggar and Fred Castro have returned from a visit to San Francisco."

EP; 23 Aug 1910; item: "John Bonich, who for the past two years has been chief mixologist at the Banc Exchange saloon in this city, leaves...for San Francisco, where he has accepted a more lucrative situation. John

through his courteous manners and marked modesty, has made many friends in this city who regret his departure. Good luck, Johnnie, where ever you may hang your hat."

EP; 24 Aug 1910; article: "The mayor and board of aldermen convened...in special session...Three retail liquor licenses were transferred...V. Zimich transfers the Central saloon to the Central Grocery company..."

EP; 24 Aug 1910; item: "Notice of intended sale—Stephen Scurich et al. to Central Grocery Co. stock of Central Hotel bar, Watsonville."

EP; 25 Aug 1910; item: "Notice of intended sale—V. Zimich et al. to Central Grocery Co., general merchandise, stock and business, Main street, Watsonville."

EP; 25 Aug 1910; item: "Geo. Hrepich is home from a health seeking visit to Tassajara Springs."

EP; 25 Aug 1910; item: "Gregory Alexich, the Salinas apple buyer, was here today on a business visit."

EP; 27 Aug 1910; article: "Today is 'Button Day' over in Santa Cruz. Seven automobiles loaded with local businessmen, pretty Watsonville girls, pennants, buttons and other Apple Annual appurtenances departed...this morning for the county seat and as the 'Pajaronian' goes to press the entire entourage is assaulting the Surf City financial walls and besieging the peaceful city in an attempt to boost the great local apple show. At Capitola the local contingent was met by a delegation of Santa Cruz ladies and businessmen, who acted as an escort of honor for the local folks. At noon the local people were the guests of the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon in the Sea Beach Hotel. The machines were driven by R. W. Eaton, Orrin O. Eaton, W. H. Weeks, P. A. Callaghan, W. D. Gulick and Luke Scurich..."

EP; 29 Aug 1910; list: "[list of delegates to the State Republican convention] The new county committee appointed...is as follows: ...Watsonville, No. 4—L. Scurich..."

EP; 30 Aug 1910; article: "**Local Apple Annual Will Exceed National Show at Spokane Last Year.** The Apple Annual management is rejoicing these days over the way exhibits are pouring in for the big show and already 1,944,000 apples or the equivalent of 27 carloads have been signed up for the October show. This exceeds the amount shown at last year's national apple show by over 400,000 apples..."

"The following is a list of those who have signed up

for exhibits up to date: ...The numbers after the names signify the number of boxes promised—P. Battinich, 55; Peter Mengol, 11...R. Perovich, 20...Gospodnotich & Matulich, 52...John Hrepich Co., 25...F. P. Marinovich, 25; N. K. Matulich, 10...J. Simonovich, 125; B. Pista, 125; M. L. Kalich, 125...L. P. Cikuth, 1 carload...Frank Radovan, 1 carload...”

EP; 30 Aug 1910; item: “Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Notice to creditors.”

EP; 31 Aug 1910; item: “J. E. Gardner et ux. to Stephen Scurich—Lot 6, Scurich’s subdivision, Watsonville; quitclaim, \$10.”

EP; 31 Aug 1910; item: “Nick V. [M.] Lettunich left last evening to take up his studies in Santa Clara college.”

EP; 1 Sep 1910; item: “[aldermen meeting]...The following building permits were granted...Stephen Scurich, packing house on Walker street, \$600...”

EP; 1 Sep 1910; item: “N. Radovich et al vs. MacDonald & Sons—Order of court given judgment to defendant with costs placed against plaintiffs.”

Paj; 1 Sep 1910; item: “Nicholas Lettunich...landed a good-sized buck in the Pescadero country, the animal weighing 122 pounds when dressed. The animal was killed while on the run at a distance of nearly 200 yards away. The remarkable feature of the thing is that the deer was killed with an ordinary 22-calibre rifle with 22-special bullets. Nick is certainly a real hunter.”

EP; 1 Sep 1910; article: “Applications for apple exhibits are still coming into the Apple Annual headquarters and many of them are due to the energetic canvass of the valley growers being conducted by C. G. Redman of the exhibits committee. Last Tuesday the ‘Pajaronian’ published a list of the exhibitors up to that time, which showed that the equivalent of 27 carloads had been signed up. Since that time many more growers have signed up including a good-sized number from the Aptos and Valencia section. The new exhibitors and the boxes they will exhibit are: ...Arbanas & Perovich, 25...Lucich & Co., 40...Frank Saveria Co., 10; Novacovich & Stolich, 125; M. A. Pecarovich Co., 50...Gurash & Stolich, 10...Stolich Bros., 125; K. Gospodnotich, 20...”

Paj; 1 Sep 1910; item: “John Zuffish [Zufich] of 25 Center street, one of the well known members of the local Austrian colony, has invented a new bicycle tire that is puncture-proof...Under the outer edge the tire is filled with wool packing held tight in place by 22 cross bolts and wire re-enforcements. It resembles a hard-rubber tire, but affords more spring when in use.”

EP; 3 Sep 1910; article: “WATSONVILLE WILL HAVE A FINE HOTEL. Mateo and M. N. Lettunich, the local capitalists who are soon to construct the new hotel building at the corner of Main and East Third streets... have received the plans and specifications...from Architect W. H. Weeks and it is announced that work will begin upon the new hostelry immediately following the Apple Annual in October...One has but to look at the plans to see that the proposed new hotel building will be one of the finest in the State for a city the size of Watsonville...”

“The present Mansion House will be moved along Main street and placed even with the sidewalk and the new structure will be erected on the corner making a frontage in all on Main street of 108 feet. The old hotel will be entirely remodeled and improved and the front will be identical with that of the new structure. The front of the structure on Main and Third streets will be made of red, pressed brick, which will be veneered. The floor of the hotel will be even with the sidewalk. On Main street there will be a bank room on the corner, the hotel barbershop, the hotel cafe and five stores, and two stores will be built on the Third street side.

“The lobby flooring will consist of white tiles. On the ground floor besides the stores, bank, cafe, barbershop, lobby and office will be located eight large sample rooms, a kitchen, pantry, dining room and banquet hall... The stores on the ground floor will be fitted each with a separate entrance from the rear. The new building will be four stories in height, with the old structure having three. An elevator will be located in the building. The new building will have 66 rooms, the old building will have 35. The majority of the rooms will be connected with baths and hot and cold water will be connected with all rooms. The building will also be equipped with fire escapes, public baths, restrooms and reading rooms. No inside rooms will be found in the new hotel.”

EP; 5 Sep 1910; item: “The Watsonville Driving Club members will meet tomorrow night in special session to arrange for their racing meet here next Sunday. One of the features...will be a half-mile trotting race for a \$100 purse between N. Mortizia’s Babe of this city and M. Silva’s Daisy S of Castroville. Babe ranks as about the fastest animal on four feet in Pajaro Valley so a warmly contested race can be expected.”

EP; 5 Sep 1910; article: “HERE ARE THE APPLE ANNUAL COMMITTEES. President Otto D. Stoesser of the Apple Annual today announced the following committees: [all committees are named but only Slav members are shown here] General Parade, Luke Scurich; Marshalls, [no Slavs]; Industrial Parade, [no Slavs]; [6 district committees are listed from around Watsonville area; no Slavs were on any district committee]; Packing Houses, L. P. Cikuth (chairman), Frank Radovan, Paul Alaga, Peter Stolich, N. Mortizia, Geo Novacovich, N.

V. Lettunich; Accommodation and Information, P. N. Mioceovich; Pavilion Decorations, [no Slavs]; Transportation, E. B. Lettunich; Street Decorations, [no Slavs]"

EP; 6 Sep 1910; article: "**B. Pista...Assaulted...in Office.** Blas Pista, the well known Austrian fruit packer and shipper of this city, was the victim about 6 o'clock last night of an assault at the hands of half a dozen unknown 'fruit tramps' who were finally frightened away by the approach of a dozen or more of Pista's employees, who hearing the noise in the front office of the packing house on West Lake avenue, came into the building from the rear to aid Pista. The leader of the gang of assaulters...was a young man, who left Pista's employ last Saturday after a quarrel with his employer over wages due him.

"Pista was in his office...preparatory to closing up his day's business when his former employee and several friends entered the room. The attack was deliberate and practically minus the usual preliminaries. The men waded into Pista on all sides and after blacking one of his eyes and bruising his face in several places, the unknown men ceased fighting when they heard Pista's friends coming towards the office. The men escaped hurriedly from the building just in time to dodge a fusillade of rocks, bricks, sticks and shooks, which the Pista employees hurled at them as they ran up Lake avenue toward Main street.

"Besides breaking one of the doors leading into the office the men scattered papers, books and the office furniture all over the floor.

"This afternoon the four men who are Enert White, F. A. Richards, G. Schwan and Iva Sherman, were arrested by Chief of Police T. J. Albright, Constable John H. Corr and Officer Arthur Devine and each was released upon \$10 bail. They all pleaded 'not guilty' and their cases will be heard before Judge Bridgwater next Tuesday... one of their number, Enert White, had Pista himself arrested for battery and as Pista pleaded not guilty he was released on his own recognizance and his trial set for next Wednesday morning...White alleges that Pista committed battery on him last Saturday night when he went to get from the latter his wages."

EP; 6 Sep 1910; item: "Michel Choyovich, the 17-year-old Oakland lad who has been afflicted with pneumonia, is reported rapidly improving. His relatives who were called to his bedside in this city a few days ago, have returned to their homes."

EP; 6 Sep 1910; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: Stephen Scurich, \$6..."

EP; 6 Sep 1910; item: "**A CORRECTION. Mr. N. Mortizia is Not in the Business of Horse Racing.** Watsonville, Sept. 6th, 1910. Editor 'Pajaronian,' Wat-

sonville, Cal. Dear Sir:—I wish you would make a correction in your paper concerning the races next Sunday as reported by you in last night's issue. In the first place, I have sold my horse 'Babe' to Robert Mann, and secondly, I never had any intention of racing 'Babe' against the Castroville horse. But there will be a race next Sunday between my former horse, 'Babe' and Paul Alaga's horse, 'Little Pete' in which there is a \$100 purse involved—same having been put up between Geo. Mann and Paul Alaga, and I will only receive \$25 if 'Babe' wins. Trusting you will make the necessary correction, I remain, Yours very truly, NICK MORTIZIA."

EP; 6 Sep 1910; item: "Apple packers and apple sorters will be interested in the advertisement of gloves at 5c each or 10c a pair, which is placed by the Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company."

Paj; 8 Sep 1910; obit: "Watsonville, Sept. 4, 1910, Stephen Klescovich, a native of Austria, aged 21 years."

EP; 10 Sep 1910; article: "...Last night the Apple Annual directors met in peaceful pow-wow and the way that business of all sorts was handled was astonishing. Those present at the meeting were President Otto D. Stoesser, Secretary J. W. Kavanagh, Manager J. A. Linscott, F. L. W. MacDonald, George W. Sill, W. H. Benteen, Luke Scurich, E. Steinhauser and C. G. Redman..."

EP; 10 Sep 1910; item: "Nicholas Lettunich is here for a few days' visit from Santa Clara College."

EP; 13 Sep 1910; item: "F. A. Richards, Enert White, G. Schwan and Iva Sherman, the four fruit tramps charged with committing battery last week upon Blas Pista, the local fruit packer, faced Judge Bridgwater...in the police court and their cases were all postponed until next Friday afternoon...Attorney Thomas J. Gaffey appeared for the four defendants and on their behalf demanded a jury trial...Richards will be tried first and the decision of the jury in his case will likely affect the cases of the other three men. Each man was released upon the filing of a \$10 bond..."

"Blas Pista, who is charged by Richards with battery, was in court with Attorney A. W. Sans, his counsel, and although his case was not to come up until tomorrow... he waved time and the hearing was reset until next Monday morning...Pista will not likely ask for a jury trial. He paid \$10 cash bail."

EP; 13 Sep 1910; item: "Commissioners certificate of sale on foreclosure—Thos. G. McCreary vs. Edith V. Milasich et al of lot 26x38, adjoining Stipovich, and lot 40x97 on east side Washington street, 100 feet north of Maple, Santa Cruz."

EP; 13 Sep 1910; article: “**Brigades of Brave Beaux and Bevies of Blushing Beauties To Be at the Ball.** Everybody and his wife or sweetheart is going to be on hand on Saturday night for the dedicatory dance that is to be held in the big Apple Annual pavilion at the corner of Second and Rodriquez streets. It is going to be a great big informal social party, one where a dress suit will not be over popular and where there will be no attempt made to enforce any of the ridiculous social rules of so-called ‘better society.’

“The music will be furnished by the Watsonville City Band, which means that there will be no kick coming on the dance music...The committee in charge of the affair is as follows: ...Paul Alaga...Mateo Lettunich...Luke Scurich...George W. Smith...”

EP; 14 Sep 1910; item: “Estate of Antonio Radovich, deceased—Petition for letters of administration by J. L. Radovich.”

EP; 16 Sep 1910; honor roll: Low 7th: Kate Knego; Low 6th: Antonio Scurich; High 5th: Kate Dubreta; Low 5th: Lena Strazicich, John Strazicich; Low 4th: Helen Strazicich, Jennie Dubreta, Nicholas Balanac; Low 3rd: Nicholas Lutich; High 2nd: Emma Grizich; Low 2nd: Annie Knego, Mark Rilovich, Katie Strazicich.

EP; 16 Sep 1910; item: “As the ‘Pajaronian’ goes to press today the trial of F. A. Richards, the young man accused by Blas Pista of battery, is before a jury in Police Judge Bridgewater’s court. The efforts to secure a satisfactory jury exhausted the first venire of twenty and a special venire had to be issued...Attorneys T. J. Gaffey and G. W. Smith appear for the defense...”

EP; 16 Sep 1910; born: “Watsonville, Sept. 16, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Pavisha, a son.” [*Lewis*; +1918]

EP; 17 Sep 1910; item: “M. Colenich [Colendich] vs. Hunt, Hatch & Co.—Continued to Sept. 19th.”

EP; 17 Sep 1910; item: “F. A. Richards, the young man arrested for alleged battery upon the person of Blas Pista...was...found ‘not guilty’ by a jury in Police Judge Bridgewater’s court. The jurors were out but a few minutes before returning the verdict. The feature of the case was the contradictory evidence brought in the case. Where Pista was positive that Richards struck him first the defendant was just as certain that Pista had commenced the operations.

“L. Ivancovich, Tony Rosprica, Blas Pista and M. V. Pista testified for the prosecution while F. A. Richards, J. Holz, A. Rhodes and E. White testified for the defense...Attorneys T. J. Gaffey and George W. Smith appeared for the defense...All other cases in connection with the above battery suit have been dismissed.”

EP; 17 Sep 1910; item: “Attorneys J. A. Hall, A. W. Sans and Edward J. Kelly are home from San Francisco, where they argued yesterday before the appellate court a phase of the Ryan vs. Scurich orchard case that has been before the courts for some time.”

EP; 17 Sep 1910; item: “Hans Norman, Ray Thompson, Oscar Hunsucker, Carl Anderson, James Enemark, Jack Marinovich, A. Thornney and Clarence Wilson motor-cycled it to San Jose yesterday.”

EP; 20 Sep 1910; obit: “News has been received in this city of the death in Oakland recently of Mrs. Kate Buyers. Mrs. B. was the widow of the late Nick Bolovich [Balovich], who died in Watsonville six years ago. She was the mother of eight children, as follows: Nick Balovich of Los Angeles, Frank A. and John Balovich of Arizona, Tonka A. Balovich and Mrs. Mary Matulich of Oakland, Tony and Sammie Balovich of Watsonville, and Willie Buyers of Oakland.”

EP; 20 Sep 1910; item: “Attorney George W. Smith is a visitor to Boulder Creek today.”

EP; 24 Sep 1910; ALL: Giogie Metkovich.

EP; 26 Sep 1910; item: “Gregory Alexich, the well known fruit packer, was here from Salinas today.”

EP; 27 Sep 1910; article: “The Apple Annual Directors held a busy session last night and the meeting was attended not only by a large number of directors but by a goodly congregation of local businessmen and other visitors. Those present were President O. D. Stoesser, Secretary J. W. Kavanagh, Manager J. A. Linscott, Directors Luke Scurich, W. H. Benteen, Mateo Lettunich, E. A. Hall, E. Steinhauer, George W. Sill, A. W. Cox, J. E. Gardner and Judge William P. Lawlor of San Francisco, O. A. W. Schuchard, L. Cikuth, F. L. W. McDonald, C. G. Redman, T. J. Horgan and H. B. Smith...”

“Before the meeting convened last night the carload exhibitors held an interesting session at which they drew lots for space. Not all of the exhibitors were present but those assigned space last night were Frank Radovan, M. N. Lettunich, F. L. W. McDonald, Earl Fruit company, Loma Fruit company, San Monte Fruit company, L. P. Cikuth and United Apple Growers...”

EP; 27 Sep 1910; item: “Estate of Antonio Radovich, deceased—order appointing John L. Radovich administrator.”

EP; 27 Sep 1910; item: “Rose Balanac vs. Joseph N. Balanac—Hearing of motion of defendant to modify final decree of divorce continued to October 3d.”

EP; 28 Sep 1910; item: "The carload exhibitors at the Apple Annual have just been officially listed and they total 16 carload exhibits. Those showing two carloads are the Earl Fruit company, Loma Fruit company, MacDonald and Sons, San Monte Fruit company and the Sebastopol growers. Those exhibiting one car displays are the United Apple Growers, Frank Radovan, Louis Cikuth, M. N. Lettunich, Alaga Brothers and Stephen Scurich."

EP; 28 Sep 1910; item: "Notice of action to foreclose mortgage 152-125—Steve Strazicich vs. Jas. A. Watt et als."

EP; 28 Sep 1910; Railroad District honor roll: Mitchell Battenich, Pete Battenich [Battinich].

Fig. 3-55.
Ad in
Evening Pajaronian
of 28 Sept. 1910.

GIRLS WANTED

A number of girls to sort ap-
 ples can find work at Frank Ra-
 dovan's Packing House, Walker
 street, near Third. Apply at
 once.

FRANK RADOVAN.

Paj; 29 Sep 1910; item: "John Franich, on an assigned claim of the firm of Scurich Bros., has brought suit in the superior court of the county against A. B. Lettunich, formerly of Watsonville, but now engaged in the commission business at Los Angeles, for the sum of \$822.59 for apples and pears sold by the firm to him..."

EP; 29 Sep 1910; item: "Steve Strazicich vs. James Alva Watt and Priscilla Wells—Complaint on foreclosure of mortgage; order for publication of summons; affidavit for order for publication of summons."

EP; 29 Sep 1910; item: "Bettencourt vs. Muosovich—set for trial October 18th; on appeal from justice court."

EP; 30 Sep 1910; item: "F. Lavretovich and R. Slavich did not have a jolly time in the police court this morning. Lavretovich was on the docket as a plain drunk while Slavich was down for disturbing the peace and dignity of Main street along about the time that the chickens are commencing to think about arising. Yesterday the two offenders thought they were being handed a raw deal and they wanted to fight the case. This morning they were so penitent that a mere child could lead them anywhere, and they pleaded real hard for mercy. Police Judge Bridgwater was in good humor this morning so he plastered a fine of \$10 on each. The money was paid and the two went on their way rejoicing."

EP; 1 Oct 1910; disp. ad:

Bring your
EGGS
to
Central Grocery Co.
And receive HIGHEST PRICES
CASH OR IN TRADE.
Cor. Main and Central Ave.

EP; 1 Oct. 1910; article: "**EARLY HISTORY OF PAJARO ORCHARDS. Apples From Trees Planted In Early '50s and '60s Will Be Exhibited at Apple Annual.** In 1852, Jas. Watters, a pioneer resident of the Pajaro Valley, states that there was a bearing orchard on the Santa Cruz road, just beyond Freedom. There is no record as to who owned these trees, or whether they are still growing.

"Hon. Jesse D. Carr, in 1854 planted a family orchard in what is now known as the Silliman ranch, about 2 miles east of Watsonville, on the Salsipuedes road. A part of the original orchard was dug up a few years ago, but a number of the original trees planted in 1854 are still bearing. There are also apricot, peach and pear trees of the same age in this orchard.

"The first orchards planted for commercial use were planted by Jas. Watters, J. A. Blackburn and Isaac Williams, in 1861 and 1862. Jas. Watters planted 1500 trees on the place owned by him near the Kelly lake in 1861. The great flood the following year, carried his trees away and completely devastated his entire orchard. The same year J. A. Blackburn planted about 20 acres of orchard, a part of which is now within the city limits of Watsonville. Many of these trees are still in a splendid state of preservation and bearing good fruit. About the same time, Isaac Williams planted about 20 acres of apples on what is now known as the Redman ranch about 1½ miles east of Watsonville. This ranch was purchased by the late K. F. Redman in 1868, and his estate still owns the property. This orchard was removed a few years ago. There were small orchards planted the same year on what is now known as the Wiley and Vaughn ranches, adjoining.

"In 1867, the late K. F. Redman planted a family orchard on the Willoughby ranch east of town, which he owned at the time. Apples from all the above described orchards, will be on exhibition at the Apple Annual to be held here Oct. 10th to 15th."

EP; 1 Oct 1910; item: "Attorney George W. Smith is confined to his home with a severe attack of la grippe."

EP; 1 Oct 1910; article: "The following reception committee for Apple Annual week was announced last night: ...S. Scurich...L. Scurich..."

EP; 1 Oct 1910; item: "Estate of Antone Radovich, de-

ceased—Letters of administration issued to John L. Radovich; bond.”

EP; 3 Oct 1910; article: “APPLE ANNUAL IS ONE WEEK DISTANT...at the Apple Annual headquarters President Stoesser, Secretary Kavanagh, Assistant Secretary Miss Anna Farlin, the directors and other officials are kept busy answering letters, phone calls and other communications from all parts of the State as well as looking after the details which of necessity preface the big show...”



Fig. 56. Anna Farlin (1890-1979).

EP; 3 Oct 1910; item: “Emil H. Peterson et al. to Stephen Scurich—Lot on northeast boundary of Peckham’s subdivision, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 5 Oct 1910; item: “Watsonville Realty Co. to Andrew Zar—Lots 6 and 7, Watsonville Heights subdivision; \$10.”

EP; 5 Oct 1910; item: “The ‘boosters’ special’ is now en route to San Jose from Oakland and Alameda as the ‘Pajaronian’ goes to press. The special train carrying over 125 Watsonvilleans left the local depot on schedule time at 7:30 o’clock this morning. The first stop was Santa Cruz, where the boosters disembarked and paraded through the streets behind the Watsonville city band. Stops were then made at Los Gatos and Palo and near the noon hour the boosting crowd entered the Golden Gate City. As the Pajaro Valleyites paraded up Third from Townsend to Market and down Market to the Palace Hotel each carried a basket of apples, which was empty in a short time. The noon hour found the crowd banqueting at the new Palace hotel, where Mayor McCarthy and other San Francisco dignitaries addressed them.

“After a stop of over two hours in the metropolis the crowd crossed the ferry and paraded through Oakland and Alameda. The next stop was San Jose, which the train will reach at 5:30 o’clock this evening. After a stop at Gilroy the boosters will return home and parade on Main street before disbanding.

“The local people making the big trip today are: ...F. P. Marinovich...Mateo Lettunich...Luke Scurich... Stephen Scurich...”

EP; 5 Oct 1910; born: “Watsonville, October 4, 1910, to the wife of Frank Radovan, a daughter.” [*Emilia*]

EP; 5 Oct 1910; disp. ad: “...50 acres of seven-year-old orchard, 4½ miles out; all No. 1 land, best sandy loam soil. \$400 per acre.

“11 acres, 9 acres full bearing orchard; 5-room house, large barn; 2 miles out. Fine location; price \$5000, terms.

“\$4500—14 acres, with 10 acres in orchard; 6-room house, barn. This is a bargain. Terms.

“Choice little 5-acre orchard. 8-room house, good barn, all good improvements. 1½ miles out. Price \$4100.

“25-acre foothill place; ½ in bearing apple orchard; house, barn, spring water. With very good income; nicely located on good road. Price including span of horses, wagon and farm implements, \$4000.”

EP; 6 Oct 1910; article: “THREE MORE DAYS BEFORE GREAT SHOW. The Apple Annual pavilion is the real heart of the city these hot days. The immense hall and the three big tents adjacent are the scenes of lively activity...The apple exhibits are coming in thick and fast and the apples are being placed upon the racks as soon as they arrive. The United Apple Growers, the San Monte company, MacDonald and Sons, J. Miljanich and the Martin Brothers are almost finished as far as the installation of their big exhibits are concerned. Growers and packers from all parts of the valley are commencing to haul in their small or large exhibits to the pavilion and the work of installation is rapidly progressing...”



Fig. 3-57. Second and Rodriguez Sts. Temporary exhibition tents of the 1st Apple Annual. Pavilion in right background. This is the site of the Fire Station today (2010).

EP; 6 Oct 1910; article: “BOOSTERS RETURNED AFTER GREAT TRIP. The Pajaro Valley Apple Annual boosters returned last night about 9 o’clock, a tired but happy band, after a great day’s siege of the big bay cities and other coast towns in the interests of Watsonville and the Apple Annual. Never before had Watsonville been so advertised as it was yesterday. As the local crowd of over 170 people marched through throbbing San Francisco and thriving Oakland and later beautiful San Jose the

gospel of the apple was preached to everyone and in an interesting, forcible way. Thousands and thousands of people yesterday heard of or saw Watsonville apples and out of these thousands there will be hundreds here next week to visit the great Apple Annual. The boosters' trip paid in a potential way a dozen times over.

"Santa Cruz, Los [Gatos], Palo Alto and San Mateo were visited by the boosters yesterday before San Francisco was reached. Parades were held in Santa Cruz and Palo Alto before hundreds of people and at Los Gatos and San Mateo other hundreds were drawn to the depot by the strains of the music by the Watsonville band. It was past 12:30 o'clock when the boosters' special steamed into the Third and Townsend street depot in San Francisco, and after having their picture 'took' by several newspaper photographers the boosters rode in special streetcars to Fourth and Mission, where the parade began...

"Thousands and thousands of people lined the streets on all sides and as the boosters threw apples in all directions the great throng cheered lustily and heartily for Watsonville. The boosters made a great showing in the big city as they marched two abreast and far apart through the streets with pennants, flags and banners waving and the band playing snappy marches at intervals of three minutes.

"The luncheon at the Palace was delightful and came just at the right time for the almost famished boosters, and the hotel management tendered the crowd every possible convenience. President O. D. Stoesser of the Apple Annual officiated as toastmaster and short, enthusiastic and breezy speeches were made by Mayor P. H. McCarthy of San Francisco, President Mackie of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and C. C. Moore of San Francisco. The luncheon over with, the boosters paraded down Market to the ferry which was crossed to Oakland.

"At Oakland President Mackie of the Chamber of Commerce...and other prominent Oakland boosters and businessmen took the boosters in hand and escorted them through the streets, which were lined with hundreds and hundreds of cheering Oaklanders. The Tribune and Enquirer newspaper offices were serenaded, a visit was paid to the fine and extensive exhibit of the Home Industrial League and the march continued.

"The showing made in Oakland was as great as that realized in San Francisco. Forty-five minutes was spent in Oakland and they were all used to good advantage, too.

"Once more the boosters boarded the train and about 6 o'clock San Jose was reached. Here the parade was headed by two automobiles carrying Mayor Davison, Police Judge Dougherty, President Stoesser, Secretary Lahan of the Police and Fire Commission and others.

"San Jose was reached at a poor hour, yet several hundreds came up town hurriedly upon hearing the music. A 45 minute stay was made in the Garden City after which the boosters departed for home and bed. A short band selection awakened the residents of Gilroy and then the

great trip ended by all the boosters marching through Watsonville before their fellow townsmen last night.

"The good done by the boosters yesterday in all the cities visited and especially San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose cannot be gauged. The San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose newspapers had special reporters detailed on the boosters and today columns of boost writeups and photographs will be read by thousands more, who were not able to be with the thousands viewing the parades.

"In every town a lively interest was shown in the Apple Annual and the boosters received a spontaneous welcome all along the road. To F. R. Howe and R. W. Putsker of Santa Cruz and Horace Smith, B. F. Crews, H. C. Peckham and Luke Scurich of Watsonville is due special credit for the way they kept the paraders in line. The band boys worked hard and well and are also deserving of special mention. To the ladies among the boosters every masculine booster takes off his hat for their pluck and enthusiasm. The ladies made a big hit wherever they went and their power from a standpoint of endurance and boosting needs more than a passing comment."

EP; 6 Oct 1910; class. ad: "WANTED. Ladies to sort apples. Apply at once Toni Gospadnetich [Gospodnetich], Locust street, back of Pekoch Packing house."

EP; 7 Oct 1910; article: "TWO MEN KNIFED BY ENRAGED AUSTRIAN. John Rancovich [Roncevich], a driver for the Rilovich Brothers' packing concern, is in the city jail facing a charge of attempt to kill with a deadly weapon; Cyrus R. Bardmess, a millhand at the Hihn-Hammond lumber company yards, is lying at the Watsonville hospital in a precarious condition; Arthur Walker, an employee in the sugar company yards, is suffering from a severe gash in the shoulder, and George Rilovich, the packer, has a black eye. The above was all the result of a serious cutting affray, which took place late yesterday afternoon near the Walker street entrance to the old sugar company yards and which was caused by a petty quarrel between Rancovich, Edward Parker, Frank Silva and several other persons, who were in the yards.

"Frank Silva had a load of sugar beets on the lumber company's scales to be weighed and near him was Rancovich with a load of apples. The two men entered into a verbal quarrel over the matter of procedure on the scales and the wordy battle was aided and abetted by Edward Parker, a lumberyard employee, who it is alleged, urged Silva to fight Rancovich. Finally Rancovich waded in and proceeded to hammer Parker with his fists. By this time several of Rancovich's countrymen are alleged to have come to his aid and the crowd was augmented by Bardmess, Walker and a few others in a few moments.

"Rancovich, Walker, Parker, Bardmess and several others are said to have been beating in all directions with their fists when Rancovich sneaked off to return with a knife. One lunge with this weapon across the chest sever-

ed an artery in Bardmess' breast and he was hurried to the hospital in a critical condition. Walker kept on fighting until severely cut on the shoulder by the knife and then he capitulated. Rancovich was then supreme for a few moments until Chief of Police Albright arrived and the fighting Austrian was lodged in jail.

"He now faces a most serious charge as a result of his work with the knife and is even lucky that the charge is not even more serious. Attorney D. F. Maher and Geo. W. Smith have been retained to defend Rancovich..."

EP; 8 Oct 1910; article: "Hiram W. Johnson, the next governor of California, is the guest of the Republicans of Watsonville today as the 'Pajaronian' goes to press. Fresh from a triumphant tour of the big San Joaquin Valley, the southland and the coast the Republican standard bearer slung over into the valley of the Pajaro this afternoon...escorted into the city by the Watsonville City Band and nearly a score of automobiles. The autoes met California's distinguished son on the Castroville road and when the Pajaro river bridge was reached the band led the triumphal procession into town to the plaza, where Mr. Johnson addressed the crowds.

"Messrs. R. W. Eaton, J. Hart, I. H. Tuttle, T. S. Hudson, Luke Scurich, J. Williamson, H. C. Peckham and C. M. Neal in their autos which were all filled with other Republicans, met Mr. Johnson and party on the Castroville road and escorted him into town..."

EP; 10 Oct 1910; article: "EASTERN BANKERS VISITED THIS CITY. Thirty or more prominent bankers and men of finance of the eastern States and members of their families arrived here...Saturday night and were entertained for over an hour by the members of the Apple Annual association and other local business men. The party came here from Los Angeles in a special train and is en route to the east after attending the National convention of the American Bankers' association in Los Angeles during the past fortnight. The party was met at the local depot by Messrs. O. D. Stoesser, A. W. Cox, E. Steinhauser, H. C. Peckham, W. D. Gulick, J. J. Morey, Luke Scurich, Foster Weeks, R. W. Eaton, F. L. W. MacDonald, W. H. White, J. H. Thompson, P. A. Callaghan, J. Driscoll and Ole Christensen in automobiles and after viewing the city from its principal streets they were taken to the Apple Annual Pavilion to view the exhibits. The bankers and their families were immensely pleased with their kind welcome here and they announced their intention of singing the praises of Watsonville wherever they go..."

EP; 10 Oct 1910; item: "Ivo Zuffish [Zufich] to Andrew N. Zulich [Zufich]—Northeast one-half of lot 33, Blackburn subdivision 1, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 11 Oct 1910; item: "Secretary Kavanagh and Assis-

tant Secretary Miss Farlin have removed their headquarters to the Apple Annual pavilion."

EP; 12 Oct 1910; item: "Nick Lettunich and M. S. Zanchich are home from Santa Clara College for a few days' visit."

EP; 13 Oct 1910; item: "Wm. Pulisevich, formerly of this city, is here with the boosters from Los Angeles."

EP; 13 Oct 1910; item: "N. Stojanovich, a former business man of this city, has been over from San Jose taking in the Apple Annual."

EP; 13 Oct 1910; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children of San Francisco were here yesterday to visit the apple show."

Paj; 13 Oct 1910; item: "The illness of Justice A. B. Hawkins necessitated the continuance of...the Radonich [Roncevich] attempted murder case. The Radonich case will come up...October 19. The knife wielder has been released on \$1000 bonds furnished by Luke Scurich and Paul Miladin."

Paj; 13 Oct 1910; item: "Lawrence Vukich, a 10-year-old boy of this city, was caught off Main street this morning by Officer Devine after the boy had stolen \$15 from his father, had invested same for some new clothes, had run away to Santa Cruz and then returned. The young fellow stole the \$15 from his father's trousers Saturday and after buying a suit of clothes...he went away to Santa Cruz."

EP; 14 Oct 1910; article: "Today was Watsonville's biggest day—biggest of the Apple Annual days, and biggest in all the history of Santa Cruz County...It was Apple Day. Apple was King, and ruled every action of his thousands of subjects.

"The day opened...with the reception to the Salinas, Castroville, Monterey and Pacific Grove contingents of visitors, and it is safe to say they numbered more than a thousand.

"Then came the regular train from Santa Cruz, followed by three sections of a special train. When Harvey Miller, county clerk, left Santa Cruz on the second section 4000 tickets had been sold for Watsonville, and another section of the train was due to leave with the unnumbered passengers. Whether or not the waiting crowds at Seabright, Twin Lakes, Capitola and Aptos succeeded in getting aboard later trains is not known.

"Main street, from end to end, was filled with people and the crowd overflowed into the side streets. Promptly at 11 o'clock the big whistle at the power company's plant blew, and the parade started..."

"Apples, apples, apples. Miles on miles of them. Some of the wagons were prepared for the parade, others just

dropped into the line on their way from the orchards to the packing houses. In all there were 200 apple wagons, and each wagon carried from 120 to 200 boxes—altogether about 50 carloads, or two-thirds of a normal day's shipping from Pajaro Valley.

"And the apple men weren't stingy! Right and left they threw apples to the crowd, and with the special free distribution made by the Improved Order of Redmen, everyone that wanted an apple got one. It must have been so, for after the parade had passed, the gutters on either side of the street for five blocks were lined with apples that had been 'muffed' by the crowd or badly aimed by the busy drivers..."

"It is not in our province to name the best features of the parade. The judges will do that, but we want to compliment the Secondo Fruit company on the originality displayed in decorating one of its apple wagons. Horses, harness, wagon and even the driver, were bedecked with apples in pretty arrangement..."



Fig. 3-58. The Secondo Fruit Co. wagon in the 1910 Apple Annual parade.

"...[T]he members of the Watsonville Croatian society wound up [in the 2nd] division.

"Then came the last division, the greatest pageant ever witnessed in the world of a similar nature..."

"In the long line of wagons there were 65 wagons and trucks carrying loose apples in boxes. In the main these boxes were unbranded, and therefore no tally could be kept to record the owners names. The wagons and trucks so referred to evidently had come to the parade direct from the orchards without any preparation for display. The owners are entitled to credit for their efforts but we fail to see how they are going to get it.

"Those wagons carrying banners are accredited accordingly. They were: Aromas Fruit Growers Associa-

tion, 6; Alaga Bros., 5; Diamond Brand, 3; Redwood Brand, 6; Gordon & Lucich, 2; Day Valley Brand, 3; El Rey Brand, 2; Travers Bros., 2, and packing display; Chief Brand, 2; M. A. Pecarovich, 2; California Fruit Packing Co., 8; Justice Brand, 3; M. N. Lettunich & Co., 6; Loma Fruit Co., 20; Pearson Cement Nails Co., 2; Earl Fruit Co., 6; Martins, 3; Novacovich & Stolich, 5; Resetar & Bakich, 3; J. J. Crowley, 3; Elk Brand, 3; Secondo Fruit Co., 3; Stony Ford Fruit Farm, 7; Golden Gate Brand, 3; Quality Brand, 2; Lion Brand, 3; Lettunich Bros., 3; Orchard Farm, 3; Scurich Bros., 2... words cannot correctly describe the grandeur of the apple show on wheels.

"...Santa Cruz is here today with over 4000 of its people. The saloons, cigar stores, public offices and business houses everywhere at the county seat closed their doors and today the City of the Holy Cross is dead as far as business is concerned. The Santa Cruzans came over on three special trains, which were packed to the guardrails with humanity..."

"This afternoon the crowds are divided. The pavilion has been packed all day and a capacity crowd has been going in and out of its doors at all hours. The horse races and the football games this afternoon are receiving their full quota of patronage and liberal crowds are in attendance at each place. Tonight the world's championship apple packing contests will be held in the pavilion..."

EP; 15 Oct 1910; article: "RAMBLING NOTES ON THE APPLE ANNUAL. The biggest crowd of the week was present in the pavilion last night. Four thousand people were present from 7:30 o'clock to 11 o'clock.

"Among the hard working officials of the Apple Annual are Assistant Secretary Miss Anna Farlin and Secretary Penrod of the exhibits committee. These two young ladies have worked long hours all week and have performed their many duties in a most capable way..."

EP; 15 Oct 1910; article: "AUTO PARADE WAS FEATURE OF TODAY. Outside of the automobile parade on Main street this afternoon the 'Automobile Day' of the Apple Annual was comparatively a quiet one. Today and tomorrow are the closing days of the big week and tomorrow evening will see the final windup of the greatest apple show ever held in the world. Tomorrow afternoon the program will consist of baseball at Loma Vista park and a sacred concert at the pavilion..."

"This afternoon the day was somewhat enlivened by the automobile parade, which showed on Main street... Pajaro Valley has close on to 200 automobiles, yet only a

small portion of these were in line. The parade was numerically weak yet it made a good showing nevertheless.

“Alderman John H. Covell, chairman of the auto committee, H. C. Peckham and E. Steinhauser headed the parade and the following machine owners were represented: W. J. McGrath, Miss Helen Wilder, Daniel Regan, O. O. Eaton, Ole Christensen, Arthur Wilson, M. Travers, R. W. Eaton, W. D. Gulick, Frank Brewington, Peter Storm, J. A. Phillipps, Mrs. E. Cornell, Luke Scurich, James Rowe, W. H. White, M. N. Lettunich, H. S. Fletcher, F. L. W. McDonald, N. H. Lovering...”

EP; 15 Oct 1910; ALL: Domestic: M. Arnerich, Antun Zekich.

EP; 15 Oct 1910; item: “J. Milanovich, a former resident, is here from Hollister today visiting relatives.”

SFCall; 16 Oct 1910; article: “[photo of an exhibit] **CHAMPIONS ARE REWARDED AT WATSONVILLE. Man and Woman Pack Five Boxes of Newtons in Forty Minutes.** [Special Dispatch to The Call] WATSONVILLE, Oct. 15.—Before a crowd which fairly jammed the immense Auditorium this morning, Mike Lazarich [Lazarevich] and Miss Alma Bradley, contestants at Watsonville’s apple annual, were officially declared the world’s champion apple packers.

“The awards were based upon points in speed, uniformity, alignment, bulge and height of the ends. Four tier Newtowns were used, and 40 minutes were given each contestant to pack five boxes. The judges were: J. E. Turner and C. E. Hotle of Sebastopol and C. E. Greison of Hood River, Ore., assistant editor of ‘Better Fruit.’

“The first prize was a gold watch for each of the victors and a silver watch was second prize. The women’s prizes were offered by the Pioneer roll paper company of Los Angeles, and the men’s prizes were given by the Northern California paper trade association of San Francisco.

“Miss Ida Stoffers was second with 101 and Miss Nellie Turney ranked third with 91. All three of the women were from the San Monte fruit company.

“In the men’s contest A. E. Metcalf of the San Monte company was second with 105½ points. Martin Prokurich [Prokuriza] of the Scurich company, tied with M. Jerinich for third place with 97 points.

“The other men contesting were: Manuel Rengol of MacDonald & Sons, William Bank [Buak] of Novacovich & Stolich, M. Scurich of Scurich & Makish [Mekis], Jack Resetar of Resetar Brothers, H. Sherman of Capitola and George Quinn of Fresno.

“There was an automobile parade on Main street...this afternoon. The gayly decorated machines were loudly applauded both in the slow march down Main street and the speed burst with which the parade was concluded on the return. The following automobile owners were represented: John H. Covell, H. C. Peckham, E. Stein-

hauser, M. Travers. Best decorated—R. W. Eaton, W. J. McGrath, Miss Helen Wilder, Daniel Regan, O. O. Eaton, Ole Christensen, Arthur Wilson, W. D. Gulick, Frank Brewington, Peter Storm, J. A. Phillips, Mrs. E. Cornell, Luke Scurich, James Rowe, W. H. White, M. N. Lettunich, H. S. Fletcher, F. L. W. McDonald, N. H. Lovering...

“This was Watsonville night and the men, women and children, who have been busy all week either with the details of the big display, entertaining visitors at home, or packing and shipping hundreds of cars of apples sent out as usual, have abandoned themselves to the festival spirit, and the auditorium, theaters, halls, park and streets were filled with merry makers. Noise, confetti and joviality were the gods of the occasion and they got due reverence...

“The big excursion from San Francisco and San Jose is due here tomorrow. A happy feature of the week’s entertainment has been the entire elimination of the criminal element, which usually follows these events. Sergeant McGowan and Patrolman Dan Collins of the San Francisco police department, Sheriff H. V. Trafton and the local police have kept the town free from all possible criminal practices...”

EP; 17 Oct 1910; article: “**Greatest Apple Show Ever Held in the World Closes until Next Year...** Saturday night and yesterday afternoon witnessed the closing scenes in the life of the 1910 Apple Annual. On Saturday evening the city was a blaze of bright color and was fairly throbbing with merriment and fun. The carnival spirit of the mardi gras ran high from one end of the city to the other and Main street was one mass of moving humanity from 6 o’clock on to midnight. Confetti was everywhere in the air, it filled the eyes, mouth, ears, hair of everyone on the street and was thrown as cheerfully and gaily as it was received. Horns, bells, rattles, drums and many other noise producers were utilized by young America in general to make matters as far from peaceful as possible.

“Over at the pavilion the band was giving a promenade concert as the carnival went on downtown and after the concert the audience present heard brief but telling speeches from Judge George E. Rowe of Grand Rapids, Michigan, President Otto D. Stoesser of the Apple Annual, Chairman J. E. Gardner and W. I. Newcomb of Sebastopol.

“Judge Rowe in his short address pronounced the Apple Annual the greatest fruit show in every respect that he had ever seen in his life. When one considers that Mr. Rowe has attended or judged fruit shows for many years that assertion bears considerable weight.

“Following the speech making at the pavilion the crowds adjourned to the opera house and Odd Fellows’ halls where dancing was enjoyed until past midnight.

“A pie eating contest enlivened matters somewhat at

the pavilion Saturday night. Laurier Vukich won the championship and \$5 by consuming a big apple pie in five minutes...Miss Velma Waugaman won the \$5 Coffee Club meal ticket by guessing within one ounce of the weight of the big pie exhibited by the Coffee Club and which was an exact fac-simile of the pie given Governor Gillett on Monday night. The pie weighed 51 pounds and 7 ounces..."

EP; 18 Oct 1910; article: "...Secretary Miss Anna Farlin of the Apple Annual association, who succeeded J. W. Kavanagh, is being assisted by Secretary Miss Penrod of the exhibits committee in the final closing up of the scoring of the exhibits and this heavy task will occupy the greater part of the week. The number, exhibitor, variety and score of each exhibit has to be properly entered and filed upon the association books and anyone deeming this a sinecure should witness the young ladies at work..."

EP; 18 Oct 1910; item: "Hermine A. Peckham to Peter Battinich—Lot 87, and northwest 15 feet of lot 85 Fuller's map, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 18 Oct 1910; item: "The case of John Rancovich [Roncevich], the Austrian fruit laborer, who some time ago was arrested for attempting to kill Cy R. Bardmess here, will come up before Justice A. B. Hawkins in the justice court tomorrow morning...Rancovich is out on \$1000 bonds on a charge of assault with intent to kill..."

EP; 19 Oct 1910; class. ad: "Notice, Girls! We want you at once to sort apples. Alaga Bros., 244 Walker Street."

EP; 19 Oct 1910; article: "[aldermen meeting]...The following building permits were issued: F. P. Marinovich, residence on Carr street, \$1500..."

Paj; 20 Oct 1910; item: "George Forenych of the California Restaurant...learned of the death in San Francisco...of Mate Arbrinich, one of his warmest friends..."

[only Slav names are given in the awards articles below]

Paj; 20 Oct 1910; article: "**Prizes on Five-Box Lots and Plate Exhibits.** Five Box Awards. Mixed varieties—First prize, 100, Gregory Alexich. Newtown Pippins—First prize, 99, M. N. Lettunich Co.; second prize, 99, Pista Bros. White Winter Pearmains—First prize, 97, P. Battinich. Red Pearmains—second prize, 97, P. Battinich Co. Black Twig—First prize, 82, J. Braycovich & Co. Winesap—First prize, 72, J. P. Braycovich & Co. Pajaro Valley Beauty—First prize, 92, Arbanas & Perovich. Northern Spy—First prize, 83, M. Grizich...[no Slavs won in the plate exhibit]"

Paj; 20 Oct 1910; article: "AWARDS ANNOUNCED

FOR TEN BOX LOTS...best ten boxes Winesaps, first prize gold medal to Lettunich Bros...best ten box exhibit of Red Pearmains, first gold medal to A. Scurich Co...best ten boxes of Lanford Seedlings, second silver medal to Frank Radovan...best ten boxes Missouri Pippins, first gold medal to M. N. Lettunich Co...best ten boxes of mixed varieties, first silver trophy cup offered by Adriatic Publishing Co. of San Francisco [won by non-Slav]..."

Paj; 20 Oct 1910; article: "AWARDS MADE FOR HUNDRED BOX LOTS. The sweepstakes prize for the best hundred-box lot in the Apple Annual exhibits was...awarded to Stephen Scurich on his exhibit of Bellefleurs...The other awards and the prizes are: best 100 boxes Red Pearmains, Zar Brothers, gold medal...second best mixed varieties, Frank Radovan, silver medal."

Paj; 20 Oct 1910; article: "ALAGA BROTHERS WIN SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE. Alaga Brothers from this city were...declared the winners of the sweepstakes prize by the Apple Annual exhibit judges, who were George E. Rowe of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Adolph Levy of San Francisco and George C. Roeding of Fresno. The mixed varieties displayed in the one-car exhibited by Alaga Brothers was judged the best in the show and the coveted award was so made. The car received 93 1/3 points..."

"...Best car of Newtown Pippins, M. N. Lettunich, 80 2/3...best car of Red Pearmains, L. P. Cikuth, 86 2/3...best car of Langford Seedlings, Frank Radovan, 82 1/3..."

EP; 20 Oct 1910; article: "The directors of the Apple Annual association held a busy adjourned session last night in the pavilion office and a volume of important business was transacted and many of the closing details of the big show cleaned up. Those present at the session were President Otto D. Stoesser, Directors J. H. Thompson, J. E. Gardner, Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich, E. A. Hall, E. Steinhauser, George W. Sill, J. A. Linscott, C. H. Rodgers and W. R. Porter, Messrs. T. M. Wright and O. A. W. Schuchard and Secretary Miss Anna Farlin..."

EP; 20 Oct 1910; article: "**Austrian...Alleged to Have Knifed Cy Bardmess, Is in Court.** The preliminary hearing of John Rancovich [Roncevich] on a felony charge of having attempted to kill C. R. Bardmess on Walker street in this city several weeks ago, opened...in justice court and the hearing of testimony for the prosecution will probably occupy the greater portion of the day...[T]he defendant is represented by Attorneys D. F. Maher and George W. Smith..."

"Dr. Watters gave brief testimony relative to the wound upon Bardmess, which he said was back of the left shoulder and which severed two branches of the auxiliary artery. The wound inflicted was nearly 4 inches in length and about an inch deep."

“Messrs. Hopkins and Bardmess followed Dr. Watters with detailed accounts of the fight in the sugar factory yards, which led up to the knifing. Both were positive that Rancovich was the knife wielder.

“...Rancovich was ordered held to answer before the superior court on a charge of attempt to murder and his bail was fixed at \$1000. The attorneys for the defense sought to have the charge reduced to one of assault with a deadly weapon but the motion was denied and the felony charge ordered to remain.”

EP; 20 Oct 1910; obit: “Near Watsonville, Oct. 20, 1910, Geo. T., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Jurkovich, a native of this valley, aged six years and 10 months.”

EP; 21 Oct 1910; item: “M. Colendich vs. Hunt, Hatch & Co.—Notice of judgment; findings and judgment for plaintiff; memorandum of costs and disbursements, \$15.15.”

EP; 21 Oct 1910; honor roll: Low 7th: Kate Knego; Low 5th: Katie Hubreta [Dubreta], John Strazicich, Lena Strazicich; Low 4th: Jennie Dubretta; High 3rd: Helen Strazicich; Low 3rd: Steve Marinovich; High 2nd: Emma Grizich, Nicholas Lutich, Katie Rilovich; Low 2nd: Annie Knego, Mark Rilovich, Kate Lutich, Katie Strazicich.

EP; 22 Oct 1910; ALL: Jovan Balj, S. T. Mialovich; foreign: Antun Benko.

EP; 22 Oct 1910; item: “W. Seip vs. Mike Cordich—Stipulation of dismissal.”

Pacific Rural Press; 22 Oct 1910 (Vol. 80, #17): “A SUGGESTION TO THE GROWERS. To the Editor: I was at Watsonville to the Apple Show and there was exhibited about 30 carloads of apples, as fine an exhibit as the State of California has ever produced. This is the first show of its kind held at Watsonville and no doubt is a forerunner of many to follow. The thing that impressed me most as a fruit grower was the loss of identity of the grower of Pajaro valley. Speaking in particular of the carload exhibits of which there were 16 full cars exhibited, the credit for the whole exhibit went entirely to the packing house who entered them. In the judging of these apples 75 points depended upon the quality of the fruit in the package. The remaining 25 points counted for the grade or sorting and packing of the fruit by the packer. By this method a packer might buy one small orchard or he might cull the largest orchard in the valley of one car of the best fruit and carry off the highest honor. The grower or growers represented in that car were absolutely unknown either to themselves or to the other packers in the valley. A suggestion that struck me most forcibly and one which would make it more competitive to the packer and more profitable to the grower would be this: Change

the entries so that each packer exhibiting a car of a single variety must secure his apples from at least ten different orchards and each grower’s name must be shown on the exhibit, thus the selecting of one orchard for a special car would be eliminated and those growers who by the excellence of their fruit were able to be included in this car would establish a reputation that would make their fruit more in demand by the other packers. Many of the growers in the large sections like the Pajaro valley are not packers and do not wish to be. The exhibiting of fruit at any affair of this kind demands both quality and skill in showing. The packing houses exhibiting fruit are not responsible for the quality of the fruit, but are responsible for the culling, grading and packing. By dividing the honors of the grower and the packer the maximum good of a show of this kind could be obtained.

“—Thos. R. Hanna, Martinez [Calif.].

“(Mr. Hanna is known to our readers as a man of wisdom in fruit affairs and his suggestions as to greater undertakings by the powers themselves in future expositions will no doubt be regarded as both timely and pertinent. Probably it may be necessary to provide premiums in different classes so that both the production and the trade can be properly recognized and encouraged.—Editor.)”

EP; 24 Oct 1910; item: “The Phil G. Sheehy Club met...at Freiermuth’s hall and there was an attendance of about thirty. Mr. Sheehy made the principal speech of the evening, in which he paid his respects to his Republican opponent. A committee, consisting of Attorney A. W. Sans, Attorney Geo. W. Smith, F. J. Bettencourt, B. F. Crews and Tim J. Horgan was appointed to boost Mr. Sheehy’s candidacy...”

EP; 25 Oct 1910; item: “Charlotte V. Day to Andrew N. Zufich—16.39 acres on Hihn road, north of Pringle; \$10.”

EP; 24 Oct 1910; article: “**THREATENED TO KILL. Mrs. Rose Balanac Seeks Protection From Divorced Husband.** Joseph Balanac, a cook, bartender and general laborer of this city, was arrested...on a complaint sworn to by Mrs. Rose Balanac [who said] he threatened to kill her. Mrs. Balanac has been divorced from the defendant for several years and when she secured her final decree she was given custody of a minor child, who is now 10 years old. Balanac has repeatedly tried to secure the child and last week it is alleged he threatened to kill his former wife unless she delivered the child to him before today (Monday). This Mrs. Balanac would not do and to protect herself she had her former husband arrested. Judge Hawkins informed Balanac of his rights and in default of \$2000 bonds, he was remanded to the city prison...[A] futile effort was made to secure the necessary bonds...[T]omorrow Balanac must either furnish the nec-

essary bond to keep the peace or show why he should not serve a six months' term in the county jail."

EP; 25 Oct 1910; item: "**Obeying Court Order Joe Balanac Leaves for Arizona.** Joseph Balanac, who was arrested...for threatening to kill his wife...was...released upon the filing of \$1000 bonds to keep the peace and upon condition that he immediately leave the State and remain away for six months. Balanac was unable to furnish \$2000 bonds, which would have allowed him to remain within the State, hence he secured three securities for a \$1000 bond and agreed to depart from California. His sureties on the bond are Andrew Strazicich, George Strazicich and N. Shocko [Skocko]..."

"Balanac's case is a peculiar one in local police annals. Heretofore persons have threatened the lives of others but have afterward been able to furnish the \$2000 bond. In Balanac's case he had a hard time even to secure \$1000. Constable John Corr accompanied Balanac to Pajaro, where the prisoner purchased a ticket to Bisbee, Arizona. Part of Balanac's agreement is that he must report en route to Corr from San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles, Yuma and Bisbee."

EP; 25 Oct 1910; item: "Miss Anna M. Farlin, acting secretary of the Apple Annual, was taken suddenly ill last evening with a severe attack of la grippe. Her many friends wish her a quick recovery."

EP; 26 Oct 1910; item: "Nicholas Lettunich of Santa Clara college is here today visiting friends and relatives and taking in the football game."

EP; 26 Oct 1910; obit: "Watsonville, Oct. 25, 1910, to the wife of Nick Lucich, a girl." [*birth reported in obits*]

Paj; 27 Oct 1910; born: "Watsonville, Oct. 25, 1910, to the wife of Nick Lucich, a girl." [*Mary; +1967; married Barker*]

Paj; 27 Oct 1910; item: "Matthew Grizich, the local shipper and packer, received a painful bite on the right leg...by an unknown dog, which leaped at him on lower Main street, while Grizich was passing on a bicycle..."

Paj; 27 Oct 1910; item: "Nicholas Cinich, an Austrian fruit laborer of this city...was the victim of a robbery last Thursday night in [San Jose] but clever work on the part of several San Jose police detectives has resulted in his stolen wealth being returned and the burglars being arrested. Cinich came to San Jose...and took a room at a Market street lodging house. Nick Carrea, a hanger-on at the place and a warm friend of the landlady, showed Cinich his room and under the pretense of having known him here in Watsonville managed to borrow \$5. Cinich in handing over the \$5 showed the rest of his \$50 to

Carrea, who waited until Cinich was asleep when he returned and stole the money. Carrea divided the loot with the landlady. The police were notified and Carrea and the landlady were finally arrested for the crime. Cinich received his money back..."

Paj; 27 Oct 1910; item: "Laurence Vukrich [Vukich], the local youngster, who was jailed in Salinas last week for stealing a bicycle, has been returned to his father in this city on the condition that the sum of \$2.50 be paid to the purchaser of the stolen wheel, which is the amount he paid the boy...The officers here are trying to find the boy's father, who is employed somewhere in the valley."

EP; 29 Oct 1910; item: "John Monkovich, a local Austrian laborer, was taken to the county hospital at Santa Cruz today by Frank Farlin, who was acting upon the instructions of the local officials. Monkovich, who is but 21 years of age, came here over a year ago from San Jose and has been employed since by local packers. While in San Jose he began to suffer severe coughing spells, which became more serious when he came to Watsonville. His cough gradually became worse until today he is slowly sinking into tuberculosis. He is without funds and it is believed that he may receive some relief at the hospital."

EP; 31 Oct 1910; item: "B. N. Trobock, George Gannini and John Campodonica, well known San Francisco commission merchants, are here today on business bent."

EP; 31 Oct 1910; honor roll: [Railroad district school] Mitchell Battinich.

EP; 1 Nov 1910; item: "Colendich vs. Hunt, Hatch & Co.—Hearing of defendant's motion to strike out and tax plaintiff's cost bill; both sides given five days in which to furnish authorities."

EP; 1 Nov 1910; item: "Ira E. Fenton of this city has rented the Lyric theatre for next week...[and] will show his motion pictures of the great industrial parade here during the Apple Annual, the button girls at work and four other moving pictures of the highest class. All those seeing Mr. Fenton's famous industrial picture will know the class of the pictures to be shown next week when it is said that they are clearer and even better than were the pictures of the apple industry."

EP; 1 Nov 1910; item: "Miss Anna Farlin, who has been quite ill for several days past, has improved and is rapidly convalescing."

EP; 1 Nov 1910; born: "Watsonville, Nov. 1, 1910, to the wife of Mike Resetar, a son." [*Anthony; +2002; see Fig. next page*]

Fig. 3-59.
Anthony "Tony" Resetar.



EP; 3 Nov 1910; item: "Campaign addresses were made at Corralitos last night by Hon. J. B. Maher, W. A. Horton, Dr. S. C. Rodgers and P. G. Sheehy. George W. Smith presided at the meeting which was fairly well attended."

EP; 4 Nov 1910; article: "The Commercial League and the Apple Annual will not be amalgamated. At least there is not much likelihood of these two big commercial bodies merging into one big association at any very early date if at all. The directors of the Commercial League, who met in regular monthly session last night at the pavilion, talked the proposed amalgamation over and President Edward A. Hall appeared to be almost alone in favor of the union. J. E. Gardner and Otto D. Stoesser opposed the union.

"The matter was finally shelved and while no definite action was taken upon the matter of consolidation it would doubtless have been voted down last night if a vote had been taken.

"President Hall broached the subject of consolidation shortly after the meeting had been convened. He said there was not room in this city for two commercial organizations and as the Apple Annual was the strongest body he favored the coalition of the league with the Apple Annual, Director W. H. Benteen seconded the sentiments expressed by Mr. Hall and said experience had taught the lesson of the uselessness of two commercial bodies here.

"Director Gardner was directly opposed to the union. The Apple Annual is an incorporated body and to take up the league work would be going beyond the purpose specified in the articles of incorporation and technically the union would not be legal, he said in arguing that the amalgamation would be illegal. He said the union would overload the Apple Annual until its usefulness would be seriously impaired. The two bodies if separate could work well together and he favored the two mutually agreeing upon a way to divide the expense of publicity and clerical work between the various annual apple shows.

"Director Stoesser said Gardner's sentiments were his also. He said the Commercial League should increase its membership and he could see no reason why that body should not have 400 members. He believed that the issue before the Commercial League was not amalgamation, but more members. Shortly after Stoesser's talk the discussion was dropped...

"Those present last night were President E. A. Hall, Secretary C. G. Redman and Directors J. W. Baxter, Chas. Smith, Stephen Scurich, J. E. Gardner, O. D. Stoesser, E. Steinhauser, W. H. Benteen, Tom Canty and A. W. Cox."

EP; 4 Nov 1910; item: "People vs. John Roncevich—Information for felony, to-wit, assault with intent to commit murder."

EP; 8 Nov 1910; item: "People vs. John Roncevich [Roncevich]—Transcript of preliminary examination."

EP; 8 Nov 1910; item: "Colendich vs. Hunt, Hatch & Co.—Motion to tax costs to plaintiff taken under advisement."

EP; 9 Nov 1910; item: "William Zimich has returned from a business visit to Oakland."

EP; 10 Nov 1910; item: "John Rancovich [Roncevich], who was arrested here several weeks ago on a charge of attempting to kill C. R. Bardmess of this city, will plead in the superior court at Santa Cruz tomorrow morning...His plea will be not guilty. Attorneys D. F. Maher and George W. Smith of this city will represent Rancovich."

EP; 11 Nov 1910; item: "The Central Grocery Company have just put in nearly a carload of new bacons, hams and shoulders, and a ton or so of salami. Get it while it's fresh and cheap."

EP; 12 Nov 1910; item: "People vs. John Rancovich [Roncevich]—Notice to set aside information."

EP; 15 Nov 1910; article: "The Apple Annual directors held a special adjourned session...in the pavilion and while the meeting was not an extended one yet much business was transacted. Those present were President O. D. Stoesser, Secretary C. G. Redman, Financial Secretary T. M. Wright and Directors Luke Scurich, E. Steinhauser, A. W. Cox, J. A. Linscott, W. R. Porter, Mateo Lettunich and R. H. Goodchild..."

EP; 16 Nov 1910; honor roll: Low 7th: Ellen Balovich, Kate Knego; Low 6th: Antonio Scurich; High 5th: Willie Marinovich; Low 5th: Lena Strazicich, John Strazicich; Low 4th: Helen Strazicich; High 3rd: Steve Marinovich, Anna Balanac; Low 4th: Jennie Dubretta; Low 3rd: Nicholas Lutich; Low 2nd: John Cordich, Katie Lutich, Katie Strazicich.

EP; 16 Nov 1910; item: "The 3000 mark in the local apple shipments was passed last evening when the total output for the season up to date was found to reach the

sum of 3020 cars...[A]ready this season there have been 149 more cars shipped out than were sent out all last season...Since the season opener on August 12th...and as there have been 83 working days since that time the average daily number of cars sent out this season has been over 46...There are still about 450 cars of apples to be shipped from Watsonville and the 4000 mark for Pajaro Valley will not be difficult to reach this year.”

EP; 17 Nov 1910; item: “Geo. D. Bagnall et ux. to Andrew Zar—Lot 50x100 at east corner Brennan and Callaghan streets, Watsonville; \$10.”

Paj; 17 Nov 1910; item: “A. T. Sandbo, the proprietor of the Third street restaurant has sold that place to Messrs. M. Ceo and A. Stolich...”

EP; 19 Nov 1910; item: “Yesterday afternoon, in the superior court at Santa Cruz, John Rancovich [Roncevich], accused of assault in this city a few weeks ago with a deadly weapon on the person of Cyrus Bardmess, pled not guilty, and his case was set for trial on Dec. 14th...”

EP; 19 Nov 1910; ALL: Andrew Jovovich, Savo N. Vucurovich, John Minuk, Mato Vukasovich.

EP; 19 Nov 1910; item: “People vs. John Rancovich [Roncevich]—Demurrer to information overruled; set for trial Dec. 14.”

EP; 21 Nov 1910; item: “Luke Scurich is a Santa Cruz visitor today on grand jury duty.”

EP; 22 Nov 1910; item: “**Edward White of Watsonville Will Be Foreman of Official Body of Considerable Power.** Yesterday the grand jury was drawn in the superior court as follows: ...L. Scurich...[of 19]”

EP; 23 Nov 1910; item: “[a petition asking for improvements to the public water supply; signed by:] ...T. B. Lettunich...Mateo Lettunich...Luke Scurich...James Secondo...Stephen Scurich...L. P. Lettunich...” *[there was no L. P. Lettunich; maybe L. P. Cikuth]*

Paj; 24 Nov 1910; item: “Paul Dubroga [prob. Dubretta], a young primary school pupil, who lives on Rodriguez street near Front, suffered a bad fracture of his left arm above the elbow... the result of a fall from a moving hay truck. Young Dubroga and several companions were coming from school at noon when the Dubroga boy thought he would ride down the street on a passing hay truck. Instead of clambering aboard from the rear the lad jumped on from the side and in some manner fell off upon the ground. Before he could arise one of the rear wheels had passed over his left arm and the limb was broken...”

EP; 25 Nov 1910; item: “Nick M. Lettunich, Charles McSherry, Steve White and John Sheehy were here yesterday from Santa Clara college to visit relatives.”

EP; 25 Nov 1910; item: “Agreement of sale of apple crop—Joaquin Lewis to J. Heprich [Hrepich] & Co.”

Paj; 1 Dec 1910; item: “The fruit packing firm of John Rajla [Relja] and P. Milicich has purchased the apple crop of the Joe F. Mattos orchard in Hazel Dell district for the season of 1911.”

EP; 1 Dec 1910; item: “Estate of Antonio Radovich, deceased—Order confirming sale of a real and personal property.”

EP; 1 Dec 1910; item: “Steve Strazicich vs. James Alva Watt and Priscilla Wells—Summons.”

EP; 1 Dec 1910; item: “People vs. Rancovich [Roncevich]—Order for special venire of 20 jurors for Dec. 14.”

Paj; 1 Dec 1910; article: “DIPHThERIA CASES NOW NUMBER FOUR. Three residences in the city are now under quarantine as the result of the prevalence of diphtheria...[T]he residence of Luke Scurich on Alexander...[was] quarantined early this morning by Chief of Police Albright...The [other] children have but a slight attack but the Scurich boy has a serious one...”

Paj; 1 Dec 1910; item: “Mrs. Josephine Strazicich is out on bail pending the hearing of a charge of disturbing the peace, which has been lodged against her by Mrs. Antonia Sersen. The two women live on Walker street, opposite the depot and the charge is the result of a fight which the two are alleged to have had over their mutual rights to a certain wash room on the premises. Constable J. H. Corr made the arrest. The date of the trial has not yet been set by Judge Hawkins.”

EP; 2 Dec 1910; item: “Estate of Antonio Radovich—Notice to creditors.”

EP; 2 Dec 1910; item: “Emma L. Kuhlitz et als, to Anton Kralj—Lot 2, block 6, assessor’s map, Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 3 Dec 1910; item: “The Companions of the Forest met...in Forester’s hall and, after transacting the regular business of the evening, elected the following officers for the ensuing term, and who will be installed at the first meeting in January: ...Miss Katie Balovich, right guide...Frances Nirich, outside guard...”

EP; 3 Dec 1910; ALL: Pet Majkovich, Gjorgio Arnerich, John Jeancivich and Co., Lavo Vucivivich Nikolin.

EP; 5 Dec 1910; item: “People vs. John Roncevich—Renewal of motion for a drawn jury; submitted and taken under advisement.”

EP; 5 Dec 1910; married: “Santa Cruz, Dec. 3, 1910, by Judge W. M. Gardner, Mrs. Katherine Gospodnetich, of Watsonville and Stephen Kucher of Watsonville.”

EP; 6 Dec 1910; item: “S. Scurich is going to have erected on the Grant avenue property he recently purchased from Mrs. Petersen, six modern cottages. He will likely file an application to that effect with the aldermen this evening.”

EP; 7 Dec 1910; article: “[aldermen meeting]...Three building permits as follows were granted: ...Stephen Scurich, five cottages on Grant avenue, \$3000...”

EP; 8 Dec 1910; item: “The following officers of Watsonville Aerie, No. 72, F.O.E. were elected at last night’s meeting, and they will be installed shortly after Jan. 1st: ...vice president, Geo. W. Smith...”

EP; 8 Dec 1910; item: “People vs. John Roncevich—Jury drawn returnable on December 14th.”

EP; 8 Dec 1910; item: “Miss Anna M. Farlin has returned from a visit to Santa Cruz.”

Paj; 8 Dec 1910; marriage: “...Mrs. Katherine Gospodnetich, a well known resident of this city, and Mr. Stephen Kucher, a prominent local fruit packer, were united in marriage at Santa Cruz, by Judge W. M. Gardner...The couple departed after the ceremony for a honeymoon trip to Los Angeles and later will return to reside in San Francisco...The bride is a cousin of Attorney George W. Smith of this city...She possesses large property interests in Arizona...”

EP; 9 Dec 1910; item: “Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Claim of W. R. Congdon for \$25 allowed.”

EP; 9 Dec. 1910; item: “R. P. Quinn, whose trial comes up next month in the superior court for the alleged obtaining of money under false pretenses...secured the necessary bondsmen after J. P. Nugent, one of his former bondsmen had withdrawn. The new bondsmen, who qualified for \$400 each are W. J. McGrath, W. F. Palmtag, G. W. Sill, Louis R. Farlin, F. W. Johnson and J. J. Sheehy.”

EP; 10 Dec. 1910; item: “Edgar A. Ball, director of the Ladies’ Concert Band of this city, was...serenaded by his pupils at his Brennan street home...Music, refreshments and other amusements whiled away the evening hours and the guests departed at a late hour after pronouncing

Mr. and Mrs. Ball the best of hosts. Those present at the affair were...Carmel Mortizia...”

EP; 10 Dec. 1910; ALL: Yack Loutich, Anton Rajicevich, Josep Vikolich; foreign: Anton Valjalo.

EP; 13 Dec. 1910; item: “Attorney James A. Hall of this city representing Antone Scurich, has moved for a re-hearing in the superior court of the famous suit of Scurich vs. Ryan, a suit involving an important sum in damages...Recently the appellate court rendered a decision to the effect that no decision could be rendered until the case had been tried again.”

EP; 14 Dec. 1910; item: “Miss Marion Zar is in San Jose on a visit to friends.”

EP; 14 Dec. 1910; item: “The trial of John Rancovich [Roncevich] of this city, who is charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Cy R. Bardmess of this city, began this morning in the superior court at Santa Cruz. Today will likely see the jury secured and empanelled and the taking of testimony will probably commence tomorrow...”

EP; 15 Dec. 1910; item: “People vs. Rancovich [Roncevich]—Trial commenced before jury.”

EP; 15 Dec. 1910; item: “Ceo and Stolich, the Third street restaurateurs offer the best short orders and 15-cent meals in town. Trial will prove convincing.”

EP; 16 Dec. 1910; disp. ad: “List of Members of the Commercial League, November 30, 1910...California Restaurant, Open Day and Night...Stephen Scurich—Fruit Packer and Shipper...”

EP; 16 Dec. 1910; honor roll: Low 7th: Ellen Balovich, Lena Rilovich, Kate Knego; High 5th: Willie Marinovich; Low 5th: John Strazicich; Low 4th: Helen Strazicich, Jennie Dubretta; High 3rd: Steve Marinovich, Anna Balanac; Low 3rd: Nicholas Lutich; High 2nd: Emma Grizich; Low 2nd: Katie Lutich, Katie Strazicich.

EP; 16 Dec. 1910; item: “Lease—W. B. Humpreville et ux to Andrew Miletak—36 acres known as Sunnyside ranch for 2 years, \$500.”

EP; 16 Dec. 1910; item: “(Special to ‘Pajaronian.’) Santa Cruz, Dec. 16.—Taking of evidence in the case of the People vs. John Rancovich [Roncevich], the Watsonvillean charged with assault with a deadly weapon on the person of C. R. Bardmess of that city, concluded this afternoon...A verdict is expected this evening.”

EP; 20 Dec 1910; honor roll: [Railroad school] Pete Battinich, Mitchell Battinich.

EP; 21 Dec 1910; article: “[aldermen meeting]...The following building permits were granted: Andrew Zar, cottage at Brennan and Callaghan streets, \$1800...”

EP; 21 Dec 1910; item: “Emma L. Kuhlitz to Steve Novak—Lot 22, R. P. Quinn’s addition; \$10.”

EP; 21 Dec 1910; item: “Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich left today to spend the Xmas season with relatives in San Francisco.”

EP; 21 Dec 1910; item: “George Pulich, a well known local apple shipper, has gone to Stockton to spend the holiday season with his mother.”

Paj; 22 Dec 1910; item: “Mitchell Kalich was raising too much noise around the depot last night to suit the peaceful denizens of that vicinity so Officer Devine was called down there to quiet the obstreperous one, who was hauled to the cooler after a rough and tumble tussle. This morning the battling giant of the depot country could not come back strong enough to be released without first planking down the sum of \$7, which Police Judge Bridgewater assessed him.”

Paj; 22 Dec 1910; article: “**Local Austrian Is Cleared...** John Rancovich [Roncevich], the local Austrian resident, who has been on trial in the superior court at Santa Cruz before a jury for the past four days, was this morning given his freedom after the jury had rendered a verdict of ‘not guilty.’ The Rancovich case had been bitterly fought since last Wednesday morning and the conflicting evidence in the case was one of the features. Most of yesterday was consumed in argument by Attorneys Smith and Maher and this morning District Attorney Knight gave his concluding argument, which lasted for over an hour. The jury then retired and returned about one and a half hours later with the verdict of acquittal...”

EP; 25 Dec 1910; article: “One of the biggest membership campaigns yet attempted in this valley will open here tomorrow when seven committees which have just been appointed by President E. A. Hall of the Commercial League, will canvass every part of the city and valley in an endeavor to gain new members for the Commercial League...The campaign will be conducted upon a systematic basis and will be three days in duration at least[,] ending on Saturday evening in a blaze of glory with the big New Year’s eve ball to be held at the pavilion...The committees chosen by President Hall...are as follows: ...Mud Flat and First Ward: Stephen Scurich, Otto D. Stoesser, F. P. Krough...”

EP; 28 Dec 1910; obit: “Watsonville, December 27, 1910, Sparso Bozich, a native of Austria, aged 37 years, 11 months, 17 days.”

EP; 28 Dec 1910; obit: “Sparso Bozich, a well known laborer of this city, passed away late yesterday afternoon following a long illness due to consumption. Death came at the home at 414 Second street in this city. The deceased was a native of Austria...He had resided here in Watsonville for several years and had been prominently engaged in the fruit industry. He was a leading member of a local Austrian society. The remains were shipped this morning to San Francisco for interment in that city this afternoon.”

EP; 29 Dec 1910; article: “...The members of the grand reception committee [of the Commercial League], who are to see that everybody enjoys himself or herself are as follows: ...Mateo Lettunich, Luke Scurich...”

EP; 30 Dec 1910; item: “Stephen Scurich et ux. to Lucy Bakich—Lot 100x82 feet 6 inches in Watsonville; also right of way, reserving right of way; and \$10.”

EP; 31 Dec 1910; ALL: Savo Cuckovich, J. A. Gerish, Milan Perovich, Ivan Pertrov; foreign: Paul Sabadin.

EP; 31 Dec 1910; article: “The granting of 34 saloon licenses for the new year was the leading feature of a brief session held last night of the mayor and board of aldermen, all of the municipal fathers being present at the meeting. There were no new licenses granted nor were there any old ones rescinded but every saloon now in business was given the privilege of conducting its business for another year at least unless confictions with the law cause the license to be rescinded. The list of licenses granted...is as follows: Miller and Leddy, Sliter and McGlashan, John P. Knudsen, Andrew Schopp, P. H. Rudebeck, B. C. Harlan, John A. Anderson, W. J. Heckard, J. Bottini, Manuel S. Machado, Castro and Cota, Hrepich and Wells, S. S. Hildreth, City Grocery company, A. Faustino, M. G. Batata, J. M. Ryason, Campbell and Welbert, Ceschi and Petronovich, Frank J. Bettencourt, Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company, E. E. Fritz, S. Strazicich, Frank Farlin, J. S. Balthazar, Central Grocery Company, Noble M. Lovering, R. Delholm, George A. Shepherd, Christensen and Mann, A. J. Mattos, A. Riboni, K. Kitaji and J. B. Labas.”

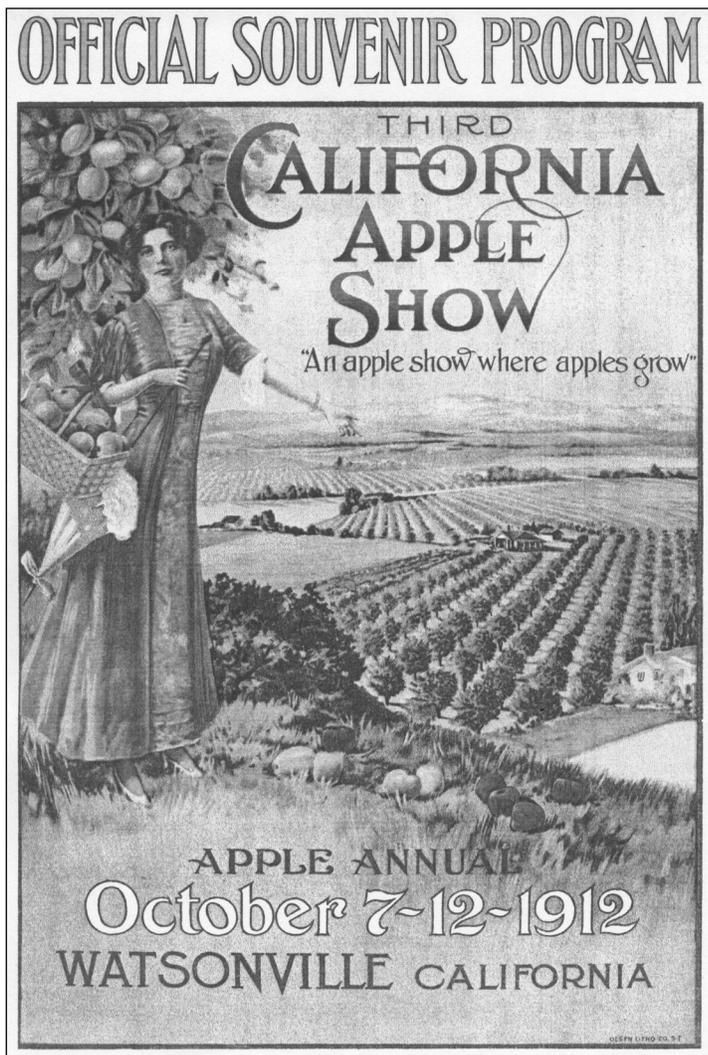


Fig. 4-1. The years of the first Apple Annuals (1910-1914) were in the middle of a "Golden Era" for the Slavs in Watsonville. Throughout these events and continuing on to the end of WWI, they were able to demonstrate their leadership and influence and, as a result, gained much respect within the community.

Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich and M. N. Lettunich were on the board of directors of the Apple Annual. The Alaga Brothers won the Sweepstakes Prize 3 years running. Anna Farlin (sister-in-law of Mateo Lettunich) was the assistant secretary for the first 3 years, and secretary for the 4th year of the event. Anna was also secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Anna Farlin was the model for this souvenir program cover (left) and poster of the 1912 Apple Annual (see entries for 11 April and 3 Aug. 1912). In 1915 she married Otto D. Stoesser, the Director of the Apple Annual.

meeting of the Apple Annual directors held at the pavilion. It is planned to make next Monday night a gala occasion and every stockholder of the association and local officials and others have been invited to attend the banquet and smoker. Luke Scurich and J. A. Linscott were last night appointed to assist Messrs. O. D. Stoesser, J. E. Gardner, C. H. Rodgers, George W. Sill and A. W. Cox in arranging for the event. The meeting will be held in the Woman's club room at the pavilion...

"Those present at last night's session were President O. D. Stoesser, Directors J. A. Linscott, R. H. Goodchild, W. H. Benteen, Luke Scurich and J. H. Thompson, Secretary C. G. Redman, Financial Secretary T. M. Wright and F. L. W. MacDonald."

EP; 4 Jan 1911; item: "Edward G. White, Jr., Stephen White, Nicholas M. Lettunich and Chas. McSherry left today for Santa Clara College to resume their studies."

EP; 4 Jan 1911; disp. ad:

A
NO. 1
Horse Bean Seed
Central Grocery Co.
Cor. Main and Central Ave.

Paj; 5 Jan 1911; item: "Luke Pulich, a local packer, has purchased from George Tuck a lot on Rodriguez street near Ford, for packing house purposes."

EP; 5 Jan 1911; article: "**Apple Annual Association Members to Whoop Things Up at Big Meeting...** Messrs. O. D. Stoesser, J. E. Gardner, G. W. Sill, A. W. Cox, C. H. Rodgers, Luke Scurich and J. A. Linscott, who compose the committee in charge of next Monday

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EP; 4 Jan 1911; item: "George Tuck to Luke Pulich—Lot 35 feet 6 inches by 121 feet On Rodriguez St., Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 4 Jan 1911; disp. ad:

U
CAN GET
TURKEY
DAY OR NIGHT AT THE
California Restaurant
FRESH RANCH EGGS
only
SERVED HERE.
HREPICH & WELLS, Prop.

EP; 4 Jan 1911; article: "Plans for the big annual stock holders' meeting to be held at the pavilion next Monday night and ways and means toward the collection of \$440 in unpaid stock subscriptions were the main matters taken up for consideration last night at the regular monthly

night's affair, are outlining plans now for the event and the annual meeting promises to be a huge success. The annual election of directors and other officers and other business will be conducted at the pavilion but the place for the banquet to follow has not yet been selected although several places are in view. Plans for the 1911 Apple Annual will be discussed and the meeting will be one long remembered by those in attendance."



Fig. 4-2. Ad in 5 Jan. 1911 *Evening Pajaronian*.

Paj; 5 Jan 1911; ALL: Savo Cuckovich, J. A. Gerish [prob. Gurash], Nikola Medar, Milan Perovich, Ivan Petrov; foreign: Paul Sabadin.

EP; 6 Jan 1911; item: "Attorney George W. Smith is in Salinas today on legal business."

EP; 6 Jan 1911; item: "M. N. Lettunich has returned from a business visit to San Francisco."

EP; 7 Jan 1911; article: "**JOINT INSTALLATION. Foresters and Companions Enjoy Ceremony and Aftermath.**...The new officers of the companions are: ...Katherine Balovich, right guard...Mrs. Nirich, outside guard..."

EP; 7 Jan 1911; board of supervisors, payments: "...County Fund: ...Millicich, Bozo, witness fees: \$7; Mioceovich, P. N., wit fees: \$7; Miracevich, Chris, wit fees: \$2.70; Mirko, V. witness fees: \$7...Scurich, Luke, grand jury fees: \$15...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Chukovich R. S., labor: \$2...Drobaz, Mitchell, labor: \$21.70..."

EP; 7 Jan 1911; ALL: Soko M. Miloceovich, Mrs. K. Skampavia. Foreign: Pitar Vlastelica.

EP; 10 Jan 1911; article: "APPLE ANNUALITES IN ANNUAL SESSION. Hurrah for 1910 and its great Apple Annual and three hurrahs and a tiger to boot for the greater and grander Apple Annual in 1911. This was the keynote so enthusiastically personified at the annual meeting held last night at the municipal pavilion and later at the I.O.O.F. hall of the members of the Watsonville Apple Annual association...Pure enthusiasm of the undiluted variety was uncorked last night throughout the busy session, which lasted five hours and which was attended by nearly three score and ten business men of

the city and valley and of outside cities and vales. Unselfish pride in the success achieved by the 1910 apple show and bright, crimson hope for greater attainment in 1911 were expressed on all sides by every speaker...

"...Agrarian pursuits were not represented alone. Conservative business rubbed elbows with the legal bar, the humble vocation of the rural life mixed readily with the throbbing life of the city, public officials met private citizens and so the list goes on. Almost every profession and vocation commonly known was represented at the gathering and all united on one common plane and gathered together for one united purpose, the boosting of the Apple Annual in 1911 particularly, and the boosting of apple shows in years to come as well...Other session have been held here for purposes almost similar but none aroused as strong enthusiasm as did last evening's assembly..."

"Those present at the session were...Luke Scurich, H. [M.] N. Cosulich, editor of the Austrian 'Jadran' of San Francisco...Mateo Lettunich...Peter Alaga..."

"The meeting was opened in the Woman's club room at the pavilion with President Otto D. Stoesser as chairman. Upon roll call 3445 shares of stock were represented by proxy or by person..."

"The following were elected without opposition: Otto D. Stoesser, A. W. Cox, Mateo Lettunich, Henry C. Peckham, Luke Scurich, E. Steinhauser, George W. Sill, W. R. Porter, C. H. Rodgers, E. A. Hall, J. A. Linscott, R. H. Goodchild, F. A. Hihn, J. E. Gardner and J. H. Thompson..."

EP; 10 Jan 1911; item: "H. [M.] N. Cosulich, managing editor of the 'Jadran,' the Croatian newspaper, is here today from San Francisco." [*Jadran = Adriatic, in Croatian*]

EP; 10 Jan 1911; article: "**EXPLAINS MEANING OF WORD CROTIAN [sic]. President and Publisher of 'Jadran' Makes Clear a Distinction Between Peoples of Austria.**"

"Watsonville, Cal., Jan. 10, 1911. To the Editor of the Evening 'Pajaronian.'

"Dear Sir:

"Knowing your worthy publication stands first and above all things for enlightenment of your readers, for the progress and harmony of people of Watsonville, I believe that you will do me the honor of inserting the following paper:

"Last evening, or to be correct, this morning, while returning from a sumptuous feast given by the Apple Annual association of this city, and to which I was honored in being invited by the energetic president of the association, I walked behind two gentlemen both of whom I have seen on several occasions but have never had the pleasure of making their acquaintance.

"The eldest, a gentleman over whose brow 50 sum-

mers have passed, inquired of his younger companion, a young man about 30 years of age, 'Who are the Croations [*sic*] anyway? I heard the toastmaster, Mr. Gardner, introduce that man from the city as the publisher of the Croation [*sic*] newspaper.'

"The young man readily answered in the expressive western vernacular, 'Search me.'

"Just at the moment we were nearing a corner and our places of repose which took us to opposite directions.

"As a representative Croation [*sic*] I feel it my duty and in fact owe it to our people to enlighten the citizens of Pajaro valley, in that which these two men, through no fault of their own, did not know.

"Croations [*sic*] are one of the Slavonic nationalities ruled and governed by the Austro-Hungarian Empire, but due to the subjugation of the mentioned government of Croatian people, and the lack of public schools in the years gone by, to the strong suppression of everything Croatian by the Austrian government, many of our people left home without knowing their real nationality, as it meant incarceration and oftentimes worst to assert it.

"Young men serving (compulsory) in army or navy, were prohibited by most stringent military rules from ever referring to the Croatians as of a nationality—they being simply Austro-Hungarian subjects.

"So in coming to America men whose ancestors for nearly 16 centuries had been Croatians by language and nationality, not knowing any better simply took the race as a nationality called themselves Slavonians, or accepted the term forced upon them by their oppressors and called themselves Austrians. However, recent years have brought great changes for the better in the Croatian provinces namely: Croatia, Slavonia [*sic*], Istria and Dalmacia.

"Croatian schools are springing up throughout our fatherland thanks to the untiring efforts of unflinching workers and patriots in the named provinces, even though the government does not support all of them. Every mother's son, as soon as he learns to speak, knows his nationality and asserts it. Therefore, the time is not far off when our people will pride themselves in being known by that which they are: Croatians and nothing else.

"In conclusion, I most heartily approve, in fact to urge Croatians to become American citizens, whenever possible, and by doing so they can be just as true to their ancestry and mother tongue. —M. N. COSULICH."

EP; 11 Jan 1911; article: "PROTESTS ON FILE AGAINST EXTENSION. The John T. Porter company and 57 other property owners of this city affected by the proposed extension of Central Avenue between Main and Rodriguez streets, have filed their objections to said opening with City Clerk Coffman in two separate petitions. The two documents cover the same points of objection, which are that the assessments are excessive and unreasonable, that the public interest and convenience does not demand the street extension and that the

price offered Carl Rappe is too exorbitant...The list of objectors has the following signatures: Luke Scurich...S. Janich, J. and M. Secondo...Mateo Lettunich...[of 55]"

EP; 12 Jan 1911; article: "**Enlargement of Local Railroad Yards, New Depot at Aromas and Other Improvements.** The construction of a new two-story railroad depot at Aromas, the enlargement of the trackage in the local railroad yards, the building of annexes to the depot here and the possible installation of a triple track system on Walker street (where the S.P. Co. has no legal franchise for even a single broad gauge track) in this city are some of the big improvements promised for the Pajaro valley before the opening of the 1911 fruit season, according to statements made this morning to local citizens by Thomas Ahearn, superintendent of the coast division for the Southern Pacific..."

"The statements above were made this morning to a delegation of local interested parties, which included Agent R. H. Davis, Boss Alderman T. J. Horgan, City Engineer H. B. Kitchen and M. N. Lettunich..."

"Mr. Lettunich interviewed Ahern on behalf of the growers and shippers of Aromas relative to the new depot and the superintendent stated that plans had already been drawn for the two-story building and that construction of the same would commence at an early date..."

EP; 12 Jan 1911; item: "Nick V. Lettunich, one of the leading fruit packers of this city, is at Byron Hot Springs, partaking of the waters there for liver and stomach troubles."

EP; 14 Jan 1911; class. ad: "FOUND—Estray. A large colt came to my place. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges. N. Lucich, R.F.D. No. 1. McCarty place."

EP; 14 Jan 1911; item: "Steve Strazicich, the well known restaurant man, is confined to his bed with a severe attack of rheumatism."

EP; 16 Jan 1911; married: "Frank [*sic* Martin] Franich of this city and Miss Lucy Braino [Brailo] also of this city were united in the bonds of holy matrimony... yesterday afternoon...at St. Patrick's church. The wedding was a quiet affair and was attended only by several of the immediate relatives and most intimate friends of the contracting parties. John Franich, a brother of the groom, officiated as best man and Mary P. Stolich was the bridesmaid. They left in the afternoon for a honeymoon trip to San Francisco. Both Mr. Franich and his bride are well known in this city, Mr. Franich being a prominent fruit shipper here. Their many friends extend their congratulations and best wishes." [see Fig. next page]

Paj; 19 Jan 1911; married: "Watsonville January 15,

1910...Frank [*sic* Martin] Franich and Miss Lucy Braino [Brailo] both of Watsonville.”



Fig. 4-3.
Martin Franich
(1887-1972),
Lucy Brailo
(1893-1979).

EP; 19 Jan 1911; item: “The City Grocery company publishes the guarantee of the manufacturers as to the purity and strength of Ortho Lime-Sulfur Solution. The store handles it...”

EP; 19 Jan 1911; item: “The California restaurant has established a new and higher reputation for service at private parties, banquets, etc. Give them an order.”

EP; 19 Jan 1911; marriage: “**Former Watsonvillean to Wed Next Sunday in San Francisco.** Gregory Alexich of Salinas, but formerly of Watsonville, a well known apple buyer, and Miss Angelina Gregovich, a popular young lady of the metropolis, are to be united in marriage. The ceremony will be performed...in Trinity Orthodox church, Green street and Van Ness avenue, and will be followed by a banquet...in the Dante restaurant, 536 Broadway.”

EP; 19 Jan 1911; honor roll: High 5th: John Strazicich, Lena Strazicich; High 4th: Helen Strazicich, Jennie Dubretta; Low 4th: Steve Marinovch; High 3rd: Nicholas Lutich; Low 3rd: Emma Grizich; High 2nd: Katie Lutich, Katie Strazicich, Annie Knego, Mark Rilovich; High 1st: Nellie Puheira [Puhiera].

EP; 21 Jan 1911; item: “At a recent meeting held of Sokol, the local Croatian society, the following newly elected officers were installed by Past President P. J. Carevich: President, N. V. Lettunich; vice president, Peter Resetar; recording secretary, Nick Stolich; financial secretary, Stephen Grizich; treasurer, Stephen Scurich; chaplain, Anton Vukich; marshal, Nicholas Radimir; inside guard, Anton Kalasfatovich [Kalafatovich]; board of trustees, John Scurich, John Hrepich, Tom Zegar; committee on the sick, B. Barovinich [Borovinich], V. Lister, L. Kuslich. The following new brothers were initiated: Peter Skocko, M. V. Pista, Anton Braica, Mike Stolich, Blas Pista, Nick Ucovich, John Sapro, Joseph Kulis, John Matkovich, John Kusilizar.”

EP; 21 Jan 1911; ALL: Annie Barnich. Foreign: Nikola Andjelic, Bick Stjepovich.

EP; 21 Jan 1911; promotions by exam: From Low 8th to High 8th: James Hrepich; High 7th to Low 8th: Florence Smith; Low 7th to High 7th: Katie Rilovich, Ellen Balovich; low to high 6th: John Buak, Lewis Lettunich; from High 6th: Antonio Scurich; to Low 6th: Katie Dubreta, Willie Marinovich; Low 4th to High 4th: Tony Grizich, Nicolas Balanac; High 3rd to Low 4th: Anna Balanac; to High 3rd: Katie Rilovich, Chris Rilovich; to Low 3rd: John Eggia, Martin Rilovich; Low 2nd to High 2nd: John Cordich; to Low 2nd: Nick Castrapelli; High 1st to Low 2nd: John Castrapelli.

EP; 24 Jan 1911; article: “**Same Staff of Officers Re-elected by Directors of Local Apple Annual Show.** The reorganization of the new board and the selection of October 9–14 as the 1911 Apple Annual dates were the main items of business taken up last night by the board of directors of the Apple Annual association which convened in regular session at the Pavilion. The inclemency of the weather did not deter a quorum from being present and those on hand were President O. D. Stoesser, Vice President A. W. Cox, Secretaries C. G. Redman and T. M. Wright and Directors Geo. W. Sill, Mateo Lettunich, J. E. Gardner, E. Steinhauser, J. A. Linscott, Luke Scurich and H. C. Peckham.

“The organization of the board for the new year was first effected with the result that no changes were made and the old officers were re-elected...”

“The local exhibit at the Northern California Citrus Fair, which convenes next month at Sacramento, was talked over...Director Mateo Lettunich stated that at least 100 boxes of apples were already assured for the local exhibit at Sacramento...”

“A permanent auditing committee for 1911 was appointed. Those on the committee are Luke Scurich, George W. Sill and A. W. Cox...”

EP; 25 Jan 1911; item: “Andrew N. Zufich to Oscar W. Hunsucker—Northeast one-half of lot 33, Blackburn’s subdivision No. 1, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 25 Jan 1911; item: “Nicholas M. Lettunich is here for a few days from Santa Clara college.”

EP; 25 Jan 1911; marriage: “A pretty wedding ceremony of more than usual interest was solemnized...this morning at St. Patrick’s church when Rev. Father P. D. Hassett pronounced the words that united Frank Farlin of this city and Miss Rose Westphal of Castroville in the bonds of holy matrimony. The nuptials were attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives of the contracting parties, who showered the newlyweds with congratulations and rice. Louis Farlin, a brother of the groom, and Mrs.

Farlin officiated respectively as groomsman and bridesmaid. Following the ceremony at the church the newlyweds and several relatives departed for the bride's home near Castroville to enjoy a sumptuous wedding breakfast. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Farlin departed for a two week's honeymoon trip to Los Angeles and vicinity. Upon their return they will reside on West Third street where the groom has prepared a cozy home for his bride.

"Both parties are well known in their respective localities. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Westphal of Castroville, where she has many friends rejoicing in her newfound happiness. The groom needs no introduction. He is the son of Mrs. Theresa Farlin on Maple avenue and is a brother of Louis, Anna and Theresa Farlin of this city. For over one year past he has been the popular proprietor of the American Exchange on Walker street..."

Paj; 26 Jan 1911; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Alexich of San Francisco and Salinas, are here today on their honeymoon trip."

EP; 27 Jan 1911; item: "Martha F. Graves to Frank Radovan—27.074 acres of Corralitos Rancho, \$10."

EP; 27 Jan 1911; article: "BAND HAS NAME. The members of the new boys' brass band in this city held an enthusiastic meeting last night at the home of Director E. A. Ball on Brennan Street. 'The Golden West Concert Band' was decided upon as the name for the new organization...The charter roll was closed last night with the following members: ...Peter Marinovich...[of 27]"

EP; 30 Jan 1911; article: "HER TENTH BIRTHDAY. Miss Anna Balanac entertained a number of schoolmates and friends at her home in Maple avenue Sunday in honor of her tenth birthday.

"The afternoon was joyously spent in playing games, interspersed with music, and concluded with refreshments, after which the young visitors departed, wishing their hostess many happy returns of the day.

"Those present were Misses Celia Alexander, Anna Marie Ring, Janet Kane, Katherine Strazicich, Edith Faustino, Vera Eaton, Camille Nipper, Dora Christensen, Norine Kane, Ella Strazicich, Wanda Lee Johnson, Marguerite Bettencourt, Lena Strazicich, Howard Morse, Anna and Nicholas Balanac."

EP; 30 Jan 1911; ALL: Foreign: Petar Dzivanovic, Bar-teel Ivelich, P. Ivelich, Pao Pijerovich [Paul Pierovich].

EP; 30 Jan 1911; item: "As the 'Pajaronian' goes to press this afternoon an important meeting is in progress at the Commercial League rooms in the Pavilion...to discuss and arrange the Pajaro valley exhibit at the citrus fair next month in Sacramento. Messrs. C. H. Baker, Mateo

Letunich, F. L. W. MacDonald, W. H. White and Luke Scurich, who compose the committee in charge of the exhibit, are desirous of interesting all the packers and growers of Pajaro valley in the local exhibit."

EP; 1 Feb 1911; disp. ad:

ORTHO LIME-SULPHUR SOLUTION is guaranteed to test approximately 36 degrees Beaume, under the United States Insecticides Law of 1910; to be absolutely free from sediment, and to be as effective as home-made compound when an equal amount of sulfur in solution is contained in each.

City Grocery Co.

258 Main Street. Phone, 63.

EP; 1 Feb 1911; disp. ad:

Best Service

In the City

Special Attention Given
to Private Parties, Banquets, Etc.

Try Our Short Orders

California Restaurant

HREPICH & WELLS, Props.

Paj; 2 Feb 1911; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farlin have returned from a honeymoon trip to the Bay Cities."

Paj; 2 Feb 1911; item: "N. Zar, a former resident of this city, is here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. S. Scurich."

Paj; 2 Feb 1911; item: "The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Central Grocery company of this city was held...at the Central hotel. The directors elected were Messrs. Luke Scurich, Stephen Scurich, F. P. Marinovich, George Novacovich, A. Watkinson, B. Pista and Peter Stolich. The stockholders adjourned after electing the directors and the latter met to reorganize. The officials chosen for the new year are: President, Luke Scurich; vice president, F. P. Marinovich; secretary, A. Wilkinson; treasurer, Stephen Scurich. Reports of the business in the past 5 months since the company was incorporated, showed big business of an increasing nature and the business is such that the present store is too small. Stephen Scurich, the owner of the hotel building, was instructed to enlarge the store, which work will commence immediately after the rainy season..."

Paj; 2 Feb 1911; article: "M. Grizich, one of the property owners through whose land the proposed extension of Fifth street from Main to Sudden streets is to go, has filed a protest against said extensions on the grounds that the price offered him for his land is not sufficient...Grizich owns the greater part of the proposed right of way between Main and Brennan streets...The only objection filed up to date is the one made by Grizich."

EP; 3 Feb 1911; article: “SCURICH-RYAN CASE. The case of Anton Scurich vs. John Ryan, a piece of litigation growing out of trouble over the Ryan orchard in College lake district that Scurich had leased, and which has been before the superior court of this county, the district appellate court and the supreme court for a couple of years past, has finally been sent back to the superior court for new trial.

“In the superior court Scurich was a victor before a jury and secured judgment for \$500 and costs. On appeal to the district court Ryan was the winner. Then Scurich appealed to the supreme court for a rehearing. Yesterday this motion was denied and the case remanded to new trial...Scurich has been represented by Attorney James A. Hall.”

EP; 6 Feb 1911; article: “**Redman to Leave.** Secretary C. G. Redman of the Commercial League leaves Monday next for Sacramento to arrange for the Pajaro Valley exhibit at the northern California citrus fair...The local exhibit will consist of about 315 boxes and the varieties to be shown are Newtown Pippins, Pearmain, Missouri Pippins, Smith Ciders, Black Twigs, Wagners, Spitzenbergs, Rome Beauties and Hoovers. The firms and individuals to be represented are the Loma Fruit company, Earl Fruit company, M. N. Lettunich company, MacDonald & Sons, R. H. Goodchild, Jas. Sheehy, M. A. Precarovich [Pecarevich] and Geo. Novacovich...”

EP; 6 Feb 1911; article: “**BURGLAR AT CENTRAL GROCERY.** An unknown burglar early this morning entered the Central Grocery at the corner of Central avenue and Main street and as a result of his depredations successfully made off with \$32.20 in cash and a dozen packages of Imperial cigarettes. In all probability the intruder stole other articles in the store but the nature of the same could not be learned this morning. No clues to the identity of the burglar have as yet been found by the officers who were put to work...on the case by Manager Frank J. Ribera of the grocery. Ribera was apprised of the robbery by Joe Maskovich, who opened the store...”

“The burglar gained entrance to the store from the rear by breaking in a boarded window. In entering he stumbled over a box of spaghetti, which fell upon the floor with a loud thud. Nightwatchman John Arbanas heard the fall at 3 o’clock...but was detained in going to investigate by two transients, who desired rooms in the adjoining hotel. The thief used a chisel or screwdriver in breaking open the cash register and from the latter he extracted...\$32.20...”

“The burglary is one of the boldest and largest pulled off in this city for a long time and the police are anxious to land the thief soon.”

EP; 6 Feb 1911; obit: “**E. B. Lettunich Gets Cable Telling of His Mothers Death.** E. B. Lettunich of this city

today received a cablegram announcing the death of his mother at the old home in Dalmatia.

“About nine years ago the aged lady was a visitor in Watsonville, and remained more than a year, as the guest of her sons, M. N., E. B. and Peter, the latter of whom has died since that time.

“Besides the above named children she leaves a son, George, and daughter, Mrs. Katie Kukuliza now in Dalmatia.

“Deceased, in her old home was famed for her kindness and benevolence, and while in Watsonville made many friends by the grace of her kindly manner. Sympathy is extended to the relatives.”

EP; 6 Feb 1911; born: “Watsonville, February 5, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ravlovich [Pavlovich], a son.” [*Antone Stephen; +1988; married Anna, dau. of Peter Scurich*]



Fig. 4-4.
Antone “Tony” Pavlovich.

EP; 7 Feb 1911; item: “Steve Strazicich vs. James Alva Watt and Priscilla Wells—Request for dismissal of action.”

EP; 7 Feb 1911; item: “John N. Alaga left last night for a week’s visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 7 Feb 1911; item: “Andrew N. Zufich left last night for Ukiah. Dame Rumor says Don Cupid will accompany Andrew upon his return.”

EP; 8 Feb 1911; article: “[board of aldermen meeting] ...The proposed extension of East Fifth street came up...when the objections filed by M. Grizich was read. As stated a few days ago in the ‘Pajaronian’ Mr. Grizich objected to the street opening because the amount allowed him by the commissioners for his land and improvements was not sufficient. Thursday evening, February 16, was the date set for the further hearing of objections...”

Paj; 9 Feb 1911; obit: “At Konavla [Konavle], Dalmatia, Feb. 4, 1911, Mrs. Lucia Lettunich, native of Dalmatia, aged 72 years, 4 months and 13 days.”

EP; 9 Feb 1911; item: “A. W. Sans vs. Luke Scurich et als.—Complaint to recover \$2000 for fees.”

EP; 10 Feb 1911; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: ...Hrepich & Wells, meals: \$53.25...”

EP; 11 Feb 1911; ALL: Foreign: J. Radnovich, N. Radnovich, Jno. Trancovich [prob. Ivancovich] & Co.

EP; 14 Feb 1911; item: “**Social Dance.** At I.O.O.F. dance hall, on Saturday evening, February 18th, given by the ladies of the Slavonian society, S.S.I., admission 25 cents, ladies free.”

Paj; 16 Feb 1911; item: “George Pulich left today for a week’s visit with his mother at Stockton.”

Paj; 16 Feb 1911; item: “Miss Anna M. Farlin, assistant secretary of the Commercial League and Apple Annual association has just received word from Secretary C. G. Redman, who is now in Sacramento in charge of the Pajaro valley exhibit at the Northern California Citrus fair. Redman writes that the local exhibit is all installed and is making a most favorable impression...”

Paj; 16 Feb 1911; article: “...[T]he burglarizing of the house occupied by Mrs. Rose Balanac on Maple avenue...[is a mystery] now puzzling the police...The robbery of the Balanac residence...was done in broad daylight and among the valuables taken were a watch, a ring and \$7.50 in cash...as Mrs. Balanac is employed down town all day the intruder had plenty of time...to thoroughly ransack the house...”

Paj; 16 Feb 1911; article: “The suit of A. Riboni vs. Celeste and Nicholas Mortizia was decided in favor of the defendants...This was a suit brought by Riboni to recover \$14.10, a board bill due from an employee of the Mortizias...”

EP; 17 Feb 1911; aldermen meeting: “...[T]he matter of the proposed opening of Fifth street between Main and Sudden streets arose...”

“[T]he opening of Fifth street did not pass through. Attorney A. W. Sans was there representing M. Grizich, who clearly showed that an error had crept into the commissioners plat of the affected district where Grizich was designated as being the owner of James Cottrell’s property and vice versa. City Attorney Sheehy then wanted the city to have the plat referred back to the commissioners for correction. But Sans said he would not urge that technical point but asked the board to hear his objections against the report first and then refer the whole matter back to the commissioners for readjustment. He won his point.

“The commissioners allowed Grizich \$5297.50 for a strip of land $49\frac{3}{4} \times 300$, which he deems too low, his price being \$7500. In cutting up the land for the street a strip 15×300 feet is left and Grizich alleged that this narrow strip would be worthless...The sum of \$1840 is allowed Grizich for improvements while Grizich wants \$2500. Grizich testified that he valued the land at \$100 per front foot and Attorney G. W. Smith testified that

once Grizich had refused to sell the property for \$6800... Mr. Grizich will thus have a chance to protest directly to the commissioners before the report is returned...”

EP; 20 Feb 1911; item: “**Had Fine Dance.** The members of the Ladies S.S.I., the local Austrian society, enjoyed a social dance at the I.O.O.F. hall on Saturday night last and a big crowd was in attendance. All present had a most enjoyable time and the merry dance went on until a late hour. A capable committee headed by Mrs. J. Simonovich [Simunovich] managed the affair.”

EP; 20 Feb 1911; item: “Antone Scurich vs. John M. Ryan—Memorandum of costs on appeal.”

EP; 20 Feb 1911; item: “George Pulich has returned from a visit to Stockton.”

EP; 20 Feb 1911; item: “Corona Barry to Paul P. Nirich—Lot 50 by 160 on north side Sixth St., Watsonville: \$10.”

EP; 20 Feb 1911; item: “Robert J. Bruce et ux to Peter Kosovac—Property on Rodriguez street, City of Watsonville: \$10.”

EP; 21 Feb 1911; item: “Thomas A. Corey et ux. to Luke Pulich—Lot 7, Kilburn tract, Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 21 Feb 1911; item: “Rev. Father Anthony Zuvich of Los Angeles is the guest of Mateo Lettunich for a few days.”

EP; 24 Feb 1911; item: “Antone Scurich vs. John M. Ryan—Motion of plaintiff to retax costs.”

EP; 24 Feb 1911; item: “**Trial Tomorrow.** Frank Lovretovich, who was arrested last night by Constable Corr on a charge of battery preferred by Mrs. Rose McCallum, his paramour, appeared before Police Judge Bridgewater this morning and his trial was set for tomorrow morning...He pleaded not guilty. The woman says he beat and abused her and caused her much mental and physical anguish. The defendant says the woman is a common drunkard and a liaress. With such conflicting testimony in view tomorrow’s session in court should be a lively affair.”

EP; 25 Feb 1911; honor roll: High 7th: Ellen Balovich, Lena Rilovich; High 6th: Antonio Scurich; Low 6th: Katie Dubreta, Willie Marinovich; High 5th: Lena Strazicich; High 4th: Helen Strazicich, Jennie Dubreta; Low 4th: Anna Balanac, Steven Marinovich; High 3rd: Nicholas Lutich; High 2nd: Katie Lutich, Katie Strazicich, Annie Knego, Mark Rilovich; Low 2nd: Tony Dubreta.

EP; 25 Feb 1911; article: “A pleasant surprise party was

tendered Mrs. Joseph DeHart at her home on Menker street last night by a number of her fellow members of the Companions of the Forest Lodge in this city...Those in on the fun last night were...Mrs. P. Bokiviza [Bokariza]...Nicholas Strazicich...[of 27]"

Paj; 2 Mar 1911; item: "Upon the complaint of Miss Rose McCallum, a warrant for the arrest of one Frank Looretovich [*sic*] was...issued...the woman alleging that Lovretovich had committed battery upon her person... The couple have been living together for 3 years near the river."

Paj; 2 Mar 1911; item: "Frank Lovretovich, who was to have had his trial this morning in the police court on the charge of battery, was released from custody...and the case against him dismissed. The woman, Mrs. Rose McCallum, who had Lovretovich arrested, has been sent to San Francisco never to return and the whole affair, which was nothing more than a family row, was cleared up."

EP; 3 Mar 1911; obit: "...there was a large attendance of friends of the deceased at the funeral services of the late Charles McSherry...The pallbearers were Messrs. Mateo Lettunich, John Leonard, J. M. Herbert, George Martin, Bart Driscoll and Thomas Kirby."

EP; 3 Mar 1911; article: "**Head of Coast Division for Southern Pacific Railroad Talks with Citizens and City Officials.** Thomas Ahern superintendent of the coast division of the Southern Pacific railroad company, was in this city...and during his stay he held an informal conference in the offices of City Attorney P. G. Sheehy with a few local citizens and city officials, the proposed franchise for a triple track system on Walker street being the topic of discussion. Superintendent Ahern was accompanied by his secretary, R. J. Hopkins, and Agent R. H. Davis of this city. The city government was represented at the conference by Mayor P. K. Watters, City Attorney P. G. Sheehy, City Engineer H. B. Kitchen and Aldermen J. H. Covell, T. J. Horgan, B. G. Fowler, W. F. Palmtag, H. A. Peterson and F. D. Prettyman. The citizens present were P. M. Andrews, George P. Burke, A. W. Cox, Wm. DeHart, W. H. Benteen and George Copriviza..."

"The request for free switching charges between Watsonville and Pajaro was the main subject of controversy...[Mr. Ahern] said the removal of the switching charge would necessitate the changing of all rates throughout the State, else the railroad commission and the interstate commerce commission would be after them. The same old 'guff' game."

"Mr. DeHart opposed the triple track system and favored the construction of one main line and one siding on either side of the street. Ahern told him that the triple track system would give added facilities equally to both

sides of the street and would mean a clear main line at all times. The triple track system would lessen the danger of the many frogs and switches and as the tracks would be plumb with the street no damage or danger would result to wagon traffic. That was Ahern's argument. DeHart said some room should be left on the street for wagon traffic and to allow the farmers and growers to more easily reach the packing houses..."

EP; 3 Mar 1911; item: "Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Notice of appearance."

EP; 4 Mar 1911; item: "Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Claim of Wessondorf & Staffler were for \$127.50 allowed."

EP; 4 Mar 1911; item: "Antone Scurich vs. John M. Ryan—Motion to tax costs continued to March 10th."

EP; 4 Mar 1911; item: "Attorney George W. Smith and William Raunneggar have returned from a few days visit to Stockton, San Francisco and San Jose."

EP; 6 Mar 1911; item: "As the result of an enthusiastic meeting held yesterday afternoon of several local businessmen in the offices of George W. Sill it now begins to look as if baseball will be resurrected here in Watsonville in the 1911 team handled by a club of businessmen...W. W. Green and George W. Smith were chosen temporary chairman and secretary of the meeting, respectively..."

EP; 6 Mar 1911; item: "**To Protest Bill.** As stated in Saturday's 'Pajaronian' a special meeting of the Pajaro Valley Packers and Shippers' Association was held at the pavilion and steps were taken toward securing legislative modification of bill 1331, which is now pending in the legislature and which provides that all berries, apples and the like shall be sold by weight only. Considerable discussion was held on this bill by the packers and shippers and it was finally decided to appoint a committee to arrange with the legislatures for suitable amendments. On this committee are C. H. Baker, T. J. Horgan, Stephen Scurich, F. L. W. MacDonald and L. Cikuth."

EP; 8 Mar 1911; disp. ad: "15c, Get one of those Big Feeds at the 3RD STREET RESTAURANT, Ceo & Stolich."

WReg; 8 Mar 1911; disp. ad:

BEST MEALS

In Town for the Money.

Third St. Restaurant

CEO & STOLICH, Props.

WReg; 8 Mar 1911; item: "The old timers, like Jim Kitchen, 'Dad' Coffman and the balance have had a

crimp put in them by the breaking of all records by this flood. It used to be either one of them could ‘hang it on’ the younger generations by alluding to the high water of ‘52 or ‘64, and whenever the young folks started to talk about high water, either one could hark back to the old days when Salsipuedes creek and the river formed a combination and sent the water kiting to the plaza corner. But now the youngest of us have a chance to get even. The floods of ancient days were merely little showers as compared to this...”

WReg; 8 Mar 1911; item: “Two Slavonians at the Peckham ranch in the Aromas country had a thrilling experience yesterday morning. When the waters reached the house they fled for safety to an apple tree, where they remained until nearly one o’clock yesterday afternoon, having been treed by the swirling waters from four in the morning. One of the men was nearly all in when the life saving crew arrived and could not have held out much longer. It was feared serious complications would occur, for the man’s jaws were set and he could not speak. The other one was in fairly good shape, although chilled to the core. His companion revived last evening under the influence of stimulants, and will doubtless be all right by this morning. Both men were wet to the hips when they climbed the tree, and their sufferings later on, deprived of exercise as they were, were very intense...”

EP; 9 Mar 1911; item: “William N. White et al vs. B. Pista—Demurrer to complaint.”

EP; 9 Mar 1911; item: “S. J. Duckworth et ux. to J. Simuovich [Simunovich]—7.32 acres and 12.69 acres of Corralitos rancho; also right of way, \$10.”

Paj; 9 Mar 1911; obit: “George Churrich, a prominent Austrian of this city, died...at 159 West Third street, of tuberculosis...[He] had been employed by Frank Radovan. He was a member of the Servian Benevolent Society but has no relatives here.”

Paj; 9 Mar 1911; obit: “Mark Lazarevich passed away... at the Watsonville hospital from pneumonia...a native of Austria...aged 24 years. He had resided here for about 6 years and had been employed by the Zar brothers. Two brothers who reside in this city survive him.”

EP; 10 Mar 1911; article: “1911 TRIAL JURY LIST FOR PAJARO VALLEY...[T]he...board of supervisors do hereby select the following named persons from Watsonville Township, to-wit: ...Kosmos Gospodnitich [Gospodnetich]...Mitchell Secondo...Antone Zadjelovich...Louis R. Farlin...Antonia [Antonio] Miocevic...George Copriviza...”

EP; 11 Mar 1911; item: “Martin Zglav of this city had a

narrow escape from serious injury this morning when a runaway horse tipped over his buggy and threw Zglav heavily upon the ground. Zglav had rented the animal to attend the Lazarevich funeral and was driving around the Park street corner on Union when he cramped the buggy. The horse jumped and the vehicle was tipped over on its side. Zglav was thrown out. The horse dragged the buggy to Third street, where the rig righted itself again, but the horse kept on running until stopped on Lake avenue. Zglav was bruised about the legs and chest.”

EP; 11 Mar 1911; obit: “The funeral services of the late Mark Lazarevich were held this morning...under the auspices of the Australian [*sic*] Benevolent Society and a large crowd was present at the obsequies. The lodge members marched in a body ahead of the hearse...The interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were Messers. I. Buak, John Matulich, Jos. Arnerich, N. Lazarevich, Nick Lazarevich and K. Patkovich.”

EP; 13 Mar 1911; item: “George Pulich was a visitor to Santa Cruz yesterday.”

EP; 14 Mar 1911; item: “L. P. Cikuth, secretary of the Pajaro Valley Packers’ and Shippers’ Association, this morning received the following telegram from E. Schillingsburg of San Jose, district freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, relative to the securing of storage in transit privileges, ‘Have already had the matter up and will be pleased to continue effort to accomplish your wishes.’ This telegram is in answer to several sent out Saturday evening by the association to railroad officials.”

EP; 15 Mar 1911; item: “M. C. Sang has purchased from M. N. Lettunich the property occupied by the Ming Jan drier at the corner of Union and Bridge street...”

EP; 15 Mar 1911; item: “The deposition of Blas Pista of this city, the defendant in the action of the W. N. White and Company of New York vs. Blas Pista, was taken yesterday afternoon before Attorney P. J. McSherry. This action, which was chronicled by the ‘Pajaronian’ at the time of the filing of the suit, is for the amount of \$4125, which White claims was the option price he was to pay for some apples and which apples are alleged by White to have been not delivered...”

Paj; 16 Mar 1911; obit: “Watsonville, March 8, 1911, George Churrich, a native of Austria, aged 40 years.”

Paj; 16 Mar 1911; item: “The remains of George Churrich...were shipped to Jackson, Amador county...The deceased had several relatives residing at Jackson...”

Paj; 16 Mar 1911; item: "The interment of the late Lucy Scurich, the four-year-old niece of John Scurich of this city, who passed away yesterday, was held this morning..."

Paj; 16 Mar 1911; obit: "Watsonville, March 8, 1911, Mark Lazarevich, a native of Austria, aged 24 years."

EP; 16 Mar 1911; item: "William N. White et al vs. B. Pista — Substitution of attorneys Wyckoff and Gardener for Sheehy and Hudson."

EP; 16 Mar 1911; item: "M. N. Lettunich et al to M. C. Sang—Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Cooper's subdivision, Watsonville, \$10."

Paj; 16 Mar 1911; ALL: foreign: N. Limonovich, J. Radnovich.

EP; 17 Mar 1911; item: "The celebrated case of Antone Scurich against John M. Ryan has been settled out of court and was this afternoon dismissed by stipulation of the attorneys for the respective parties. The action was instituted over two years ago by Antone Scurich, lessee."

EP; 17 Mar 1911; item: "Notice of intended sale—J. B. Laba [Labaz/Labas] to William Tersen [Sersen] et al, personal property and lease, Railroad Exchange Hotel, Watsonville."

EP; 17 Mar 1911; item: "J. B. Labaz today sold his lease of the Railroad Exchange Hotel to Wm. Sersen and L. Yalovica [Jalovica], as well as the fixtures, stock and good will. The purchasers contemplate making improvements to the hotel. They are both popular members of the local Austrian colony and have the good wishes of their friends."

EP; 17 Mar 1911; item: "Misses Inez Watters and Mamie Smith were in Santa Cruz yesterday."

EP; 18 Mar 1911; ALL: Samuel Balovich, John Menanich [Nemanich].

EP; 18 Mar 1911; item: "John M. Ryan vs. Antone Scurich—Stipulation for dismissal of case."

EP; 21 Mar 1911; item: "The nominating petition of James A. Hall for mayor of Watsonville was circulated today by Notary Public A. W. Sans and Geo. W. Smith and was most freely signed."

EP; 22 Mar 1911; item: "C. Gospodnetich has gone to Los Angeles on a business visit."

EP; 22 Mar 1911; item: "Friends of N. V. Lettunich, who

has been in the French Hospital in San Francisco for the past week, will be glad to learn that he is getting better, and has good prospect of being able to return to his home soon."

EP; 22 Mar 1911; article: "RAILROAD FRANCHISE NOT EVEN DISCUSSED. If the old saying 'brevity is the soul of wit' amounts to anything at all then the members of the board of aldermen of this fair city are a funny crowd for last night they held a meeting just 21 minutes in length by the town clock...and in that 21 minutes there were only six topics of business taken up and none of these amounted to a hill of beans..."

"John Labas at the Railroad Exchange transferred his booze permit to William Sersen..."

"The dog ordinance was then passed...the new law means that any dog must be kept at home in the yard and must not run on the streets under any circumstances..."

"After the above dog gone legislation had been run through the mill the board adjourned to meet next Tuesday night. The board never even mentioned, touched, smelled or looked at the ordinance dealing with the Espee franchise on Walker street last night. Neither was there any word said about the badly depleted condition of the city treasury, which needs immediate plumbing. Nor was a word said about the fixing of the broken streets around town. And then again, the water question has evidently died once more for lack of nourishment."

EP; 23 Mar 1911; item: "Continuation of lease and agreement to dismiss—John M. Ryan with Antone Scurich."

Paj; 23 Mar 1911; item: "Nicholas M. Lettunich has returned to Santa Clara College after visiting relatives here."

EP; 23 Mar 1911; notice: "**Notice of Dissolution.** Notice is hereby given that the firm heretofore existing under the name and style of Gospodnetich and Dumovich, doing business in the city of Watsonville, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. ANTONE GOSPODNETICH, JOHN DUMOVICH [Dujmovich]. Dated, March 23, 1911."

EP; 24 Mar 1911; item: "John Dumovich vs. Antone Gospodnetich—Summons."

EP; 27 Mar 1911; text ad: "Get your apple trees today at Central Grocery Company corner Main and Central streets."

EP; 27 Mar 1911; ALL: Lewis Barnich, Martin Mikovich. Foreign: Cvieto Vojvado [Vojvoda], Mate Tomovic.

EP; 27 Mar 1911; item: "The members of Watsonville Council, No. 58, Knights of Columbus are laying elaborate plans for the annual State council of that order, which is to be held here on May 9-10-11...The commit-

tee consists of the Messrs. John F. Kane, Eugene Kelly, P. C. Sheehy, Edward White, J. B. Holohan, T. J. Horgan, J. F. Aston and Mateo Lettunich.”

EP; 27 Mar 1911; obit: “Ivo Egga, a resident of this city for the past ten years, and a member of the Austrian-American Benevolent society, passed away in this city yesterday, after a lingering illness from tubercular troubles, aged 44 years...He leaves a widow and two sons.

“The funeral takes place tomorrow (Tuesday)...under the auspices of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society...” [*orig: Hidža from Popovići*]

EP; 27 Mar 1911; obit: “The funeral of the late Ivo Egga took place...from the family residence at 208 Ford street...The interment was made in the Valley cemetery. The pall bearers were W. Chagel, V. Borovinich, A. Novacovich, Luka Brajkovich, B. Zar and N. Chagel.”

EP; 28 Mar 1911; item: “W. N. White & Co. vs. B. Pista—Affidavit of G. L. Burke for citation: order for citation.”

EP; 29 Mar 1911; aldermen meeting: “...The following building permits were granted: E. B. Zar for \$1800 cottage at the corner of Ford and Rodriguez streets; Luke Scurich for a \$600 cottage on East Fifth street...Jas. [Jos.] Secondo for a \$2000 two-story building on lower Main street...”

EP; 29 Mar 1911; item: “W. N. White vs. B. Pista—Demurrer set for hearing March 31st.”

Paj; 30 Mar 1911; item: “The late Nick Cupich, who was recently murdered at Gilroy, left an estate of \$3000...A mother living in Austria is the sole heir. Cupich had relatives and friends in Watsonville.”

EP; 31 Mar 1911; item: “George W. Smith, Frank Oliver and Thos. Davidson were last night elected as the delegates to represent Court Pajaro Valley Rose, Foresters of this city, at the State grand council which is to be held on May 1st at Nevada City.”

EP; 31 Mar 1911; item: “LOCALS TO SALINAS. A large delegation of local Foresters of America and Companions of the Forest will journey to Salinas on a special train over the narrow gauge, the object of the excursion being to attend a dedication of the new Foresters’ hall in the Spud City...Among the locals planning to visit Salinas tonight are...Geo. W. Smith...L. Secondo...”

EP; 1 Apr 1911; item: “SUIT TO FORECLOSE. Jasper Simunovich commenced suit against Mary Gallagher et al., in the superior court Friday to foreclose on a mortgage for \$5500 held against the property in the Pajaro

Valley[,] adjoining land of Otto Stoesser and A. N. Judd, consisting of 13.504 acres...”

EP; 1 Apr 1911; item: “A citation was filed yesterday in the Superior Court in the case of W. N. White and Co., versus B. Pista, in which plaintiff asked that defendant appear and show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court for failing to answer questions.”

EP; 1 Apr 1911; item: “W. N. White and Co. vs. B. Pista—Citation to appear; demurrer overruled; 10 days to answer.”

EP; 1 Apr 1911; item: “Jasper Simunovich vs. Mary Gallagher et als.—Complaint.”

EP; 1 Apr 1911; item: “Notice of action—Jasper Simunovich vs. Mary Gallagher et al.”

EP; 3 Apr 1911; article: “BIG PACKING HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE. A disastrous fire, which is believed to have been of an incendiary origin, early this morning destroyed the packing house owned by Louis P. Cikuth at the corner of Locust and West Third streets and a residence nearby, which was owned by Mr. Cikuth. The fire was first noticed about 2 o’clock this morning by officer John Whalen while patrolling his beat, and he immediately hastened to the engine house and the alarm was turned in by Whalen and George Hrepich. The firemen responded quickly but the fire had secured too much headway and the inflammable buildings were soon reduced to burning embers.

“The loss is estimated to be \$12,000 by Mr. Cikuth and insurance for only \$1600 is carried. The packing house and residence were entirely destroyed, 10,000 fruit boxes were destroyed, shook material for about 6000 more boxes were burned and a buggy, several fruit trucks, a spraying outfit and all the fruit wagons on the premises were wiped out. The fire is believed to have originated in the front office and swept towards the rear. An incendiary is thought to have caused the fire for a year ago an attempt was made to burn the packing house, the attempt being frustrated.

“The packing house and residence were formerly owned by the J. P. Miovich company, who sold the property to Mr. Cikuth. Coming as it did at this time of the year, the fire will cripple Mr. Cikuth. Mr. Cikuth intends to immediately rebuild and be open by the time the fruit season commences.

“The firemen put up a brave but losing battle against the flames and they succeeded in keeping the flames within the Cikuth property and in protecting the nearby residences and packing houses.”

EP; 3 Apr 1911; ALL: John Wucicevich.

EP; 4 Apr 1911; item: **“Going to Birthplace.** Paul Miladin, a well known citizen and prominent member of the local Austrian colony, will leave tomorrow for a four-months’ visit abroad. He will spend about two months visiting his old home, in Austria, and the rest of the time in travel. He is given bon voyage.”

EP; 5 Apr 1911; item: “E. A. Connell today sold to Ed Lettunich 22 acres of land in the southeast end of the valley. Twelve acres are in good orchard, and the rest rich bottom land. This is an excellent buy on Mr. Lettunich’s part, and the price is satisfactory to all concerned.”

EP; 5 Apr 1911; article: **“Seven-Eighths Majority Backed by the Mayor and Gag Rule Pass the Gift Franchise.** The Southern Pacific railroad company will own Walker street in this city from the river to the depot for the next 50 years, for last night the aldermen so decided...

“But the decision was not unanimous. Alderman P. A. Callaghan of the second ward alone voted in the negative and his fight for those in the audience who sought recognition on the floor and were choked off until after the passage of the ordinance, was one of the most dramatic scenes ever enacted at a council meeting here in this city. The vote on the ordinance was 7 to 1...”

“The meeting last night was one of intense excitement and dramatic interest. Before the aldermen convened... the council chambers were almost packed to suffocation by citizens from all parts of the city, who had gathered there to witness what they expected would be an intense scene. Even after the board had assembled and was transacting minor business before taking up the franchise ordinance did the citizens continue to pack the small room and to choke the entrance thereto and the stairs.

“When the ordinance finally came up[,] fully two score and ten citizens of all classes were present. A batch of small business was handled first before City Attorney instructed City Clerk Coffman to read the franchise ordinance...”

“In the excitement City Clerk Coffman had neglected to bring in the ordinance from his office and while he was securing the document... Chief of Police and Tax Collector Albright was granted the floor. Albright wanted information. He stated that City Attorney Sheehy had instructed him to collect the local corporation taxes and he had with the exception of three. These were the Southern Pacific for \$150, the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company for \$40 and the Wells Fargo Express company for \$40. He had approached the representatives of each of these corporations and all had refused to pay the tax. What was he to do? The mayor instructed him to see the city attorney again.

“In the meantime Clerk Coffman had returned with the ordinance and amid a hush on the part of the audience, he read the document in full.

“There was a momentary stillness, an instant’s holding of breath and then as in each other case ‘Boss’ Horgan moving the passage of the ordinance. Understudy Covell was right at the heels of the motion with his usual second.

“Immediately three citizens arose in the audience and addressed the chair. Stephen Scurich was one, Charles Taylor was another and the third was Joe DeHart. But Mayor Watters interrupted them by stating the motion. Again the three addressed the chair and sought to speak. In every parliamentary body, even if conducted by inmates of an insane asylum, the question is always called for before the vote is taken and after the motion has been stated.

“But there was nothing like that last night. To call the question means to open the matter under consideration for debate and so Mayor Watters entirely ignored this golden rule of parliamentary law and told the clerk to call the roll.

“But Callaghan did not propose to allow such steam-roller methods to pass unnoticed and he declared: ‘Mr. Mayor, there are several gentlemen here who wish to speak.’ But the mayor rudely interrupted him by saying, ‘This is a meeting of the board and not of the citizens. Clerk call the roll.’

“The roll was called. Horgan, Covell, Prettyman, Fowler, Peterson, Palmtag and Freiermuth voted ‘yes,’ and Callaghan alone voted ‘no.’

“The air was surcharged with suppressed emotion of a forceful nature. There was a lull for a second or two before Stephen Scurich arose again to speak and this time he was allowed the floor.

“‘As a citizen and a property owner,’ declared Mr. Scurich, ‘I have a kick coming and I am going to tell what it is to this board. You all know that Central avenue was opened a year ago from Union street to Main. The credit for the opening of Central avenue gentlemen, is due to Stephen Scurich and Mr. W. Johnson. They paid two-thirds of the cost of opening the street and why? Because they wanted to remove an eyesore from the city and rid the town of the dirty Chinese laundry, which stood on Main street. We turned the contract for fixing the street over to the Granite Rock company and they said they would do it for us.

“‘But no work at all was done. Since then I inquired of the company why the street was not fixed. They said it was up to the board. I then talked to several of my best friends on the board and they said the board could do nothing because it did not have the money. You are now ready to open more streets and not ready to fix those you have already got. You are ready to give away a franchise, a valuable franchise on a valuable street, for nothing when you could have \$15,000 or \$20,000 for use in improving your streets. The chief of police said just now that the telephone company, the express company and the railroad company had refused to pay their taxes. Why?’

“Here Mayor Watters interrupted to state ‘There has been a new law passed.’

“Yes,’ continued Mr. Scurich, ‘the telephone, telegraph and railroad companies damage our property and do not pay. What right has the telephone company to dig up some of our concrete sidewalk and then refused to replace it? But I ask any of you to come down on Central avenue and try to travel over it in an automobile or any other vehicle. You can’t do it. The flood came and deposited some sand on Central avenue near Main street and helped fill the street for us. What did you do? You hauled away that sand to fill some other street and left our street as bad as ever. The flood deposited sand on Union street, too. What did you do there? You hauled that away too. Gentlemen, I stand for justice and my rights. I pay my taxes and expect justice in return. I am of foreign birth but I am just as good an American citizen as any man here.’ Here Mr. Scurich’s words were drowned in tumultuous applause, which threatened to rock the very walls and which came spontaneously from all parts of the audience.

“‘Has a citizen not the right to speak here?’ inquired Callaghan.

“‘If a majority of the board says so,’ vouchsafed City Attorney Sheehy.

“‘It is indeed unfortunate,’ said Mr. Callaghan then and he arose to his feet to address the board, ‘that we do not have a man in the chair, who is larger than you, Mr. Mayor,’ and he turned to Mayor Watters in indignation, ‘who will recognize the rights of the people.’ Here the audience thundered out its applause again and the acclaim came not from a few but from the majority of those present. ‘It shows that we have a dishrag in the chair.’ Again the audience broke into wild applause.

“‘This is a meeting of the board,’ interrupted Mayor Watters weakly as Boss Horgan stared at the table.

“‘But this did not hush the indignant Callaghan, who proceeded again to tell just what he thought of the greased railroading tactics of the board’s executive, ‘I would expect more of a gentleman than the attempted smothering of any member. We don’t own the town. The railroad does own the town as is evident here tonight. (More applause.)

“‘Ahern told us that we would be extended several privileges and he misrepresented the facts. The railroad always misrepresents facts. That is why we had to create a Johnson, whom they can’t rule (great applause again). We have some in Watsonville that they can’t rule and we will have more.’ Again the audience wildly cheered and applauded. The railroad has an agreement with the shippers and packers and they think that that extends to those patrons in the yard. Well, it doesn’t.’

“‘Mayor Watters had evidently borrowed some of Horgan’s composure by this time and he answered, ‘I have never asked for dictation and have never taken any. I have often asked for advice. You say that every citizen has not had a chance to speak. They have. All had their say. Both sides were heard and we met here to do business tonight. I claim that I called for the question.’ The mayor did not, however.

“‘It is plain smothering,’ continued Callaghan, ‘but you can’t smother me. I am for equal rights and we will get them (again the applause). I am thankful that your term will soon be over.’

“As the applause, which greeted Callaghan as he seated himself again, had subsided, Mayor Watters was heard to say, ‘So am I.’

“Mr. Charles E. Taylor next arose to speak and said: ‘It looks like a hopeless proposition, as the vote has already been taken. The only thing left that I can see is to convince the mayor not to sign it (laughter and applause). It seems most ridiculous to grant the Southern Pacific this valuable franchise for 50 years for nothing. I would not be surprised at other towns doing it, but I am at Watsonville. When the Southern Pacific first came through it assessed all the towns along the line. Watsonville did not feel like paying all of it and the Southern Pacific said it would start a city at Pajaro and makes the grass grow on the streets of Watsonville. But the Southern Pacific has its ear to the ground and it is taking note of what is doing in Watsonville now. Watsonville is not on the map of the southern Pacific. Several years after the railroad went through one had to go to Pajaro to take a train for Santa Cruz.’

“Mr. Taylor here related an incident of a Californian in New York, who wished to go to Watsonville. He was informed that there was no such place but he could get a ticket for Pajaro or Aptos.

“‘Here we are,’ continued Mr. Taylor, ‘giving them a 50 year franchise after all that has been done by them. The Southern Pacific should pay for that franchise. Walker street is a railroad street and is valuable to the railroad hence it should pay. But this is uphill business unless we can influence the mayor.’

“Here the mayor thought he would be cute and he did cut a pretty figure by waving the ordinance above his head and declaring twice, ‘I have already signed it, Mr. Taylor.’

“‘All right then, good-bye,’ said Mr. Taylor as he sank into his seat. The audience commenced to silently leave the room just as a motion to adjourn was passed. But several stopped at Callaghan’s seat to enthusiastically pat him on the back and to shake his hand and they were not all from the second ward either. The tension was lessened, the steamroller had passed on, the whistle of the Espee had been heard and answered by seven aldermen and one mayor and they sat silently in their seats as Callaghan responded to the enthusiastic acclaim of the many citizens...

“The hearing of objections against the opening of Fifth street from Main street to Sudden street was set for April 18th...City Clerk Coffman reported three objectors: Mrs. Mary Hamon, Mrs. M. E. Casady and M. Grizich...”

EP; 6 Apr 1911; item: “Paul Alaga is in San Francisco on business.”

EP; 6 Apr 1911; item: "Nicolas V. Lettunich has returned from San Francisco much improved. He was recently forced to undergo an operation there."

EP; 6 Apr 1911; obit: "William C. Ventich, a resident of this city for a year past, died...at his home at 149 Bridge street, tuberculosis being the cause of death...[He was] a native of Amador county in this State and was aged 25 years and 8 months...He came here a year ago but was confined to his home for the greater part of that time. He is survived by his wife and an infant child, besides a mother and sister, Mrs. W. D. Falless, and a brother..."

EP; 7 Apr 1911; board of supervisors, payments: "...Indigent Fund: Central Grocery Co., mdse: \$8...Derganc, Joe: labor: \$13...Lettunich, John: labor: \$10...Novcich, Jack: labor: \$36..."

EP; 8 Apr 1911; item: "**Smith a Notary.** Attorney George W. Smith has been appointed a notary public by Governor Johnson. Smith received this news today from the governor."

EP; 8 Apr 1911; honor roll: Low 8th: Florence Smith; High 7th: Ellen Balovich, Lena Rilovich; High 6th: Antonio Scurich; Low 6th: Katie Dubreta; High Fifth: John Strazicich; High 4th: Helen Strazicich, Jennie Dubretta; High 3rd: Nicholas Lutich; High 2nd: Katie Strazicich, Katie Lutich, Annie Knego, Mark Rilovich; Low 2nd: Paul Dubreta.

EP; 10 Apr 1911; item: "Recently...M. B. Tuttle sold his two orchards for five years to F. P. Marinovich. And last Saturday the Holohan estate sold its orchard for this year to B. Pista. In both cases we understand the terms received by the orchard owners were eminently satisfactory."

EP; 11 Apr 1911; article: "**May Build Hotel. Dame Rumor Says Mansion House is to Come Down.** Martin N. Lettunich came down from San Francisco last night in company with Architect W. H. Weeks and last night in Weeks' office the two men and Mateo Lettunich of this city held a conference relative to the construction of a new Mansion House in this city. This morning several rumors were afloat on the street to the effect that the hotel was to be started at once and that work would commence soon. In order to confirm or deny these rumors an effort was made by the 'Pajaronian' to locate either Mateo Lettunich or Martin Lettunich. The latter was located this afternoon and while he did not deny that the construction of the new hotel was thought of yet he did deny that any definite steps had been taken either way.

"It is believed that the Mansion House will soon be a thing of the past as far as the present building is concerned. That the Lettunich people intend to do something

in regard to this structure is evident from the facts at hand. The plans for the new hotel at the Mansion House site are completed outside of a few changes."

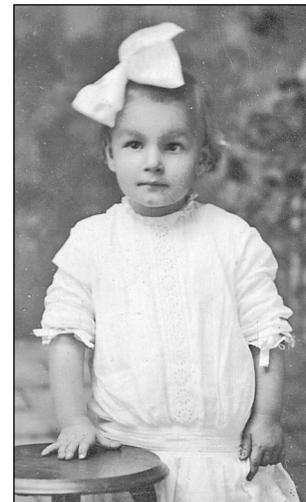
Paj; 13 Apr 1911; obit: "Watsonville, April 6, 1911, William C. Ventich, a native of California, aged 25 years and 8 months."

Paj; 13 Apr 1911; item: "Mark Cosulich, manager of the 'Jadran,' the Slavonian newspaper of San Francisco, is in town for a few days."

EP; 13 Apr 1911; item: "**Released On Bail.** Vensil George, the 18-year-old bicycle thief arrested in Gilroy last Tuesday night for stealing a bike here the same day, was this morning released by Justice A. E. Hawkins on \$30 bail pending word from the boy's father, who resides near Tracy in San Joaquin county. The bill was furnished by Messrs. Jackson Mann and Carl Schrader. The boy has been away from his parents for many months. His father and mother have separated and the father retained the custody of young George. A charge of petit larceny, which has been filed against George by F. P. Marinovich, who owned the wheel, is still hanging over the youth."

EP; 14 Apr 1911; born: "In Aromas, April 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Capetanich [Capitanich], a daughter." [Lucy]

Fig. 4-5.
Lucy Capitanich.



EP; 15 Apr 1911; ALL: John Obradovich. Foreign: Sam J. Sarovich.

EP; 15 Apr 1911; item: "Andrew N. Zufich to Carl E. Stevenson et ux.—16.39 acres on E. side Hihn road at N.W. corner of Oakdale school, lot; \$5."

EP; 15 Apr 1911; mar. license: "A marriage license has been granted to Sam Margaretich, aged 33, and Lucy Arbanas aged 25 both of Watsonville."

EP; 18 Apr 1911; item: "Jasper Simunovich vs. Mary Callagher et als—Demurrer of defendant to complaint."

EP; 18 Apr 1911; item: "George Pulich has returned from a trip to Sacramento, San Francisco and other northern points."

EP; 19 Apr 1911; article: "After listening for nearly two hours to objections and protests against the proposed opening and extension of Fifth street from Main to Sudden streets and after considerable argument on the part of the protestants and the commissioners, the city council...unanimously voted down and overruled all objections, confirmed the report of the commissioners for that street and instructed City Engineer Kitchen to proceed with the necessary steps for the opening of the new thoroughfare..."

"M. Grizich was heard...in his own behalf. He declared that he was not getting enough for his land nor enough for the improvements thereon. He was getting \$70 per foot when he should be getting \$75 and the \$1850 offered him for his improvements would not buy the lumber for the buildings now standing. It would take \$2500, according to Mr. Grizich to duplicate the improvements, which consist of a five-room house, a big barn, fences, two bunk houses and a packing house. Attorney Gardner put Commissioner Morey on the stand to answer Grizich and Morey said \$70 was a just and reasonable offer and that the improvements were not new either..."

"Thirteen of the score or more property owners on Walker street between Lake avenue and the slough sent in a petition claimed that their competitors to construct and maintain spurs, switches and industrial tracks on their end of the street [*sic*]. The signers of the petition claimed that their competitors on the other end of the street now had every advantage in handling their fruit. The petition was referred to a special committee consisting of Aldermen Peterson, Prettyman and Callaghan. The signers of the petition were George Novacovich, B. W. Walters, Peter Stolich, Luke Scurich, William Vuicich, O. K. Buob, L. M. Way, Mrs. E. J. Walters, P. J. Burns, Mrs. F. Kuehnis, Bernardino Arias, F. G. Gaddie and S. M. Miloslavich..."

EP; 19 Apr 1911; article: "NEW MANSION HOUSE TO BE ERECTED SOON. M. N. Lettunich's petition for a permit to move the present Mansion House, was granted by the board of aldermen last evening. It is proposed to move the building upon the ground now housing the Mansion House livery stable, Geo. W. Still, T. J. Horgan, the Watsonville Water company, and Jno. F. Kane. The old structure will be brought out flush to the sidewalk, and upon the vacant lot will be erected a new Mansion House, to which the old house will be annexed. The new portion of the hotel will contain 75 rooms with 27 baths, while the old house will have 48 rooms. The old house will be used by the help principally, except in emergencies when guests will be accommodated therein. All the lower portion of the two buildings will be the same, containing a number of stores, and probably a bank on the corner. This first story is to be in Utah white stone.

"The main entrance will be in the center of the new building facing Main street. A lobby 64 feet long will

extend directly from the lobby leading to the dining room. This is to be under glass, as the building is to be in 'U' shape. The alleyway between Burland Bros. and the hotel will be left open and all trunks, provisions, etc. will be delivered in the rear. An electric elevator is to be provided, and all modern conveniences (including telephone) will be provided in every room.

"It is intended that the building which will cost over \$130,000, will be a credit in every respect to the town. Italian marble will be liberally used while the lobby is to be in Spanish tiling. The cornice is to be in Spanish style. The columns in the front are to be carved, apple and strawberries being the motif.

"Mr. Lettunich states that it is the intention to rush the building to completion at once, so that it will be ready to receive guests at the next apple annual."

EP; 19 Apr 1911; item: "The Truman Investment Co. et al. to J. J. Viovodich [Voivodich]—Lot No. 7 of the I. J. Truman subdivision near Corralitos, Santa Cruz county, 5 years, at \$700 per year."

Paj; 20 Apr 1911; item: "An action has been begun in the superior court...by Adelaide S. Baudour against Maria Secundo and Martin Secundo to set aside a declaration of homestead upon property on Rodriguez street, which it is stated in the complaint was filed for the purpose of defeating the rights of the plaintiff to the lien of a judgment obtained by her against Martin Secundo last July for the sum of \$2000..."

Paj; 20 Apr 1911; item: "Adelaide Le Baudour vs. Mateo Secundo—Order of court denying motion for a new trial."

Paj; 20 Apr 1911; married: "Watsonville, April 16 1911...Miss Mary Kallez [Kelez] and Mr. Thomas Horvat, both of Watsonville."



Fig. 4-6. Seated: Thomas Horvat (1881-1956), Mary Kelez (1886-1962). Standing: Mitchell Dolina, Mary Allegretti (1897-1970).

EP; 20 Apr 1911; item: "**Bike Thief Paroled.** Vensil George, the eighteen-year-old youth, who stole a bicycle about a week ago from F. P. Marinovich of this city and rode the wheel to Gilroy before being captured, was paroled by Judge A. B. Hawkins late yesterday afternoon after the boy's father had paid the costs of the case. The young man's father came over from Tracy to secure the release of his son and as this was the boy's first offense it was deemed wise to give him another chance. Young George accompanied his father back to Tracy today and will seek pastures new. Should he fall from grace again the Marinovich charge will be pressed against him."

EP; 20 Apr 1911; item: "**Hotel Picture Shown.** The architects drawing of the new Mansion House Hotel to be erected at the corner of Main and Third streets soon by Mateo and M. N. Lettunich is on display today in the corner show window of the Charles Ford company drygoods department. The picture shows that the new hotel will be a beauty in that the building will be a great credit to Watsonville. The picture was viewed today by scores of citizens and many were the exclamations of praise and commendation heard."

EP; 21 Apr 1911; disp. ad: "Social Dance to be given by CROTIAN [*sic*] society, Sokol No. 352, N.C.S., at ODD FELLOWS HALL. Saturday Even'g, April 22, Music by CITY band. Admission 50 Cents, Ladies Free. Everybody Invited."

EP; 21 Apr 1911; born: "At Watsonville, Cal., April 21, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Blas Pista, a daughter." [*Katherine; +2005*]



Fig. 4-7. Katherine Pista.

EP; 22 Apr 1911; item: "**Tenets Told to Vacate.** M. N. Lettunich and Mateo Lettunich, who are to construct the New Mansion House at Third and Main streets...today notified their tenants on Main street that they should move to other locations. Messrs T. J. Horgan, George W. Sill and J. F. Kane and the Watsonville Water company are the affected parties. Mr. J. E. Ostrander is already figuring on the moving of the present Mansion House building to the site now occupied by the tenants and the Messrs. Lettunich expect to commence the work in the very near future. The old buildings now occupied by the business men above mentioned will be torn down at an early date and the premises made ready for the present hotel structure."

EP; 23 Apr 1911; ALL: Mr. and Mrs. Kallick, Peter Sisa, Mrs. Marica Skurich, M. Sosinich.

EP; 24 Apr 1911; article: "**Twenty-First Anniversary of Popular Local Order...**The 21st birthday anniversary of Court Pajaro Valley Rose, Foresters of America, of this city was successfully observed on Saturday night last in Foresters Hall with over 200 Foresters present from Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Salinas, Monterey, Soledad, Gilroy, King City and Castroville..."

"The special honoring of the charter members who founded the order 21 years ago, was one of the features of the evening. Four of these six original members were present, H. P. Iverson, J. P. Heick, Henry Clausen and Henry White. The absentees were E. E. Fritz and J. P. Knudsen..."

"The leading speakers were Grand Trustee P. G. Sheehy, Sheriff H. V. Trafton, former District Attorney Bardin of Salinas, Geo. W. Smith, J. E. Cox, George Tate of Santa Cruz and J. Briar of Hollister."

EP; 24 Apr 1911; obit: "Paul Sambrailo, a native of Konavle, Dalmacia, Austria, died this morning at 2:30 at the residence of his niece, Mrs. Anna Cordich, on Carr street. Deceased came to California 35 years ago. He spent most of his time in various mining camps throughout the state, finally coming here about four months ago, to reside with his niece. He was 63 years of age and enjoyed the friendship and esteem of a large circle of friends owing to his many admirable qualities. He was a member of the San Francisco branch of Austrian Benevolent Society, and leaves a brother residing at Angels Camp, and three nieces in this State, viz: Anna Mais-tainich, Angels Camp; Kate Miticich [Milicich], Oakland; Mary Miladin, New York City, and Mrs. Anna Cordich, Watsonville. He died from an affection of the heart."

EP; 24 Apr 1911; item: "**More Diphtheria.** The Franich residence at 14 Kearney St. was placed under quarantine this afternoon by Chief of Police Albright as there is a case of diphtheria therein. The case is reported to be mild."

EP; 24 Apr 1911; item: "Eugene McSherry and Nick Lettunich have returned to Santa Clara college after spending a week here."

EP; 25 Apr 1911; item: "Jasper Simunovich vs. Mary Gallagher et al—Demurrer overruled and 10 days granted to answer complaint."

EP; 26 Apr 1911; item: "The child of Martin Franich, which is ill with diphtheria on Kearney street, is somewhat improved today. The child did not have a severe attack of the dreaded ailment."

EP; 26 Apr 1911; item: "The members of Sokol Lodge, the Croatian society of this city, are planning to hold a big picnic the latter portion of next month at Port Wat-

sonville. The arrangements for the outing have not yet been definitely settled but plans are now being arranged.”

EP; 27 Apr 1911; obit: “The funeral services of the late Paul Sambraile were held yesterday afternoon from the undertaking parlors of Wyckoff and Aston on E. Third street...the remains were afterward interred in the Catholic cemetery.”

Paj; 27 Apr 1911; obit: “At Watsonville, April 24, 1911, Paul Sambraile, a native of Konavle, Dalmacia, Austria, aged 63 years.”

EP; 27 Apr 1911; item: “Mateo Lettunich has returned from a business visit to San Jose.”

EP; 27 Apr 1911; item: “Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich have returned from a San Francisco visit.”

Paj; 27 Apr 1911; article: “BAD ADVERTISING...We were handed a letter this morning received by a friend from the Rev. W. J. Speers, now pastor of a church in London, from which we were permitted to make the following extracts:

“Mr. Speers will be pleasantly remembered by our citizens as the minister who relieved Rev. Mr. Winning for a short time during the latter’s indisposition some two years ago.

“* * *There is one thing I want to write you about, and I wish for the sake of Watsonville and the future apple market of that section you would call attention to some facts I will write here:

“This London market is open to the world, and the whole earth is competing for the trade of the 8 million souls in and around this city.

“I made up my mind to have a pleasant evening recently in the church I was a member of, and gave a lantern lecture with many views of Santa Cruz county. Of course, I was willing to go to the limit to make it a success as it was in connection with a literary club. So I went down to Covent Garden where the fruit is sold and selected a box of the choicest Newtown Pippins I could get and paid 12 shillings (about \$3) for them to a wholesale dealer, to whose address they were sent. These were to be given to our distinguished audience of about 100 people.

“When we opened the box there were so many inferior apples, also wormy ones, that I was ashamed. The top row was beautiful, of course. I took them to my own flat from the store, and have not done much bragging about Newtown Pippins since.

“I asked the dealer afterwards, down at the wholesale gardens, if he found all apples packed that way. He replied “No; the California fruit was no doubt the choicest, but was packed more dishonest than either the Oregon or Canadian fruit, and the peddlers already know

this. But the California fruit will keep better than any others. Get after your packers for their own sake.””

“Supplementing the above: We were informed, the other day, by a Watsonville woman, that being over at a San Joaquin town, recently, she, passing a fruit store, asked for some apples. The dealer passed her for her purchase the worst lot of wormy, shriveled-up apples she had ever seen. She refused to take them, and asked where they came from. ‘Watsonville!’ On doubting this statement the dealer up-ended the box and thereon was pasted the label of one of our prominent packers. In answer to queries this dealer told the chagrined woman that it was almost impossible to get a decent box of apples from Watsonville; that our pack was dishonest—fair on top, bad beneath; and that he never purchased Watsonville apples if he could get Oregon or Colorado packs!

“Comment on the two instances above is unnecessary!”

EP; 29 Apr 1911; ALL: Mrs. Aney Kosacich, Gjuro Sisich. Foreign: Paule Vidocich.

EP; 29 Apr 1911; honor roll: High 7th: Ellen Balovich, Kate Knego, Antonio Scurich; Low 6th: Willie Marinovich, Katie Dubretta; High 5th: John Strazicich; Low 4th: Steven Marinovich; High 3rd: Chris Rilovich; High 2nd: Katie Strazicich, Annie Knego, Mark Rilovich; Low 2nd: Paul Dubretta.

EP; 2 May 1911; item: “**Enjoyed a Barbecue.** John Hrepich and Nick Moncovich, who manage the Morey Ranch near Corralitos, played the part of hosts yesterday at a lamb barbecue on the ranch and nine local men were their guests. The eating of the barbecued meat was the forte of all present and the spread was enjoyed by the hungry guests with much relish. The guests were Messrs. J. J. Morey, Dr. P. K. Watters, O. J. Holohan, R. J. Parkinson, C. A. Palmtag, H. C. Peckham, Warren Morey and D. F. Leddy.”

EP; 2 May 1911; item: “George W. Smith, Frank J. Oliver and Thomas Davidson are in Nevada City, Nevada county, in attendance at the grand court of the Foresters of America...”

EP; 2 May 1911; board of aldermen, payments: “...Labor: G. Lucich, \$15; J. Balich, \$22...”

Paj; 4 May 1911; marriage: “Sam Margavetich [Margaretich] and Miss Lucy Arbanas of this city were married today at St. Patrick’s church...The ceremony was an unostentatious affair and only a few of the friends of the pair were present. The groom is a fruit packer in this city and the bride is well known also in the Austrian colony.”

Paj; 4 May 1911; married: "Watsonville, April 29, 1911...M. [S.] Margavetich [Margaretich] and Miss Lucy Arbanas, both of Watsonville."

EP; 4 May 1911; item: "The quarantine on the Martin Franich residence on Kearney street has been lifted by the health officers as the diphtheria patient therein has recovered. The case was not a severe one and the afflicted child is once more on the good health list." *[Martin had no children at this time; this was a child of brother John Franich; they were probably living in the same house at this time]*

EP; 6 May 1911; ALL: Foreign: Paul Givanovich.

EP; 6 May 1911; board of supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: M. Vhicatorich, labor: \$40...J. Golob, labor: \$41...Jack Norvich [Novcich], labor: \$6.00..."

EP; 6 May 1911; item: "Attorney George W. Smith returned today from the Foresters' grand lodge at Nevada City."

EP; 8 May 1911; item: "**Martin Orchard Sold.** The fruit crop on the Martin ranch in this valley, was publicly bid for last Saturday afternoon. The crop was sold to the Muncovich [Moncovich] brothers for a figure which was satisfactory to the grower. The crop sold for a price high up in the four figures."

EP; 9 May 1911; item: "**Wages Case On.** As the 'Pajaronian' goes to press today Judge A. B. Hawkins is hearing evidence in the civil action of John Zar vs. Mitchell Illich. Zar alleges that he pruned trees and performed other work for Illich and received no pay for so doing. He now wants \$88 for his wages and the cost of the suit. Attorney George W. Smith represents Zar..."

EP; 9 May 1911; article: "The proposed opening and extension of Central avenue between Main and Rodriguez streets will be opposed by 65 property owners in the affected district, who have filed a petition of protest with City Clerk Coffman..."

"The protestants are as follows: ...Stephen Scurich... Secondo Brothers...F. P. Marinovich...Nick Zar...M. N. Lettunich Co...Luke Scurich...B. Pista, and Nick Stojanovich."

EP; 9 May 1911; disp. ad: "NOTICE TO APPLE BUYERS. Sealed bids are requested on this year's crop of apples, on Kelly's ranch, R.D. No. 1. Bids will be received at the Hotel Central, on or before May the 16th, 1911, at 2:30 p.m. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. M. TOMASEVICH."

EP; 10 May 1911; item: "M. N. Lettunich of San Francisco is here for a few days on business."

EP; 10 May 1911; item: "Nicholas M. Lettunich of Santa Clara college is here on a visit to his parents."

EP; 10 May 1911; item: "Miss Lena Katuran of San Jose is here on a month's visit to her aunt, Mrs. Steve Strazicich."

EP; 10 May 1911; item: "Mrs. Steve Strazicich and daughter have returned from a three days' visit to relatives in San Jose."

EP; 11 May 1911; item: "Justice A. B. Hawkins... awarded John Zar the sum of \$67.50 in damages in addition to all attorney fees and costs of suit in his civil action versus Mitchell Illich. Illich and his attorneys failed to show in court and the case went by default. Attorney Geo. W. Smith represented Zar."

EP; 11 May 1911; article: "GRAND BALL BRINGS OUT LARGE CROWD. The immense municipal pavilion has been the scene of many grand and successful social gatherings since its construction but none of them reached the height of splendor attained last night by the grand ball held by the local Knights of Columbus in honor of the State council. The Apple Annual ball last autumn drew a larger crowd perhaps, but not one so distinguished and select. Other affairs of a terpsichorean nature held in the hall may have been ever so successful but none of them could be the general success that the grand ball last night was pronounced.

"...[T]he quality of the crowd made the success inevitable...The dances were a whirl of beautifully garbed femininity, sparkling manhood and spontaneous life, which made the affair anything but blase and dull..."

"The grand march commenced shortly after nine o'clock and was headed by the new State deputy, Neal Power of San Francisco, and Mrs. John F. Kano of this city. Nearly one hundred couples were on the floor and the scene was a beautiful and dazzling one. The dance continued until after the midnight hour..."

"The following committee-men...join in the general congratulations: J. B. Holohan, Eugene Kelley, T. J. Horgan, P. G. Sheehy, J. F. Aston, Edward White, Mateo Lettunich, D. J. Daly, Adam Martin, J. E. Whalen, Thomas Davidson, Edward Kelley, G. B. Kennedy, H. P. Kane and C. E. Ford..."

Paj; 11 May 1911; item: "W.[N.] P. Chagal is circulating a petition (which has been generally signed) to the Board of Aldermen, asking for his appointment to the position of Park Commissioner."

Paj; 11 May 1911; item: "The home of Peter Scurich on

Brennan street has been placed under quarantine owing to the fact that the dreaded diphtheria has afflicted the baby boy of the family. The case is reported to be a most severe one and the lad is not yet out of danger..."

EP; 11 May 1911; marriage: "WEDDING AT SALINAS...Kosmos Gospodnetich of Watsonville and Miss Annie Salamunovich of Spreckels were united in marriage in Salinas. The ceremony was performed by Justice David Wallace at the parlors of the Hotel Jeffrey in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. The bridesmaid was Miss Annie Salamunovich, a niece of the bride, and the best man was Nick Salamunovich, the bride's brother. After the ceremony light refreshments were served in the hotel parlors. Later the wedding party partook of a sumptuous dinner.

"The bride is an estimable young lady who has resided for several years at Spreckels, where she has many friends. The groom is a well known business man of this city, having been engaged here in the apple packing industry for some 15 years.

"Mr. and Mrs. Gospodnetich left on the 11:30 train on their wedding tour. They will sojourn for a few days at Monterey and will then visit San Francisco, Los Angeles and other points. On their return they will reside at this city in a neat and cozy home which the groom has had prepared for his bride..."

EP; 11 May 1911; married: "At Salinas, May 10, 1911, by Justice David Wallace, Kosmos Gospodnetich, of Watsonville, and Miss Annie Salamunovich of Spreckles."

EP; 12 May 1911; item: "**Planning Picnic.** The local Austrians are planning a big time at their picnic to be held the 28th of this month at the beach. A committee from the local Croatian society has the affair in charge and the program will be announced in a few days."

EP; 12 May 1911; article: "Considerable excitement was caused and a large crowd was amused this morning on Upper Main street above Lake avenue when a three-cornered dispute over the possession of a small house was had by Mrs. Phelps of the city, Samuel Conlan and a man named Castropelli. The dispute arose when Mrs. Phelps threw out the shoemaking apparatus, which Castropelli had placed in the building. Mrs. Phelps had rented the place but her time was up a few days ago. She is alleged to have paid no rent since so Conlan rented the house to Castropelli for a shoe shop. Today Mrs. Phelps arrived on the scene and threw Castropelli's goods in the street. Conlan arrived on the scene, and an armistice was patched up somehow and the row ended peacefully..."

EP; 12 May 1911; list: "MUSIC RECITAL AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY. The music pupils of the Moreland Notre Dame Academy rendered a very satisfactory recital

this morning, in the academy hall, in presence of the faculty and students.

"Following is a list of the names of the pupils who took part in the recital together with the titles of the pieces played by them: ...Lena Strazich: Gavotte Rustique; Anna Scurich: Perpetual Motion..."

EP; 15 May 1911; article: "PEDESTRIAN ROBBED ON WALKER STREET. One of the boldest highway robberies perpetrated in this section for some time past, occurred about 8:30 o'clock last night at the corner of Kearney and Walker streets when two unknown men held up and robbed Peter F. Vucasich of \$1.50 at the point of a pistol and were only prevented from beating their victim by the timely arrival of other pedestrians..."

EP; 16 May 1911; article: "THE APPLE ANNUAL FOR THE YEAR 1911. The 1911 Apple Annual is but five months away and the 1911 show is to be the greatest and grandest and most beautiful and most prolific exhibition of apple culture ever seen or heard of in California. The 1910 apple show was that but the 1911 fair will eclipse the last year's exposition in every departure. The Apple Annual directors held a busy session last night..."

"President Stoesser appointed the executive committees for the 1911 apple show, arrangements were made for premium lists, the matter of judges was discussed, several forms of publicity were taken up and other business, old and new, was disposed of in one way or another.

"The executive committees for the 1911 show are as follows:

"Finance—J. E. Gardner, chairman; W. R. Radcliff, J. J. Morey, Luke Scurich and Edward White.

"Exhibits—Chas. H. Rodgers, chairman; Luke Scurich, C. H. Baker, Jas. Sheehy, Mateo Lettunich, F. W. MacDonald, H. C. Peckham, R. W. Eaton, Frank Radovan, R. H. Goodchild, W. H. White and J. H. Thompson.

"Building—G. W. Sill, chairman; L. P. Cikuth, T. J. Horgan, P. M. Andrews, Ole Christensen, Julius Schanbacher and J. O. Mudgett..."

"Awards—J. E. Gardner, chairman; Otto Raphael, S. Scurich, P. A. Callaghan and E. B. Lettunich..."

"The matter of judges for this year's show was taken up thoroughly and it is not at all likely that any of the 1910 judges will be chosen again..."

"Prices are now being secured on stickers, the same poster used last year will be utilized this year and prices are to be learned for 10,000 posters, the committee will likely again place big Apple Annual signs on the Pajaro and Chittenden hills, new stationery will be secured this year and prices will be learned immediately, novel postal cards of an original design will be used this year..."

"An invitation will be extended to Governor Hiram W. Johnson to personally be present here on October 9th to open the Apple Annual..."

EP; 16 May 1911; article: “**NO FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION HERE. Commercial League so Decided**...There will be no Fourth of July celebration here as the League thought it best for the local people to attend particularly the celebrations in Santa Cruz and Hollister. These cities attended last year’s Apple Annual in splendid fashion and the league members thought it no more than right that the Watsonville people should reciprocate. Both Santa Cruz and Hollister are arranging gala celebrations of the nation’s birthday and the league will bend every effort to have them supported locally.

“The annual election of officers and directors of the league was held with the following result: President, Edward A. Hall; first vice president, Robert H. Hudson; second vice president, William A. Trafton; treasurer, A. W. Cox; secretary, C. G. Redman; directors, J. A. Baxter, Thomas Canty, A. N. Judd, J. B. Holohan, J. W. Tulloch, C. H. Rodgers, Charles H. Smith, J. E. Gardner, Luke Scurich, O. D. Stoesser and James Sheehy...”

EP; 16 May 1911; class. ad: “FOR RENT—One vacant store at 22 Park street, suitable for any business or office; apply to F. P. Marinovich, 22 Alexander street.”

EP; 17 May 1911; item: “The City Grocery company was granted a transfer of its liquor license from its present location near the city hall to 307 Main street.”

EP; 23 May 1911; item: “**Samuel Conlan Sued**. A trial action for \$500 damages was filed in the superior court yesterday by George Castrapelli against Samuel Conlan, both local residents. Castrapelli alleges that he leased a building on Upper Main street from Conlan and that a Mrs. Phelps had a prior lease on the place at the time, which made it impossible for the plaintiff to secure possession of the property. He alleges a violation of the covenant of peaceful enjoyment...”

EP; 23 May 1911; item: “N. Lettunich vs. T. J. Horgan—Trial set for June 13th.”

EP; 23 May 1911; article: “**Several Plans for 1911 Apple Show Discussed by the Directors**...The directors of the Apple Annual association convened last night to transact odds and ends and considerable business was cleaned up. Those present were President O. D. Stoesser, Secretary C. G. Redman, Financial Secretary T. M. Wright and Directors E. Steinhauser, Mateo Lettunich, H. C. Peckham, J. A. Linscott, W. R. Porter, Luke Scurich, C. H. Rodgers and A. W. Cox...”

EP; 25 May 1911; article: “GET BUSY. T. F. Wohler, the gentleman who opened the dry goods store, The Fair, at 251 Main street, a few weeks ago, finding that the location was not suitable to attract the class of trade he desired to cater to has closed up the store, boxed up his

stock, and is waiting to secure another location for which he is now negotiating further up on Main street.

“The action of Mr. Wohler possesses great significance for the property owners between Second and First streets. Unless they get a move on and take steps to improve that section of Main street, ere long they might just as well hand it over to the Japs. Upper Main street is steadily advancing, and were it not for the city plaza would before long become the business centre of town. Some of those old shacks between First and Second streets should be replaced with modern buildings, electroliers should grace the sidewalks, and as soon as the matter of the extension of Central avenue is settled—one way or another—a strong effort should be made to have the John T. Porter Co. improve the Hoffman House property. The burning down of the Hoffman House was a great calamity to that section of Main street. If the rest of the property-owners in that block showed the same enterprise and faith in Watsonville’s future that Steve Scurich, the owner of the Central hotel does, the block would be one of the busiest and finest blocks in town.”

EP; 25 May 1911; article: “**Big Conference Last Night Results in Unanimous Arraignment of Filthy and Inefficient Water Supply Here**. The present chemically filtered rotten filth and disease-breeding water furnished by the Watsonville water company and the inefficient, dangerous and cheap fire protection guaranteed by the same corporation received a bitter arraignment and a severe castigation...at the conference held with the water committee of the board of aldermen by the committee of 12 appointed...by Mayor Hall to investigate the poor water and fire service of the city of Watsonville. There was not one dissenting voice raised against the unanimous cry for ‘purer water and higher pressure at any cost,’ which slogan ran through the utterances of each and every speaker heard last night.

“It was a remarkable conference in several ways. Many different walks of life were represented at the conference...from the laboring class up to the professional ranks and all were united in the demand for decent service. Not one speaker even attempted to make excuses for the private corporation now furnishing chemically-cleaned filth for water and a weak fire pressure. The water company and its feelings in the matter were not considered. The matter of moment, which was of more vital importance than the feelings of a greedy, soulless corporation, was the protection of the lives of the people here from the disease ridden water and the protection from fire other than from present service. Unanimously the conference went on record as demanding a first-class water service here and the financial cost of the undertaking was cast aside as but of minor importance.

“Alderman P. A. Callaghan, chairman of the water committee of the city council, presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Hall and the following citizens

were present: Aldermen B. A. Osborn, J. R. Uren, H. P. Kane, and Rev. D. F. Stafford, Dr. S. C. Rodgers, Otto D. Stoesser, F. P. Marinovich, Luke Scurich, Charles Rowe, Jas. I. King, A. N. Judd, Julius A. Schanbacher, J. A. Casady, Manfred Schwab, O. A. W. Shuchard, Otto Schuchard, Hugh W. Judd, J. M. Herbert, William DeHart, G. A. Morehead and J. D. Robinson. Of the above Messrs. King, Stoesser, Scurich, Morehead, Rodgers, Stafford, DeHart and Rowe were members of the water committee appointed by the mayor..."

EP; 25 May 1911; honor roll: High 2nd: Katie Lutich, Katie Strazicich; High 2nd: Annie Knego, Mark Rilovich; High 3rd: Nicholas Lutich, Chris Rilovich, Katie Rilovich; High 4th: Jennie Dubretta; High 4th: Helen Strazicich; High 5th: John Strazicich, Lena Strazicich; Low 6th: Katie Dubreta, Willie Marinovich; High 6th: Antonio Scurich; High 7th: Ellen Balovich; Low 8th: Florence Smith.

EP; 25 May 1911; item: "**Croatian [sic] Society to Picnic at Beach Next Sunday.** Port Watsonville and environs will be the scene of a lively picnic next Sunday when the members of the local Sokol Croatian [sic] society and their friends hold forth there. The society members will leave the I.O.O.F. hall at 10 o'clock and will leave for the beach in a body at 10:30 o'clock on the W.R.&N. cars. The Watsonville city band will render music at the beach, dancing will be enjoyed and a number of other entertaining features are promised those attending. The local Croatian society is one of the strongest fraternal organizations in this city and many hundred people will probably attend Sunday's outing."

EP; 25 May 1911; item: "**Students Passed Through.** Nearly 300 students of the famous Santa Clara college passed through Watsonville at 5:50 o'clock last evening on their return trip to Santa Clara from a day's outing at Manresa. The special train came over the mountain route yesterday morning and returned via Gilroy. Several Watsonville boys were on the train and those noticed were Chester Palmtag, Stephen White, Perry Shea, Nicholas Lettunich, George Freiermuth, John Sheehy and Charles McSherry. A party of students walked to this city yesterday afternoon from Manresa under the leadership of Edward White. The Santa Clara college retreat is located near Manresa."

EP; 25 May 1911; item: "George Castrapelli vs. Samuel Conlan—Summons."

EP; 25 May 1911; item: "Mateo Lettunich visited the Santa Clara college retreat at Manresa yesterday."

Paj; 25 May 1911; born: "In Watsonville, May 21, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ferfen [Sersen], a son." [William Srsen; +1981]

EP; 25 May 1911; list: "The following owners of properties affected by the opening of Fifth street are delinquent and should pay up at once to save further expense and trouble: ...M. Grizich, \$0.16...P. Battinich, \$4.77...M. Secondo, \$3.54..."

EP; 27 May 1911; obit: "Mrs. Annie Celestine Slavich, wife of Lawrence V. Slavich, proprietor of Slavich's restaurant, 36 West San Fernando street, San Jose, died at her home, 221 West St. James street...last evening, following a sudden attack of heart disease."

EP; 27 May 1911; item: "An enjoyable birthday party was given this afternoon to Master Arthur Trimble in honor of his sixth birthday...Those present were...Leona Strazicich...Irene Strazicich...Lena Strazicich...[of 17]"

EP; 27 May 1911; item: "**Big Croation [sic] Picnic Tomorrow.** Tomorrow is the day of the big Croatian picnic at Port Watsonville and many hundred people are expected to throng the shores of the bay in the morning and afternoon. The local Sokol lodge has arranged a fine program of varied entertainment for its guests at the beach and all will have a jolly time. Cars on W.R.&N. will operate every hour to the beach."

EP; 27 May 1911; ALL: Frank B. Loutorvck. Foreign: Jizo Alamat.

EP; 27 May 1911; item: "M. N. Lettunich is here from San Francisco on business."

EP; 29 May 1911; article: "**Early Morning Fire Today Destroyed Property Amounting to Over Fourteen Hundred Dollars.** The Ivancovich packing house on West Lake avenue, the barn owned by the same company in the rear and the barn adjoining owned by Police Judge C. W. Bridgewater were completely destroyed by fire early this morning as well as nearly all the contents of the three buildings. The flames were first noticed about 1:30 [a.m.] and the fire department responded immediately. But the fire had gained too much headway and the three buildings were doomed when the firemen arrived on the spot...The heavy fog, which fell like a drizzling rain, aided in keeping the flames from spreading.

"The fire had its origin in the packing house leased by the John Ivancovich company from Joseph Secondo, but how it had its origin is not known. The incendiary theory is as usual advanced..."

"The Ivancovich company was damaged to the amount of about \$900...None of the burned property was insured."

EP; 29 May 1911; article: "**AUSTRIAN PICNIC IS MECCA FOR HUNDREDS.** One of the largest crowds ever seen at Port Watsonville attended the big Croatian

picnic at the popular resort yesterday and the event was also one of the most successful ever held at the beach and even in the valley as a whole. The Watsonville Railway & Navigation company operated cars hourly to the beach and the Pullmans were crowded and jammed with pleasure seekers all day long. The crowd was immense and to estimate the number would be a difficult undertaking. Two thousand people seems a reasonable approximation and there may have been more for it was certainly not less than that figure.

“The dance hall at the pavilion fairly sagged with terpsichorean enthusiasts and the number of couples on the floor never was larger in the history of the beach. Watsonville band furnished the music and everybody enjoyed the dancing from first to last and the final round of whirling pleasure found the crowd not yet ready to adjourn. The beach was thronged with people and the sand dunes, the pier, the neighboring hills and glens were black with people. All day long the crowd surged back and forth along the shore and were invigorated and refreshed by the sharp ocean breezes, which swept in across the waves and billows from the Pacific.

“The weather was the only disagreeable feature of the entire occasion. The brand of climate presented to the valley yesterday could hardly have been worse. Cutting breezes chilled the people through and through and a misty, high fog clung to the atmosphere with digged obstinacy. But the cold weather could not chill the warm enthusiasm of the crowd and all present tried to forget the clammy climate and have a jolly time.

“The members of Sokol lodge, the local Croatian society, deserve merited praise for the success of the event. The Watsonville Railway & Navigation company is also deserving of credit for its excellent car service and in fact everybody connected with the affair is to be mentioned in the general commendation. The Sokol lodge will do well to duplicate yesterday’s success next year.”

Paj; 30 Mar 1911; item: “Miss Theresa Farlin and Miss Anna Farlin returned today from a visit to San Francisco and Santa Clara.”

EP; 31 May 1911; article: “APPLE ANNUALITES IN BRIEF SESSION. The Apple Annual directors held a meeting on Monday night and they transacted considerable business. Those present were President O. D. Stoesser, Secretary C. G. Redman, Financial Secretary T. M. Wright and Directors E. Steinhauer, C. H. Rodgers, J. E. Gardner, H. C. Peckham, R. H. Goodchild, J. A. Linscott and Mateo Lettunich...”

“Ten thousand posters for the 1911 Apple Annual were ordered from the Sunset Publishing company. They will cost \$300.

“The matter of securing a tent to house the exhibits on the city lot was postponed until all tent parties can file bids...An offer of Apple Annual buttons for \$12 per

thousand was received from the Brunt Company of San Francisco...”

EP; 31 May 1911; item: “Peter Resetar vs. Edward L. Allen administrator et al—Complaint to quiet title.”

Paj; 1 Jun 1911; list: “**Delinquent on 5th Street Assessment. The Following Property-owners Will Have Their Lands Sold Unless They Pay Before June 6...M. Grizich: \$0.16...P. Battinich: \$4.77...M. Secondo: \$3.54...**”

Paj; 1 Jun 1911; item: “A complaint was sworn to before Judge Rohrback of Pajaro this afternoon by John Mustahinich against J. Lettunich charging assault with a deadly weapon, to-wit, a shotgun. Lettunich and the complainant are both employed near Aromas and the two are alleged to have been parties to a heated quarrel. Lettunich will be arrested this afternoon.”

Paj; 1 Jun 1911; item: “James A. Hall and Geo. W. Smith formed a co-partnership this week, and the new firm, ‘Hall & Smith, attorneys at law,’ are now ready for business. The combination is a good one. George is a graduate in law from the office, and his faithfulness and efficiency have been awarded with a partnership...”

Paj; 1 Jun 1911; item: “Pajaro Fruit Farm Co. to Andrew Zar et al—24.39 acres of Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro reserving 13.50 acres, \$10.”

EP; 2 Jun 1911; item: “The two cottages on the corner of Rodriguez and Third streets, to be removed to make way for the Hotel Appleton, have been bought by the Mateo Lettunich company, and will be removed to the company’s lot on Rodriguez street, near Second street, and set thereon this week. Workmen started in preparing a lot for their reception this morning. When moved, put on the lot, and ready for tenants, the cottages will have cost the company about \$1000 apiece. They are excellent buildings, well-laid out, in good repair, and the company got bargains in buying them.”

EP; 2 Jun 1911; notice: “**NOTICE OF Dissolution of Partnership.** Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between RILOVICH COMPANY, a corporation and NICK SREZOVICH, under the firm name and style of Rilovich Company & Srezovich, has been this day dissolved. The said Nick Srezovich continuing the business of the said partnership. All bills and accounts due the firm to be payable to the said Rilovich Company, and all moneys due from the said firm to be paid by the said Rilovich Company. The said Rilovich Company shall not be liable for any debts contracted after the first day of June, 1911. RILOVICH COMPANY, By G. Rilovich, President. NICK SREZOVICH.”

EP; 3 Jun 1911; ALL: Foreign: Frank Jakovich, Martin Mikulicic.

EP; 5 Jun 1911; article: "This city was...well represented at the county seat yesterday, it being the occasion for the opening of the casino and concessions at the Surf City resort at the beach. The following is a partial list of [those] who represented this city and all report having had a delightful time: ...Mateo Lettunich, [Miss] Anna Farlin...Nicholas Alaga, Paul Alaga...Florence Smith..."

EP; 6 Jun 1911; list: "The delinquent taxpayers in this section of the county as published in the Santa Cruz Surf contains the following names: ...Lettunich, Mateo, mortgage interest on lot of H. J. Christensen, \$10.61..."

EP; 6 Jun 1911; item: "**Broke All Past Records.** The Central Grocery Company has the honor of establishing a new 'wet goods' record in Watsonville. Yesterday the firm received an entire carload of whiskey from the east, the lot amounting to 60 barrels in all. Local booze emporiums and wholesalers have received large quantities of whiskey in the past but none ever received a carload at once."

EP; 6 Jun 1911; item: "Estate of John Eggia, deceased—Petition of Meri Eggia for letters of administration; order fixing June 16 as day for a hearing application for letters."

EP; 6 Jun 1911; item: "George Castrepelli [Castropelli] vs. Samuel Conlan—Demurrer to complaint."

EP; 6 Jun 1911; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: John Balovich, \$48..."

EP; 7 Jun 1911; article: "**Mr. and Mrs. Bokariza Are Guests of Honor...**The Companions of the Forest and many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bokariza, who are about to leave for the metropolis, gave them a farewell party last evening at their residence on Second street.

"A most delightful time was enjoyed. There were games, music, dancing and other forms of amusement. T. L. Mansfield and Nicholas Strazicich rendered enjoyable violin solos, vocal selections from Mrs. Jas. Arias, Misses Iva Costello, Katherine and Ellen Balovich were enjoyed and at the conclusion of the affair Mr. and Mrs. Bokariza were bade farewell and wished all possible luck and prosperity in their new home.

"Following is a list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Mansfield, Mrs. Hattie Kendall, Prescott Kendall, Mrs. Della Rose, Mrs. Joe Rose, Miss Mary Medeiros, Torrye Balock, Miss Katherine Balovich, Lucy L. Backich [Bakich], Mr. and Mrs. Bokariza, Miss Iva Costello, Nicholas Strazicich, Miss Ellen Balovich, Osmond Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dodge, Mrs. A. Stolich, Mrs. James Arias and Maria Zanini."

Paj; 8 Jun 1911; item: "...over a dozen applications have been made to the Mateo Lettunich Co., to rent the two cottages the company purchased from the Appleton Investment Co., and that are to be moved to Rodriguez street. No applications will be considered until the cottages have been moved, fixed up and ready for occupancy."

EP; 8 Jun 1911; item: "**Dissolves Co-partnership.** Peter Resetar and Anton Balich, who have been associated together in the fruit business for the past four years under the firm name of Resetar & Balich, with a packing house at West Lake avenue, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Balich takes over personal property and leases and contracts of the firm. The firm has been one of the most reputable and substantial concerns in the fruit business in the valley, and bore an enviable reputation for fair dealing. It is Mr. Resetar's intention to engage in the fruit business on his own account at his packing house on Lake avenue at once."

EP; 8 Jun 1911; item: "**Young Lady Surprised.** Several friends of Miss Ivy Costello of Lodi, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Costello on Alexander street for some time past, tendered the young lady a surprise party and china shower last night. The honored lady was overcome with surprise but she soon recovered her composure and all present had a jolly time. A violin solo by Nicholas Strazicich, vocal selections by the Misses Catharine Balovich, Ellen Balovich, Louise Nirich and Ivy Costello, and refreshments were some of the features of the evening. Those present were the Misses Elizabeth Uren, Ivy Costello, Louise Nirich, Nellie Glinham, Catharine Balovich, Mr. and Mrs. Costello and Messrs. Nicholas Strazicich, Nick Beaurne, N. V. Lettunich, Peter Secondo and Tony Balovich."

Paj; 8 Jun 1911; item: "The City Grocery Co. are getting ready to move into its new quarters in the Sheehy building about the 15th of this month. Carpenters have been at work fixing up the interior of the new store for the past two weeks, and when completed the store will be one of the finest grocery stores in town."

EP; 9 Jun 1911; item: "Jasper Simunovich vs. Mary Gallagher et al—Notice of trial; decree of foreclosure."

EP; 9 Jun 1911; item: "Upon a warrant charging him with defrauding an innkeeper, the complainant being Achilles Fournier, of the Mansion House, Richard P. Quinn, the local real estate broker, was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Constable Sandberg. The complaint was sworn to in Judge Hawkins' court and Quinn was arraigned before Judge Hawkins later in the day. The amount of his bond was fixed at \$200 and his sureties were George Hrepich and Andrew Strazicich...The amount said to be due the Mansion House by Quinn is \$56."

EP; 9 Jun 1911; notice: “**Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.** Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Peter Resetar and Anton Balich, under the firm name and style of Resetar & Balich, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All obligations of the firm contracted before the first day of June, 1911, shall be paid by said co-partners, and all moneys due the firm prior to the first day of June, 1911, shall be payable to either of the said co-partners. Said Anton Balich paying all obligations incurred after said 1st day of June. Dated June 7th 1911. PETER RESE-TAR. ANTON BALICH.”

EP; 10 Jun 1911; county supervisors, payments: “...Central Grocery Co., mdse: \$8...Pajaro Road Fund: Misich, Chris, labor: \$12...Viloich [Violich], Nick, labor: \$32...”

EP; 12 Jun 1911; item: “**Lease Recorded.** According to the Monterey county records C. C. Thompson, on May 6th, leased to S. M. and N. Viacich, two tracts—one of 80, the other 30 acres, near Pajaro, for six years at a total rental of \$15,000.”

EP; 12 Jun 1911; article: “**Another Austrian Packer Is Threatened by Fire.** The fire department late Saturday afternoon responded to an alarm on West Third street, fire having been discovered in the packing house of the M. N. Lettunich company near the depot. The blaze, however, had been extinguished by a volunteer bucket brigade before the arrival of the department. An employe of the Lettunich company, luckily was passing a stack of cleats on the outside of the building when he chanced to notice the flames. Three bundles of cleats were destroyed hence the damage was but nominal.

“The Lettunich company is now the fourth victim of an unknown fire. L. P. Cikuth, M. Grizich and John Ivanovich are the other losers and the losses in all will total over \$13,000. The origin in each case has been mysterious and the entire proposition has a most suspicious aspect. It seems that the Austrian packers have been singled out in each case and the fire-bug theory is gaining more ground each day. What particular malice anyone bears towards the Austrians is not understood hence the mystery. In the meantime something should be done to ferret out the criminal if there is one and bring him or them to justice.”

EP; 12 Jun 1911; item: “Mateo Lettunich and John McCallan and the Misses Anna and Theresa Farlin motored to Santa Cruz yesterday.”

EP; 13 Jun 1911; item: “The civil action of N. V. Lettunich vs. T. J. Horgan has been settled out of court.”

EP; 13 Jun 1911; article: “**COMMITTEE FAVORS ENTIRE NEW SYSTEM.** Unanimous in favor of the

\$110,000 pumping system over the \$230,000 present water system, the advisory water committee of the board of aldermen last night decided to so report to the board this evening and to recommend that the entire question be soon submitted to a vote of the people. The taking of the straw vote came near the end of the session at the suggestion of Mayor Hall and when the mayor asked those to arise, who favored the pumping system, these arose: Mayor Jas. A. Hall, Supervisor S. C. Marcus, Aldermen B. A. Osborn, J. R. Uren, H. P. Kane and P. A. Callahan, G. A. Morehead, J. I. King, Charles Rowe, H. B. Morehouse, E. F. Wyckoff, A. N. Judd, William DeHart, Claude Redwine, L. P. Cikuth and Joe Josephs. The above composed the entire audience hence no vote was taken to show the hand of those favoring the purchase of the present system...”

EP; 13 Jun 1911; article: “**APPLE ANNUAL WILL ADOPT NEW DESIGN.**...A brief but busy session held last night of the Apple Annual directors resulted in the re-election of Harry Perkins of San Bernardino as official decorator, the adoption of a new design for stationery and the transaction of other important business. Those present were President O. D. Stoesser, Secretary C. G. Redman, Financial Secretary T. M. Wright, Directors Luke Scurich, J. E. Gardner, J. H. Thompson, C. H. Rodgers and E. Steinhauser.

“The old design for the Apple Annual envelopes and letterheads was discarded for a new idea, which will embody a cut of typical Pajaro Valley apples, brief promotion reading matter and other features. No particular design was decided upon except that it be a new one...”

EP; 14 Jun 1911; article: “**OFFICERS ELECTED.** Court Pajaro Valley Rose, Companions of the Forest, last night held a combined social and business session at the Foresters’ hall, at which the following officers were elected to serve for the next term: ...Miss Katie Balovich, sub-chief companion...Miss [Mrs.] Lucy Bakich, left guide; Miss [Mrs.] Frances Nirich, inside guard...”

“After the lodge session the following program was given: ...vocal solo, Miss Helen Balovich...recitation, Attorney George Smith...The committee in charge of the festivities last night consisted of Miss Katie Balovich, Peter Secondo, Miss Lucy Bakich and Henry Castro.”

EP; 14 Jun 1911; item: “Jasper Simunovich vs. Mary Gallagher et al—Bond and oath of commissioner.”

EP; 14 Jun 1911; honor roll: Low 8th to High 8th: Florence Smith; High 7th to Low 8th: Helen Balovich; High 6th to Low 7th: Antonio Scurich; Low 6th to High 6th: Katie Dubreta, Willie Marinovich; High 5th to Low 6th: John Strazicich; High 4th to Low 5th: Helen Strazicich; High 4th to Low 5th: Jennie Dubreta; Low 4th to High 4th: Steven Marinovich; High 3rd to Low 4th: Nicholas Lutich;

High 2nd to Low 3rd: Katie Strazicich, Katie Lutich; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Annie Knego, Mark Rilovich.

Paj; 15 Jun 1911; item: "Leases—Eva Ewing Rowe to Peter Batlinich [Battinich] et al—34.888 acres on rancho Salsipuedes."

Paj; 15 Jun 1911; item: "Lease—William Wilson et als. to Chris Ljukenko [Ljubenko/Lubenko]—110 acres bd. on E. by Sterling, on S. by Nunez and Kendall, on W. by Stanton on N. by Marsen, Cousin, Arkerson and Stegeman."

Paj; 15 Jun 1911; item: "Lease—Edward J. Kelly et als to Michael Tomasavich et al—33 acres on county road, Watsonville Twp; 15 acres on county road, Watsonville township."

EP; 16 Jun 1911; item: "The following from a recent issue of the San Francisco Daily Commercial News will be of local interest: 'M. N. Lettunich and Company of Watsonville report that their apricot yield will be the best for many years and that the Pajaro valley is destined to become one of the principal producing sections in the State for apricots. Mr. Lettunich will dry them, and his entire crop in this line will be shipped to Hamburg, Germany, one of the best markets in Europe...'"

EP; 17 Jun 1911; ALL: Andrew Arkulin. Foreign: John Beloch.

EP; 17 Jun 1911; item: "Estate of John Eggin [Eggia], deceased—Letters of administration issued to Meri Eggin; bond \$200; order appointing George Copriviza, Luke Scurich and Marko Stolich appraisers."

EP; 19 Jun 1911; school, promotions by exam: Promoted to Low 8th: Lena Rilovich, Kate Knego; to Low 7th: John Bauk [Buak], Lewis Lettunich; to Low 6th: Lena Strazicich, Louis Milciovich; to Low 5th: Nicholas Balanac, Tony Grizich; to High 4th: Anna Balanac; to Low 4th: Katie Rilovich, Chris Rilovich; from Low 1st to High 1st: Martin Lubenko, Nick Dubreta, Mary Lutich, Annie Lubenko; to Low 3rd: John Cordich; from Low 2nd to High 2nd: Frank Uvodich, Paul Dubreta, Ione [prob. Tone/Tony] Dubreta, John Castropelli, Tony Boscovich; from 1st to 2nd: Nellie Puhiera.

EP; 19 Jun 1911; item: "[Misses] Theresa, Mamie and Anna Farlin motored to Santa Cruz yesterday."

EP; 19 Jun 1911; disp. ad:

PURE LARD

10 lb. cans: \$1.50

5 lb. cans: 80c

3 lb. cans: 60c

City Grocery Co.

258 Main Street. Phone, 63.

EP; 19 Jun 1911; disp. ad:

**Fancy
Small White Beans
For Seed
Central Grocery Co.
Cor. Main and Central Ave.**

EP; 21 Jun 1911; item: "Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Order authorizing marking of grave."

Paj; 22 Jun 1911, born: "Watsonville, June 17, 1911, to the wife of M. Ceo, a son." [Louis; +2001]

Paj; 22 Jun 1911; article: "J. E. Gardner, Henry C. Peckham and Mateo Lettunich were the Apple Annual directors chosen last night at the meeting of that body to assist the general citizens' committee in arranging for a grand exodus to Santa Cruz on July Fourth. Chief of Police Sylvester Whitsitt, who is a live booster for the excursion, addressed the Apple Annual directors last night on the matter and the Apple Annualites approved heartily of the scheme. He told of the three band plan, the special train and the other plans thought of in connection with the big excursion to the county seat. Badges will doubtlessly be worn by all the local people, floats may be entered in the parade, but these plans will be brought up by the Apple Annual committee at the meeting this afternoon of the committee of citizens."

EP; 24 Jun 1911; item: "N. M. Lettunich returned last night from Santa Clara college to remain for the summer vacation. He was accompanied by D. J. Tadich of San Francisco, who graduated on Wednesday."

EP; 24 Jun 1911; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children arrived last night from San Francisco in their touring car. They will visit here a few days before leaving for Santa Cruz."

EP; 26 Jun 1911; item: "Jack Alaga is in San Francisco visiting relatives."

EP; 26 Jun 1911; item: "Among the local people in Santa Cruz yesterday were Miss Anna M. Farlin, Mrs. M. N. Lettunich, E. B. Lettunich, Miss Lucille Lettunich, Nicholas Lettunich, Jr., Dan Todich, John Sheehy, Harold Kane, Robert Allison, Miss Minnie Storm and Miss Adeline Laporte."

EP; 26 Jun 1911; married: "At Watsonville, June 25, 1911, Marco Bahich [Bakich] and Frances Gospodnetich."

EP; 26 Jun 1911; article: "MORE MONEY NEEDED FOR THE BIG SHOW. Messrs. J. E. Gardner, W. R. Radcliff, J. J. Morey and Luke Scurich of the Apple Annual finance committee submitted a report to the

Apple Annual directors last night, which received considerable attention. The report stated that the sum of \$3,500 in either stock subscriptions or donations was needed before the 1911 Apple Annual could be successfully produced. The report of the committee was teeming with facts and figures, which were arranged for the benefits of prospective donators or subscribers, who thus could learn the situation without any misrepresentation. The report was filed but will be acted upon immediately as the time is short and the money must be raised soon..."

EP; 28 Jun 1911; item: "The Companions of the Forests enjoyed themselves last night and all present had a jolly time after the business session...a vocal solo was given by Miss Helen Balovich..."

EP; 28 Jun 1911; item: "George Copriviza, Luke Scurich and Mark Stolich in the estate of John Eggia, deceased. [sic not a complete sentence]"

EP; 28 Jun 1911; article: "Three fast horse races and one speedy motorcycle contest are scheduled to take place next Sunday afternoon at Stoesser's park on the beach road under the auspices of the Watsonville Driving Club...The racing program will be as follows: ...Second race: One-half mile: J. V. Perry's Doc Perry, driven by J. P. Soares; Paul Alaga's Little Pete, driven by the owner and George Mann's Black Diamond driven by the owner..."

EP; 28 Jun 1911; item: "Dan Tadich of Santa Clara College, has returned to San Francisco after visiting Nicholas Lettunich, Jr."

EP; 28 Jun 1911; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and children returned today to San Francisco."

Paj; 29 Jun 1911; marriage: "(From Monday's daily) At St. Patrick's church in this city, yesterday at high noon, Rev. P. D. Hassett pronounced the words that united Marco Bahich [Bakich] and Frances Gospodnetich in the holy bonds of matrimony. At the ceremony Paul Gospodnetich acted as groomsman, and Miss Catharine Balovich, as bridesmaid.

"After the ceremony the contracting parties, accompanied by a number of friends, repaired to the residence of J. Balovich, on West Lake avenue, where all enjoyed a wedding dinner, and where the newly-weds received hearty congratulations and good wishes from friends and acquaintances. At 4 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Bahich took the train for Santa Cruz where they will spend their honeymoon. Upon their return they will make their home in this city.

"The groom is a highly respected member of the Slavonian colony in this city, and the bride recently arrived here from the old country to join him for life. The Pajaronian extends congratulations."

EP; 29 Jun 1911; class. ad: "FOR RENT—Two suites of four rooms each in Mateo Lettunich building. Apply Luke Scurich."

EP; 29 Jun 1911; item: "Misses Louise Nirich, Elizabeth Condit, Albina Arano and Leola Arano and Mrs. Arano are at Tassajara Springs on a vacation."

EP; 30 Jun 1911; item: "The two twin children of Mr. and Mrs. L. [M.] Kalich, Michael and Katherine, observed their first birthday anniversary yesterday afternoon at the residence of the Kalich family at 30 West Lake avenue, and a number of their small friends were invited to have a good time..." [*the twins were Nick and Mary*]

EP; 30 Jun 1911; article: "**An Interesting Case Involving the Ownership of a Crop of Apples in San Miguel Canyon.** A suit involving the ownership of a crop of apples growing in San Miguel canyon, the determination of which will be of considerable interest to landlords and tenants in the Pajaro and Prunedale sections, was filed in the superior court this afternoon by George W. Smith, a member of the legal firm of Hall & Smith, Watsonville. The plaintiffs are N. Lucich and John Ivancovich, Watsonville apple packers, and the defendants are John Doe Waring and C. F. Langley, the former being the tenant and the latter the owner of the land upon which the crop grew or is growing.

"A. M. Starkey was formerly the tenant, and during his tenancy he sold the crop to Lucich and Ivancovich. Later, it is said, Langley dispossessed him owing to some reason not stated. Waring next took possession of the land, and he and Langley refuse to deliver to Lucich and Ivancovich the apples they purchased from Starkey. Waring and Langley claimed the apples belong to and go with the land and the apple men claim the apples belong to them for the reason that they bought them and paid for them.

"Lucich and Ivancovich therefore are suing for the crop or the value of the same, \$500.—Salinas Index."

EP; 1 Jul 1911; item: "George Pulich left today for his home in Stockton to spend the Fourth."

EP; 1 Jul 1911; disp. ad:

Consign Your Apples, Spuds,
Beans, Onions
When Shipping to Southern California to
Wm. Pulisevich,
(Formerly of Watsonville)
General Commission Merchant.
Largest Green Fruit Handler in the South.
1318 Produce St., Los Angeles, Cal.
Henry P. Kane, Local Agent.

C. Weisenburger, P. A. Callaghan, S. C. Marcus, D. F. Leddy, W. MacDonald, Frank Radovan, G. W. Bird, J. D. Rickard, W. R. Radcliff, F. P. Krough, C. H. Baker, Nick Alaga, M. B. Tuttle, Wm. McGrath and L. P. Cox.”

EP; 11 Jul 1911; article: “THREE ARE ARRESTED. Andrew Ivancovich and his wife and John Stetta, who have a place leased near Aromas, were arrested today by Constable Cano of Pajaro on charges of using vulgar and indecent language on July 5 in the presence of Mrs. C. L. Fisher of Aromas, whose husband last night swore to two complaints against the three in Judge Rohrback’s court at Pajaro. The three defendants will be arraigned this afternoon.

“The arrest of the Ivancovichs and Stetta are the result of a quarrel between the Fisher family and the defendants, which has been of long duration. The defendants have leased a portion of the Fisher place and ever since[,] the war has been on in full blast. Several months ago Mrs. Fisher and her son were accused by Stetta of battery but both were acquitted by jurys in Judge Rohrback’s court. Now the former defendants are the plaintiffs, the former complainants are the defendants and the whole trouble will be hashed over again.”

EP; 11 Jul 1911; item: “Lease: O. H. Perry to Mike Matzan—33 acres of land bd on N by lands of Steigleman on E by lands of J. F. Machado, on S by lands of Wilson, on W by lands of Mrs. Wolfe.”

EP; 11 Jul 1911; item: “Certificate of sale on foreclosure—Jasper Simunovich vs. Mary Gallagher—13.504 acres Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro.”

EP; 11 Jul 1911; article: “**Pajaro Valley Residents of Every Occupation Last Night Attended Apple Annual Rally.** ‘Enthusiasm and money’ was the keynote of a most enthusiastic and successful conference held last night at the pavilion between the Apple Annual directors and a large number of local citizens...”

“The meeting did not lack enthusiasm and spirit for every speaker boosted the coming show high to the skies and every citizen present promised to get into the fight and aid in making the Annual a successful affair. About every industry of importance in the valley was represented last night...”

“Those present were President O. D. Stoesser, Secretary C. G. Redman, Treasurer E. A. Hall, Directors Geo. W. Sill, J. A. Linscott, R. H. Goodchild, E. Steinhauer, J. H. Thompson, Luke Scurich and J. E. Gardner, Harry Perkins and L. B. Berg of San Francisco and Messrs. J. D. Rickard, H. T. Davis, J. W. Tulloch, Supervisor S. C. Marcus, G. W. Byrd, Konrad MacDonald, W. MacDonald, Paul Alaga, W. A. Sanborn, D. J. Daly, E. H. Haack, N. H. Lovering, M. N. Lettunich, L. S. Alexander, J. J. Morey and D. F. Leddy...”

“John J. Morey, a member of the Apple Annual finance committee, submitted a scheme which seemed to suit everybody. This was to divide the work of the campaign between sub-committees, who would each represent one particular line of business. These committees would visit the various industries and ask them to contribute their pro rata of the whole and all the subcommittees will be under the jurisdiction of the parent association body. He believed the fruit interests should contribute the major portion of the needed sum.

“Supervisor Samuel C. Marcus...intimated that the county supervisors might aid the Apple Annual later...”

“Martin N. Lettunich favored the Morey scheme and he believed that the 51 packers who had not contributed to the fund last year, would pay their portion this year.

“Paul Alaga promised to aid the movement by trying again this year for the carload sweepstakes prize, which he won at the 1910 show.

“James D. Rickard believed that the 1910 show had increased business here fully 60 per cent...”

“Geo. W. Byrd promised to boost and work and said the show was a great boost for the fruit industry. He did not believe, that the fruit industry should meet most of the expense for everybody had made profits.

“Director Luke Scurich said he always stood ready with cash and work. He said that money was not all but the earnest support of every citizen was also needed.

“Ernest H. Haack was of the opinion that some scheme should be derived this year whereby the finances could be put on a permanent basis. He believed that one show should carry the next as yearly contributions would be too big a drain on the people...”

“Director Elliott Steinhauer said this was an age of advertising and last year this valley had received over \$10,000 in advertising on the outside. The Apple Annual advertises the apple and thus better prices and a bigger market are secured...”

“Treasurer E. A. Hall brought up the fact that the opening of the Panama Canal in 1915 meant wider markets and more opportunity and he believed that the valley should be ready for the event...”

EP; 11 Jul 1911; disp. ad:

Bring Your
EGGS

to the Central Grocery. We pay the highest cash price.

Central Grocery Co.
Cor. Main and Central Ave.

EP; 12 Jul 1911; article: “Andrew Ivancovich, Mrs. Ivancovich and John Stetta, the Aromas residents arrested yesterday by Constable Cano of Pajaro on charges of using vulgar, indecent and offensive language in the presence of Mrs. C. L. Fisher, their neighbor, will all plead before Judge Rohrback at Pajaro on Saturday morning...The three defendants were arraigned yesterday

evening and released until the time of pleading. Mrs. Ivancovich was released upon her own recognizance but Ivancovich and Stetta each had to furnish \$100 bail. Frank J. Bettencourt and Steve Strazicich were their bondsmen.”

EP; 12 Jul 1911; item: “George Hrepich of the California Restaurant has departed for Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 12 Jul 1911; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Secondo have returned to Pleasanton after visiting Mrs. M. J. Soares.”

EP; 12 Jul 1911; item: “V. Lister returned from a three days’ visit to San Francisco last evening. He reports business very dull in the city.”

EP; 12 Jul 1911; article: “An installation of officers, a banquet, a literary and musical program and a jolly social session were enjoyed last night by the members of Pajaro Valley Rose Circle, Companions of the Forest, who held forth in Foresters’ hall...[T]hose escorted into office were as follows: ...Mrs. Lucy Bakich, left guide: Miss Frances Nirich, inside guard...”



Paj; 13 Jul 1911; born: “At Watsonville, July 8, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Copriviza, a son.” [George; +1997]

Fig. 4-9. George Copriviza.

Paj; 13 Jul 1911; item: “Some time ago, a wealthy resident of the city of Dudrovniz [Dubrovnik], Austria, gave the church of St. Blas in that city, a large sum of money which was to be given away in sums of \$300 each to every girl baptized in the church. Mrs. Thos. Horvat (formerly Miss Mary Kelez Fora) of this city, was baptized in the church and comes in for her share of the benefaction. The necessary documents, certificates, etc, proving her identity, are being made out, and will be sent back to Austria this week.”

EP; 13 Jul 1911; article: “**Charles Fisher Place Is Battlefield for Myriad of Conflicting Stories.** The battle of profanity, blows, lanterns and heated words on the Charles Fisher ranch near Prunedale assumed a fresh aspect late yesterday afternoon when Christian Clausen, a 16-year-old employee of the Fishers, was arrested by Constable Cano of Pajaro on a charge of displaying a loaded rifle and a threatening manner, which allegation was made by Nick Koprivica, who had been working on the ranch for only a few days. The boy was released upon payment of \$100 bail by Mr. Fisher and the date of the

trial will be set next Saturday when District Attorney F. W. Sargent is expected over from Salinas. Attorney George W. Smith of this city has been retained as special prosecutor.

“A report reached the Pajaronian office just about press time yesterday to the effect that a young boy was terrorizing the Ivancovich and Stetta families who have the Fisher place leased that he had fired several shots with a rifle, that Mrs. Ivancovich had fainted and was suffering seriously from shock and that the two families had been driven off the ranch. About an hour later Koprivica had sworn out a complaint for young Clausen’s arrest and the young man was arrested here in town...”

“Koprivica’s story in substance is as follows: The Clausen boy secured a hand mirror early in the afternoon and annoyed the Ivancovich and Stetta families and Koprivica by flashing the reflected light through the windows of the Ivancovich house. The inmates asked him to stop and the boy left them, entered the Fisher house and soon came out with a loaded rifle. He pointed the gun at the complainants, who shut the door in his face. The boy then shot the gun in the air several times and departed.

“But the Clausen boy tells an entirely different story. The Fishers had gone to Salinas on business and left him home alone. He worked all morning and up to 1 o’clock in the afternoon in the orchard. At 1 o’clock he came to the house, ate a light meal and hitched up the surrey team preparatory to coming to Watsonville to return with the Fishers. As he was leaving Ivancovich accosted him and wanted to know why he had insulted his wife. The boy says he did not insult Mrs. Ivancovich, did not see her all day and says he told the man so. The boy denied having ever used the gun or the mirror and he charges the Fisher lessees with battery of the most severe nature. His story of the beating, kicking, slapping and inhuman treatment he is alleged to have undergone from the Ivancovich and Stetta people is blood curdling. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher corroborate the lad’s story.

“Constable Cano visited the Fisher place later in the afternoon to secure evidence and he found a strange state of affairs. The Ivancovichs and Stettas refused to tell him anything, the looking glass, which is said to have been used, was found in the house in Mrs. Fisher’s room where she had left it in the morning, the rifle was loaded but had not been shot for many weeks and Mrs. Ivancovich, who was said to have fainted, was the picture of good health. The case is teeming with conflicting evidence and that ‘somebody lied’ is certainly evident.”

EP; 14 Jul 1911; article: “**Prunedale Folks Will Have Their Hearing.**...Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ivancovich and John Stetta, the Prunedale residents who are accused of using vulgar, profane and indecent language in the presence of Mrs. Charles Fisher, their neighbor, had their arraignment this morning...before Judge Rohrback at Pajaro and their cases were set for hearing on Tuesday

morning next at 10[,] and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. Stetta will be heard first and the Ivancoviches will appear in the afternoon. None of the defendants were represented by counsel this morning nor were there any representatives of the prosecution present.

"Attorney Peter E. Zabala of Salinas, has been retained to represent the three defendants and a hard fight will likely be waged. The young Clausen boy, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of terrorizing the Fisher place by shooting a gun in front of the Stettas, the Ivancoviches and the rest of the inhabitants of the place, was up before Judge Rohrback this afternoon but nothing was done in his case up to press time..."

"Attorney Geo. W. Smith of this city, who is the special prosecutor of the Clausen boy, says that he intends to show up the whole Fisher family and he charges the Fishers with trumping up charges against their lessees in order that other parties may secure the ranch. He claims that a local real estate agent has already received the first payment from the new lessees but the ranch cannot be turned over until the Stettas and the Ivancoviches vacate, which they refuse to do. Smith says the Fishers are therefore faking false charges in order to harass, annoy, pester and otherwise cause the tenants to pack up and leave, and he states that the published item that his clients are endeavoring to have Constable Cano removed is doing them an injustice."

EP; 14 Jul 1911; item: "**They Plead Tomorrow.** Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ivancovich and John Stetta of Prunedale, who are accused by Charles Fisher of the vicinity of using vulgar and profane language in the presence of his wife, will appear before Judge Rohrback at Pajaro tomorrow morning to plead. Their plea will likely be one of 'not guilty' as they intend to fight the case to a finish."

EP; 15 Jul 1911; item: "Nicholas Alaga left today for San Francisco to attend the wedding of his brother this evening."

EP; 15 Jul 1911; ALL: Gaspar Lobrovich, Jele Yalavic.

EP; 15 Jul 1911; article: "FORESTERS INSTALL OFFICERS. The installation of new officers and the enjoyment of a general social session were the features of a fine session held last night by the members of Court Pajaro Valley Rose, Foresters of America...a violin solo by Nick Strazicich...[was] rendered on the program...Deputy Grand Chief George W. Smith and Herald Charles Peckham conducted the installation and the following were installed: ...Nicholas Strazicich, senior woodward..."

Eureka Herald; 16 Jul 1911; article [2 photos]: "WILL DEVELOP FRUIT INDUSTRY IN HUMBOLDT. Among the many ex-Humboldters who have achieved success in other parts of the state are two former Arcata

residents who have become noted in the apple industry at Watsonville, and who are said at this time to be contemplating investment in Humboldt property very shortly for the purpose of branching out in the same industry here—M. N. Lettunich and Mateo Lettunich.

"The firm of M. N. Lettunich & Company, growers, packers and shippers of fancy apples, was established at Watsonville in 1887, after the Lettunich brothers [*sic* they were 1st cousins once removed] had saved from their earnings in Humboldt sufficient to acquire property in the wonderful Pajaro valley.

"Having succeeded in amassing plenty of this world's goods, the Lettunich brothers [cousins] are now in a position to invest in Humboldt \$100,000 for the development of the fruit industry of this county. It is reported that the railroad people are now encouraging them in thoughts of entering Humboldt to commence work in the fruitful line.

"At the present time M. N. Lettunich & Company employ during the fruit season 500 people, and the Lettunich brothers [cousins] are rated at \$500,000. They have branch houses in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Lettunich orchards sell for a season at a rate of \$1200 per acre.

"About 30 years ago, Mateo and M. N. Lettunich, then boys of 15 and 18 years respectively [*sic* they were 7 years apart] came from their native land, far away Austria, to Arcata.

"Handicapped by a new language and new customs and unaided by anything except health, ability, honesty and a determination to be successful and useful citizens, they climbed to the top of the ladder. From proprietors of a small restaurant, located near where the Bank of Arcata now stands, to the apple kings and capitalists of these western states, has been their course and they have been partners ever since they came to America.

"After saving a few thousand dollars in Humboldt, they settled in Watsonville, situated in one of the most productive valleys in our state, 'The Pajaro Valley,' Santa Cruz county, where they are extensively engaged in the food business, maintaining their headquarters amid their orchards. They export to all the markets of the world and as far away as Norway, South Africa and Scotland.

"Mr. Lettunich [M. N.] was the first man to open and make known the Pajaro valley as an apple producing section. In 1887 he shipped the first carload to London, England, which was catalogued and sold at public auction, and the first carload to pass over the Rocky Mountains was shipped to Colorado in 1887. He is about 43 years of age [47] and is known as the apple king of this state.

"He was one of the prime movers in the erection of a mammoth pavilion that was constructed in Watsonville for the exhibition of California's apples, and his products won many medals. He and his brother [cousin] are holders of valuable properties in various cities of this state and are interested in many outside enterprises. In brief,

they have become wealthy, progressive and useful citizens, constituting examples of industry and honesty that excite the admiration and emulation of many other men who desire to make themselves worthy of the respect of their fellow men.

“They are held in great respect by the people of the community in which they live, and their word is as good as their bond. An attorney from Eureka recently returned from a visit to Watsonville and he remarked to the writer that the ‘Lettunich boys have the same standing in Watsonville as Mr. Carson has in Eureka.’

“Mateo Lettunich married Miss Farlin, a very handsome and beautiful girl at Arcata, and although he suffered the loss of his wife, there are two boys, Nicholas and Louis, aged 16 and 14 years, and his household is under the able management of his mother-in-law and sister-in-law, who make his home very pleasant.

“Mr. Lettunich says that his chief object in life now is to do all that he can to make good and honorable men and citizens out of his sons. He has already sent his oldest boy on a tour of the world for the purpose of giving him a broad view of people and affairs and make him more able to understand and cope with problems which will confront him when he takes up his father’s work where his father has left it off.

“The inspiration of Mr. Lettunich’s success is probably expressed by him in these words: ‘When I was a young man I was one day sitting in the plaza in Arcata, when my attention was attracted to a number of working men passing by on their way to John Vance’s mills and logging camps, carrying their blankets on their backs, and I noticed that some of them were old and gray and I then resolved that I would so live and work that when I became old as many of these men were, I would not be obliged to carry my bed upon my back,’ and he has made good.

“‘Tell all the young men of my old home that the first principle in man or woman to be successful is honesty; and honesty combined with industry and perseverance and a thorough knowledge of some occupation will ensure at least reasonable success to any one of ordinary ability.’ As a final test he says ‘Young men should commence to save early in life; the first \$1000 is the hardest; never live beyond your income; set aside something every month in a savings bank, if it is only a few dollars. Start out with at least a knowledge of the three R’s; though more education the better, and work hard. The orchardist who plants his trees, and then sits down to watch them grow, and calmly awaits the appearance of the buyer, will not succeed in Watsonville or any other place.’

“Mr. Lettunich was very much interested in Humboldt’s prosperity, and often asks after many of its citizens. His opinion is that the railroad will so develop Humboldt that it will become one of the leading fruit counties of our state.

“Mr. M. N. Lettunich resides in the select portion of the metropolis; is a man of similar characteristics as

those of Mateo and his success has closely followed the rules of Mateo. They never have any disagreements. M. N. Lettunich attends to the selling of fruits, and watches the markets of the different countries; keeps many traveling men selling throughout the United States.

“His wife is a native of his own country and is a highly educated and beautiful woman, speaking several languages. They are blessed with a boy and a girl who are receiving every advantage in educational lines.”

EP; 17 Jul 1911; item: “Nicholas Alaga, Paul Alaga, Nicholas V. Lettunich and Nicholas Lettunich, Jr., have returned from the Alaga-Burin wedding in San Francisco on Saturday night last.”

EP; 18 Jul 1911; item: “**Three Cases Postponed.** The cases against Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ivancovich and John Stetta of Prunedale, who are accused of using vulgar and indecent language in the presence of Mrs. Charles Fisher of the same neighborhood, have been postponed indefinitely. Judge Rohrback of Pajaro granted the continuances this morning. District Attorney Sargent is tied up in some business at King City and Salinas this week. Attorney P. E. Zabala for the defense is likewise a busy man. Judge Rohrback leaves Friday on a vacation so everybody thought it best to rest a while and the order was so made.”

EP; 19 Jul 1911; item: “Miss Anna M. Farlin left yesterday afternoon for a visit to San Francisco...”

Paj; 20 Jul 1911; item: “N. P. Mascovich to D. M. Farr—Lots 29, 30, 31, 34, blk 8, Wave Crest; \$10.”

Paj; 20 Jul 1911; marriage: “(From Saturday’s Daily.) A wedding ceremony...will take place this evening in St. Patrick’s Catholic church in San Francisco, and will unite John N. Alaga of this city and Miss Irene Catherine Burin of San Francisco. The nuptials will be quiet but pretty and only the most intimate friends and the immediate relatives of the contracting parties will be present. A brief reception will follow at the home of the bride’s mother and the newlyweds will then depart for a honeymoon trip to Los Angeles and the southland. They will reside here in Watsonville upon their return.

“The groom is a well known and highly respected young business man in this city and has many friends here. He is the junior member of the well known packing and shipping firm of Alaga Brothers and his brothers are Paul and Nicholas Alaga, who are among the leading businessmen of the community. Everyone knows ‘Jack’ Alaga here and all will await his return to congratulate him upon his good fortune and to wish him the best of happiness and success.

“The bride elect moves in a popular circle of society in San Francisco and is a charming young lady in every way. She is the daughter of Mrs. B. M. Burin and has

resided at 11 Priest street. She is accomplished and talented musically and is a pianist and violinist of recognized ability. Her beauty, charm and character have won her a host of friends in her home city of San Francisco and in Watsonville, which she has visited on several occasions.”

Paj; 20 Jul 1911; married: “San Francisco, July 15, 1911, in St. Bridget’s Catholic church, John N. Alaga of Watsonville and Miss Irene K. Burin of San Francisco.”

EP; 21 Jul 1911; married: “At Salinas, July 20, 1911, by Justice David Wallace, John C. G. Binney of Spreckels, and Rose Balanac of Watsonville.” [*former wife of Joe Balanac*]

EP; 22 Jul 1911; item: “CHARGE IS DISMISSED. Christian Clausen, the Prunedale boy who was accused by Nick Koprivica of trying to shoot several residents of that section several days ago, has been released by Probation Officer Dr. D. G. McLean of Monterey county and the charges against the lad have been dismissed. The lad appeared before the probation court but his story apparently carried more weight than did that told by the complainant. The arrest of Clausen was one chapter of the now famous feud between the Fisher family of Prunedale and its tenants.”

EP; 24 Jul 1911; article: “Three speedy horse races were seen yesterday afternoon at the beach road race track... The results were as follows: ...Third event—half-mile: T. McCarthy’s Welcome Jr., won; Paul Alaga’s Little Pete, second; James Redman’s Daisy R, third; time, 1:08 ½...”

EP; 24 Jul 1911; obit: “At Los Angeles, July 22, 1911, Chester F. Lettunich, a native of Austria, aged 26 years, 7 months and 10 days.”

EP; 24 Jul 1911, article: “The news was received here... of the death last Saturday ...in Los Angeles of Chester F. Lettunich, a former well known resident of Pajaro Valley. He had been ill for about a week and his demise was sudden and most untimely for he was a man with a promising future before him. He leaves a bride of 3 months and two brothers, M. J. Lettunich of San Francisco, and Peter Lettunich of Watsonville. M. N. and E. B. Lettunich of this city were his cousins.

“The deceased was born in Austria and...was aged 26 years, 7 months, and 10 days. He lived here in the Pajaro valley for several years and became well acquainted with the fruit business. A few years ago he removed to Los Angeles and associated himself in the commission business with A. J. Bryant of that city...”

“The bride of the deceased was formerly Miss May Milcovich of San Francisco, whose parents own property here. The funeral services will take place...from the residence of E. B. Lettunich at 121 Maple avenue...”

EP; 25 Jul 1911; item: “City of Watsonville vs. Matthew Grizich et al—Complaint.”

EP; 25 Jul 1911; item: “A. J. Bryant of Los Angeles, Mrs. Chester Lettunich of Los Angeles, Martin Lettunich of San Francisco and Martin Milcovich, Jr. and Sr., are here to attend the funeral tomorrow of the late Chester F. Lettunich.”

EP; 25 Jul 1911; item: “The City of Watsonville yesterday filed a condemnation suit against Matthew Grizich of this city, for the purpose of extending and improving Fifth street. The court is asked among other things to place an amount for damages that would result to the defendant.”

EP; 25 Jul 1911; article: “TODAY IS ‘PUNGLE UP’ DAY IN VALLEY. Today is the first of the two ‘pungle up’ days of the 1911 Apple Annual. Three 4-men committees are working today in that portion of the Pajaro Valley lying in Santa Cruz county while the Monterey county part of the Valley will be scoured tomorrow. The committees are doing the canvass in automobiles...The committees at work today are as follows: ...Santa Cruz road section: Harry T. Davis, R. H. Goodchild, James A. Linscott, Luke Scurich...”

EP; 26 Jul 1911; item: “Mr. and Mrs. George W. Harris and M. P. Butler [Butier] of San Francisco and William Pulisevich of Los Angeles are here today to attend the Chester Lettunich funeral.”

Paj; 27 Jul 1911; article: “One of the largest funerals ever held in this city was the one held this morning over the remains of the late Chester Lettunich...The cortege covered several blocks in length and the procession was one of the longest ever seen here...The services were held from the residence of E. B. Lettunich, a cousin of the deceased, at 121 Maple avenue, to the Valley church... The pallbearers were Messrs. Nicholas V. Lettunich, Thomas Lettunich, Paul Alaga, Nicholas Alaga, John Alaga and A. J. Bryant. The latter was the partner of the deceased in Los Angeles.”

EP; 27 Jul 1911; item: “Notice of pendency of action—City of Watsonville vs. Matthew Grizich and Stane Grizich on lot Ab, Fifth street extension, city of Watsonville.”

EP; 27 Jul 1911; article: “**Three Thousand Denizens of the Pajaro Valley Wanted on the Tuesday Excursion.** There was nothing slow about that meeting in the pavilion last night of the Commercial League, Apple Annual and citizen committees to arrange plans for the grand excursion to Salinas next Tuesday to celebrate ‘Watsonville Day’...The following committees were appointed the first rattle out of the box...Automobiles: James

Sheehy, E. J. Lee, J. H. Covell, M. Hart, R. Neill, C. H. Baker, P. K. Watters, Eugene Phillips, Harry Brewington, Peter Storm, C. W. Rowe, James Enemark, Nis Dethlefson, George A. Sill, Luke Scurich, A. P. Beck...

EP; 27 Jul 1911; born: "In this city, July 25, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matulich, a daughter." [*Rena Ann*]

EP; 28 Jul 1911; article: "STORES WILL CLOSE ON NEXT TUESDAY. The mayor and board of aldermen, the Commercial League, the Watsonville Apple Annual association, and the general committee of business men of this city having united to request that we do so and that the people of this city may be encouraged to turn out in a body for the purpose of accepting the magnificent hospitality of our sister city of Salinas, we the undersigned promise that we will close our respective places of business on August 1st, 1911 from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until six o'clock in the afternoon...City Grocery...Steve Strazicich, Central Grocery Co...California Restaurant...N. Srezovich...Sersen & Jalovica, F. Farlin..."

EP; 29 Jul 1911; ALL: Mate Gutun, Tonj Klicinovich, Barney Rositch.

EP; 31 Jul 1911; item: "M. J. Lettunich was a visitor here yesterday from San Francisco."

EP; 2 Aug 1911; item: "M. Ceo, the genial proprietor of the Third street restaurant, has disposed of his half interest in the firm to Mr. Nick Ucovich, who will look after the popular eating house. The other partner is Mr. Stolich. The cuisin under Mr. Ceo was of the highest quality and the new proprietor promises to continue to satisfy the most critical. Mr. Ucovich, the new man, is well known here in Watsonville."

EP; 2 Aug 1911; article: "...The [Apple Annual] directors transacted a lot of routine business but none of real importance. Those present at the session were President O. D. Stoesser, Assistant Secretary Miss Anna Farlin, Directors J. A. Linscott, G. W. Sill, Mateo Lettunich, J. H. Thompson, H. C. Peckham, J. E. Gardner and C. H. Rodgers and Financial Secretary T. M. Wright..."

"Directors Peckham, Lettunich and Sill were appointed members of a committee to arrange for the local exhibit of the State fair at Sacramento this month..."

EP; 3 Aug 1911; item: "George Hrepich of the California restaurant has returned here after a stay at Tassajara Springs."

Paj; 3 Aug 1911; item: "Mr. and Mrs. William Kay have sold their 23-acre ranch in the San Miguel Canyon to Michl Arbanais [Arbanas], and have moved into town..."

EP; 4 Aug 1911; item: "City of Watsonville vs. Matthew Grizich et al—Demurrer to complaint."

EP; 5 Aug 1911; item: "M. N. Lettunich has returned from a visit to Los Angeles."

EP; 8 Aug 1911; item: "John Bonich, a former local mixologist, was here last night from San Francisco."

EP; 8 Aug 1911; item: "Judge Hawkins granted a continuance in the battery case of the People vs. Ilia Arbanasin this morning until tomorrow...for the reason that Attorney George W. Smith was not retained by the defendant until a few minutes before court convened this morning. Attorney George P. Burke is the special prosecutor in the case. Antone Vukich, the complainant, alleges that Arbanasin caressed him over the head with a stick of wood, but the defendant charges Vukich with starting the scrap first. If rumors are to be believed the case will be alive with sensational testimony."

EP; 9 Aug 1911; item: "City of Watsonville vs. Matthew Grizich et al.—Demurrer to complaint overruled and ten days granted in which to answer."

EP; 9 Aug 1911; article: "Four fast races with good drivers up have been arranged for the horse racing program at the beach road track on Sunday...next...The feature of the day will be a half-mile race between Pete Bakich's Little Dick and Paul Alaga's Little Pete... The...program is as follows for Sunday afternoon. First event, half-mile: Pete Bakich's Little Dick, Soares up; Paul Alaga's Little Pete, Alaga up...Third event, one-mile: Paul Alaga's Arlie D., Soares up; J. Ferguson's Mike, Ferguson up..."

Paj; 10 Aug 1911; item: "Ilia Arbanasin, a local fruit laborer, was arrested...on a charge of battery, which was preferred by Antone Vukich...Arbanasin had a friend with \$25 and the latter put up that sum as bail. It looks like the trial will be teeming with contradictory evidence as the complainant and the defendant each have a different tale of woe to tell and each says the other is the aggressor. Vukich claims that the defendant soaked him in the head with a stick of wood and Arbanasin alleges that Vukich biffed him in the face with his fist. A merry time is expected when the two meet..."

EP; 11 Aug 1911; item: "Miss Anna M. Farlin is in San Francisco for a brief visit."

EP; 11 Aug 1911; item: "Miss Kathryn Zar is here from San Francisco on a visit to friends and relatives."

EP; 12 Aug 1911; board of supervisors, payments: "...Indigent Fund: Central Grocery Co., mdse: \$8..."

EP; 12 Aug 1911; item: "Miss Mary Rossich and Miss Winnie Calaagearz of San Jose, are spending the week with Mrs. S. Strazicich."

EP; 14 Aug 1911; item: "George Casterpelli [Castrapelli] vs. Samuel Conlan—Set for August 29th."

EP; 14 Aug 1911; ALL: Johan Wukovich, John Herovia.

EP; 14 Aug 1911; item: "...The races yesterday were among the fastest seen here for many months...The results were as follows: First event; half mile: Paul Alaga's Little Pete won; Peter Bakich's Little Dick, second: time, 1:11½...Fourth event; half mile: Ferguson's Mike won; Paul Alaga's Arlie D., second: time, 1:07 ½."

EP; 14 Aug 1911; item: "Miss Anna M. Farlin returned yesterday from a visit to San Francisco and is once more on duty at the pavilion. She denies that she has resigned from her offices at the pavilion as was reported by the Register."

EP; 15 Aug 1911; item: "Miss Pearl Mundhenk has been secured as an assistant at Apple Annual headquarters and she is being kept busy already with the big lot of business continually growing there. With Secretary Redman in charge, Miss Anna Farlin as executive clerk and Miss Mundhenk as assistant the clerical staff at the big show headquarters is now complete for the present. The work of preparation is growing each day and the three are being rushed every minute."

EP; 16 Aug 1911; married: "Miss Theresa A. Farlin, one of the best-known and most popular ladies in this city, became the bride of Mr. Nicholas N. Alaga, one of Watsonville's leading business men...None but immediate relatives of the contracting parties were in attendance. Paul Alaga, a brother of the groom, officiated as groomsman while the office of bridesmaid was charmingly carried out by Miss Anna M. Farlin, a sister of the bride..."

"Following the ceremony at the church the newly married couple and their relatives returned to the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Mateo Lettunich at 110 Maple avenue where a large number of invited guests awaited the happy couple with a shower of congratulations and best wishes. A wedding breakfast was served to the guests at the Lettunich home this morning and the wedding feast was all that the skill of the culinary art could provide...At the conclusion of their brief honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Alaga will return to this city to reside at 114 Maple avenue..."

"It is almost a superfluity to introduce Mr. and Mrs. Alaga in this community for both are so well known here. The bride is the third daughter of Mrs. Theresa Farlin and is popularly known here. She has resided in this city almost all of her life and her friends are legion. Her

charming personality and accomplishment have made for her a host of friends here and elsewhere and all unite in extending their sincere best wishes for success and happiness and the groom is to be congratulated upon securing such a life mate.

"The groom is one of the rising young business men of this city and during his residence here has become one of the leading and most popular citizens of the valley. He is a nephew of Mateo Lettunich and a brother of Paul and John Alaga of this city. As a member of the well-known fruit packing and shipping firm of Alaga Brothers and the senior member of the firm of the City Grocery company, he has built up an enviable reputation in business circles here and is most highly regarded by all..."

"The 'Pajaronian' takes this opportunity to also extend its compliments and best wishes and desires to add its congratulations to the shower already received..."

EP; 16 Aug 1911; item: "F. V. Lettunich of Los Angeles is here today to attend the Farlin-Alaga wedding." [*maybe T. V.; there was no F. V. Lettunich*]

Paj; 17 Aug 1911; married: "Watsonville, August 16, 1911...Miss Theresa A. Farlin and Mr. Nicholas N. Alaga, both of Watsonville."

Paj; 17 Aug 1911; lease: "Isabell Silva has leased to Sam Hrepich for 5 years at \$575 per year, ten acres south of Watsonville-San Juan road in Pajaro district."

EP; 17 Aug 1911; item: "S. Trobock, the San Francisco commission man, is a business visitor here today."

EP; 18 Aug 1911; item: "MOVING BUILDING. George Strazicich has purchased the old office of the Spreckels Sugar company, and is moving it on to the lot between the Railroad Hotel and his new building on the corner of Fourth and Walker streets. 'Jack' Ostrander has the job of moving the structure which, we understand, Mr. Strazicich bought at a reasonable figure."

EP; 18 Aug 1911; item: "Coast Land and Investment Co. to Katie Rilovich—Lot on Third street, also lot on West Lake ave., Watsonville \$10."

EP; 19 Aug 1911; item: "Lazar Jalovica to Lovro Lutich—40 acres rancho Corralitos; also rights of way, \$10."

EP; 21 Aug 1911; article: "BUTTON GIRLS BEAT LAST YEAR'S RECORD. Did you get a button? If not, then why not? Everybody one met on the streets Saturday wore a smile and an Apple Annual button and those without the ten-centers are few and far between. Thirty-one fair damsels of the Pajaro Valley opened fire on the monied citizenry that morning...and the onslaught did not end until the city band had played its last strain in the

evening in the plaza. The button girls were certainly an irresistible band and there was no man so cold-hearted or miserly that he did not capitulate before them and buy at least one button...

“Following are the Button Girls who made such a success of the event Saturday: Leola Woods, Hazel Stowe, Lois Tuttle, Urania Tuttle, Ione Tuttle, Styletta Kane, Wilma Kane, Kathryn Thompson, Ellen Balovich, Josephine Morse, Marguerite Redman, Pearl Mundhenk, Kathryn Zar, Ethna Day, Ellen White, Iva Rodgers, Elizabeth Burkett, Mabel Tuttle, Gladys Tuttle, Adelle Tuttle, Mabel O’Brien, Jennie Kumie, Mary Zar, Antoinette Balovich, Ethel Rohrback, Dorothy Bay, Mona Uren, Margaret Bolester, Katherine Balovich and Lillian Tegan.”



Fig. 4-10. Publicity photo of the Button Girls pinning buttons on two gents in the Watsonville Plaza.

EP; 21 Aug 1911; item: “Nicholas V. Lettunich has returned from a business trip to San Francisco.”

EP; 21 Aug 1911; item: “Paul Miladin has returned from a visit to his native land of Dalmatia, Austria.”

EP; 21 Aug 1911; item: “Mateo Lettunich, Nicholas Lettunich, Jr., Lewis Lettunich and the Misses Anna and Mamie Farlin motored yesterday to San Jose.”

EP; 23 Aug 1911; item: “Mrs. Steve Strazicich returned from San Jose last Monday after a few days visiting friends and relatives.”

EP; 23 Aug 1911; item: “Miss Babe Rossich of San Jose is here visiting Mrs. Steve Strazicich.”

Paj; 24 Aug 1911; born: “In Watsonville, Aug. 16, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Sambrillo [Sambrailo], a daughter.” *[Catherine; +1994; married Lettunich]*

Paj; 24 Aug 1911; item: “Coast Land and Investment Co. to Katie Rilovich—Lot on Third street, also lot on West Lake ave., Watsonville; \$10.”

EP; 24 Aug 1911; article: “Watsonville Eagles are thick in San Francisco today...the grand aerie [is] now in session in the metropolis...”

“A partial list of the local Eagles in San Francisco are: ...J. Ebyarbich...F. Bakich, M. V. Pista...George W. Smith...C. Arbanasin, Tony Kissich, Paul Gananovich and Martin Prokuriza.”

EP; 24 Aug 1911; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alaga have returned from their honeymoon trip and are domiciled in their new home at 114 Maple avenue.”

EP; 25 Aug 1911; item: “Nicholas Zar to John Nemanich—Lot 26, Stephen Scurich’s subdi. of City of Watsonville: \$10.”

EP; 26 Aug 1911; item: “TRIED TO SUICIDE. San Francisco, August 26.—Brooding over the murder of her husband, Michael Marovich, an Oakland restaurateur, four years ago, Mrs. Marovich forced chloroform cloth into the mouth of her daughter, Ellen, aged 9 years, and swallowed the remainder herself, near Seal Rocks today. The child is recovering but the mother’s condition is serious.”

EP; 26 Aug 1911; item: “George W. Smith returned today from San Francisco and he brought the glad tidings that the Apple Annual float of the Santa Cruz county Eagles in the big Eagles parade in the metropolis last Thursday made one of the biggest hits of the entire pageant and everybody was talking about it afterwards. The apples thrown into the crowd on all sides made a tremendous hit and the float was received with loud hurrahs all along the line. The credit for the whole thing is due to Jack Sresovich, the San Francisco commission man, who donated the wagon and horses, and Harry Perkins, the Apple Annual official decorator, who beautified the wagon. Both deserve credit but Sresovich is deserving of special mention for his generous action and the Eagles of this city will not soon forget what he did for them.”

EP; 29 Aug 1911; item: “**Chris Milanovich of Hollister Buys Natividad Orchard.** The famous Cornett orchard near Natividad, which for a number of years has been handled by E. J. Bolce, has been sold to a company of fruit men headed by Chris Milanovich of Hollister, formerly of Watsonville. The finest apricots in California are grown on the land and it is the intention of the new owners to set out a large number of new trees in addition to the ones now in bearing. The orchard comprises 57 acres and the price paid was \$7700. The new owners will take possession as soon this year’s crop has been removed from the trees.”

Paj; 31 Aug 1911; ALL: foreign: Katarin Yurjevic.

EP; 31 Aug 1911; article: “Nine of the 15 members of

the committee of citizens, called by the water company to probe into the water problem here, met last night at the Apple Annual pavilion to discuss pro and con the water question...

"Dr. Saxton Pope appointed himself the presiding officer last night and those present on the citizens committee were: Mateo Lettunich, Otto D. Stoesser, Charles F. Langley, W. R. Radcliff, Dr. S. C. Rodgers, J. H. Jensen, James I. King and John J. Morey. H. S. Fletcher of the nominating committee was absent as were the following other members of the citizens' committee: Luke Scurich, Albert Mundhenk, S. A. Earl, A. W. Cox, Morris B. Tuttle and Perry M. Andrews..."

EP; 31 Aug 1911; article: "Harry Perkins, the official scenic artist, painter, decorator and booster for the 1910 and 1911 Apple Annuals, has been chosen by the directors to relieve Secretary Redman in the office at the pavilion while the latter goes out into the country to hustle in exhibits for the new show. Redman is a wizard at landing displays all the way from plate exhibits to carloads and is about the best man in the valley for the job. But he could not leave the office all alone so Perkins and Miss Farlin will run things there while Redman is out in the rural section..."

EP; 1 Sep 1911; article: "...The directors of the [Apple Annual] association held another meeting last night and those present were President Stoesser, Secretary Redman, Assistant Secretary and Manager Harry Perkins, Manager J. A. Linscott and Directors Mateo Lettunich, H. C. Peckham, J. E. Gardner, Luke Scurich, R. H. Goodchild, E. Steinhauser.

"An amusement committee was arranged for first and this committee will have charge of the concessions for Apple Annual week. Those appointed on this committee were George W. Smith, chairman, Chief of Police Sylvester Whitsitt, E. E. Lewis, Andrew Schopp and George Pulich..."

"A parade committee was also appointed last night to have jurisdiction over the various pageants of the week and the members thereof are as follows: James A. Linscott, chairman, O. S. Tuttle, Horace Smith, N. H. Lovering, A. R. Wilson, T. J. Horgan and Luke Scurich..."

EP; 2 Sep 1911; ALL: Ilija Matovich.

EP; 5 Sep 1911; article: "...Last night the directors [of the Apple Annual] held a meeting at the pavilion and a vast volume of business was transacted. The directors will hereafter meet three nights each week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, in order to handle the increasing amount of work that is daily being piled up and the few weeks remaining before the show will be filled with busy days. Those present last night were President Stoesser, Secretary Redman, Manager Linscott, Assistant

Manager Perkins, Treasurer Hall, Financial Secretary Wright and Directors Lettunich, Sill, Thompson, Gardner, and Steinhauser..."

"Committees were appointed to visit the city councils and chambers of commerce of the neighboring towns during the next week to ask them to boost the local show and to co-operate with this city in making the affair a grand success. The appointments were as follows: ...Salinas City Council: J. A. Hall, T. J. Horgan, H. J. Kane, Luke Scurich..."

"Monterey and Pacific Grove Council and Chambers of Commerce: J. A. Hall, Andrew Schopp, M. J. McGowan, B. A. Osborn, R. H. Hudson, Mateo Lettunich..."

EP; 5 Sep 1911; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...J. Balovich: \$44..."

EP; 5 Sep 1911; item: "Mr. and Mrs. John N. Alaga have returned from a visit to San Francisco."

EP; 6 Sep 1911; article: "For being the ringleader in an unprovokable assault last night at Pajaro on Special Officer Weeks, John Lettunich was this morning fined ten dollars by Judge Rohrback. The fight between Officer Weeks and the companions of Lettunich caused Constable Cano to send in a riot call to the Watsonville officers and Chief of Police Whitsitt, Officer Whalen and Constable Sandberg immediately responded. The fight was over when the local officers arrived on the scene and the aggressor had already been jailed by Cano. He pleaded guilty this morning.

"The fight began near the Sunset Inn when Lettunich and his gang insulted Weeks and tried their best to get him into a scrap. When he attempted to arrest him the crowd jumped on him and started to beat him up. Constable Cano was summoned and he went to the house where the gang was staying. Weeks could not identify anyone but Lettunich as the crowd had grown larger and he could not distinguish them in the dark. Cano grabbed Lettunich and placed him in jail just as Sandberg arrived on his motor followed by the rest of the local police."

Paj; 7 Sep 1911; item: "The 3 bad boys, Manuel and Ernest Golarte and Lawrence Ukich [Vukich], who caused a big rumpus...at Vega by scaring the neighborhood with a loaded revolver, which they fired at any object, were turned loose by Judge Rohrback of Pajaro...after being given a good scare. Constable Cano told the judge that the boys should go to the State prison. Officer Pat King urged the court to have the boys hanged and those words had their effect on the boys for they wept copious tears and begged to be released. Hizzoner let them off this time but there will be nothing doing the second time."

Paj; 7 Sep 1911; item: "Joseph Roadovich [Radovich],

who resides at the corner of Eighth street and Upper Main in the Quinn subdivision, met with a severe accident...in a runaway on Main street and as a result he had the ring finger of his left hand amputated...at the Watsonville hospital. The man was thrown out of the rig but how his finger was so badly crushed as to require amputation could not be learned. His fellow occupants of the vehicle were not injured.”

EP; 7 Sep 1911; item: “The Watsonville Driving Club members met Tuesday night with President Kelly and three fast horse races were matched up for next Sunday afternoon at the beach road park...The race program is as follows: First event, Half mile: Paul Alaga’s Arlie D., Jas. Redman’s Daisy S., Fred Man’s Trixie M...”

EP; 7 Sep 1911; mar. license: “San Jose, September 5, 1911, George Kusanovich and Miss Margherita Marolla [Mrs. Marella; nee Buzolich], both of Watsonville.”

Paj; 7 Sep 1911; item: “Ray Pulich of Stockton is here visiting his brother, George Pulich.”

Paj; 7 Sep 1911; item: “Phebe Bagnall to Lazar Jalovica—40 acres Corralitos rancho, quit claim.”

EP; 8 Sep 1911; item: “The city lot at Rodriguez and Second streets has been cleaned of grasses, weeds and rubbish and is now as neat as a pin in readiness for the coming Apple Annual. Every vacant lot in the city should be cleaned as is the city lot and this city should be the ‘city beautiful’ during the big week. If you want to see what a little whitewash and elbow-grease will accomplish toward making a ‘City Beautiful,’ just step around from Second street, up Stoesser alley, and note what Luke Scurich did with the backyards of those two cottages he put on the Lettunich Co.’s lots.”



EP; 8 Sep 1911; born: “At Watsonville, Aug. 7, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Scurich, a son.” [Nicholas; +1994]

Fig. 4-11. Nick Scurich.

EP; 11 Sep 1911; item: “Agreement for sale of item: Hihn-Hammond Lumber Co. and Kosmos Gospodnetich—Lot on southeast of private street to be known as Kearny street, Extension, Watsonville.”

EP; 11 Sep 1911; item: “City of Watsonville vs. Grizich—Set for trial Sept. 19th at 10 o’clock A.M.”

EP; 11 Sep 1911; item: “Santa Clara College opens tomorrow and the local delegation will depart for the northern school tomorrow or today. Those having already left or who will leave tonight or tomorrow morning are: Edward G. White, Stephen White, Jr., Nicholas Lettunich, Charles McSherry, Perry Shea, John Sheehy, Gerald Sheehy, George Freiermuth, Chester Palmtag.”

EP; 11 Sep 1911; class. ad: “FOR RENT—One vacant store at 22 Peck street, suitable for any business or office; apply to F. P. Marinovich, 22 Alexander street.”

EP; 12 Sep 1911; item: “A Croatian brass band from San Francisco was engaged last night for Wednesday, October 11, Bay Counties Day, during the Apple Annual. This band of 17 pieces is the only Slavonian band in the State and is said to be a first-class organization. They are willing to play here for \$72 for the one day and will be feted by the local Croatian society members and may possibly stay over another day. Director Scurich was appointed to see about the band and to engage the members thereof.” [see Fig. 4-14]

EP; 13 Sep 1911; item: “Mateo Lettunich et al to William H. Weeks—14.776 acres on southeasterly side of road leading from the Watsonville and San Jose road to Green Valley road, being part of Salsipuedes rancho, \$10.”

EP; 13 Sep 1911; article: “**Austrian Fruit-Picker in San Juan Road Orchard Meets with Severe Accident.** While picking fruit in the Rowe orchard, on the San Juan road...a Slavonian fruit picker named John Archimovich, met with a severe accident. He was standing on a ladder picking from the topmost branches of a tree when he attempted to remove a wire that passed through the tree’s foliage...he received a fearful shock and a fall of about 20 feet...”

EP; 13 Sep 1911; item: “Miss Ella Balovich and Master Johnnie Kiely, left for a visit to San Francisco today.”

EP; 13 Sep 1911; item: “Attorney George W. Smith left today for a business visit to San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose.”

EP; 15 Sep 1911; article: “At a special meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen...it was unanimously carried to vote out the sum of \$79.80 to pay the fees of the nineteen witnesses subpoenaed to attend the condemnation suit brought against Matthew Grizich by the city...”

“The witnesses subpoenaed to appear in the Fifth street extension condemnation suit...are...Stephen Scurich, Luke Scurich, F. P. Marinovich...Mateo Lettunich...”

EP; 15 Sep 1911; born: “In Watsonville, Sept. 14, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Yakobovich, a son.” [John Steve; +2001]

EP; 15 Sep 1911; obit: "Watsonville, Sept. 11, 1911, Mrs. Peter Stolich, a native of Konalve [Konavle], Dalmatia, aged 27 years, 9 months and 4 days."

EP; 16 Sep 1911; item: "Lawrence Ukich [Vukich], the Vega youth who was the ringleader of the trio of boys who tried to shoot up the neighborhood several weeks ago and ordered to keep the peace hereafter, was arrested again this morning by the Constable Cano of Pajaro because he failed to obey the court's orders. He was told to stay away from a certain neighbor's house and was caught this morning by Cano in the act of sneaking through the fence. The boy's parents assented to allowing the boy to be held to answer before the juvenile court at Salinas."

EP; 16 Sep 1911; ALL: Domestic: Pit. Perich. Foreign: Mike Lekovich.

EP; 16 Sep 1911; item: "Michael Arbanasin, an employee of Alaga Brothers, was painfully hurt this morning by falling off a truck at the Alaga Brothers' packing house on Walker street. His legs were bruised and somewhat cut but none of the injuries were serious."

EP; 16 Sep 1911; obit: "The remains of the late Mrs. Peter Stolich were interred in the Valley cemetery this morning after a requiem high mass had been celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in presence of a large concourse of friends of the deceased, who had sorrowfully gathered to pay their respect to the memory of the dead. The pallbearers were Messrs. Luke Scurich, Antone Scurich, John Diklich, Anton Stolich, Peter P. Stolich and Louis Bachan."

EP; 18 Sep 1911; article: "Lawrence Ukich [Vukich], the 11-year-old Vega boy sent to the Salinas jail last Saturday from Pajaro for a hearing before the juvenile court of Monterey county, escaped from the officers late yesterday afternoon at Salinas and up to the present time has not been found. He was to have appeared before the juvenile court today and yesterday afternoon was being given an airing in the open along with the rest of the prisoners. While the officers were looking another way the 11-year-old Vega lad escaped around the corner and a search for him was unsuccessful. His latest escapade will likely land him in the reform school."

EP; 18 Sep 1911; item: "Attorney George W. Smith and J. L. Hippeli have returned from a business visit from San Jose, Oakland and San Francisco."

EP; 20 Sep 1911; honor roll: High 8th: Florence Smith; Low 6th: John Strazicich; Low 5th: Helen Strazicich, Jennie Dubreta; Low 4th: Nicholas Lutich, Lowell [sic] Rilovich; High 3rd: Charley Sambrailo; Low 3rd: Nick

Dujmovich, John Eggea, Emma Grizich; Low 3rd: Annie Knego, Katie Lutich, Katie Strazicich; High 2nd: Frank Uvodich, Nick Castropelli; Low 2nd: Nellie Puhiera.

EP; 20 Sep 1911; article: "[photo of Mateo Lettunich] BIG APPLE ANNUAL DANCE SATURDAY. All plans have been perfected for the second Annual Apple Annual dance to be given next Saturday night at the Auditorium and the indications at present point towards a record breaking attendance. Last year the Apple Annual dance was the one big society event of the season and there is every reason to believe that the affair next Saturday night will far eclipse the 1910 event in style and attendance..."

"The Watsonville City Band will render the music for the occasion and everyone knows what good music that clever organization can give..."

"The following floor and reception committee has been appointed by Chairman R. H. Hudson: Chief of Police S. Whitsitt, Lynn Marsh, John Whalen, E. H. Lorenson, Chas. Meyers, F. K. Ribera, W. Russell, J. Hopkins, J. Sheehy, A. R. Wilson, H. Bridgewater, E. Pfingst, E. A. Ball, J. Coward, J. Carr, S. Scurich, T. M. Wright, P. Alaga, E. Martin, G. W. Wells, H. Judd and N. Lettunich..."

"The exhibit tent was raised last night on the city lot and is by far the most stupendous expanse of canvas ever seen here. Go down to the city lot and see for yourself if that tent is not the largest affair of its kind that you have ever seen. It is advertised as the largest tent in captivity and its immense size certainly bears out that statement..."

EP; 20 Sep 1911; item: "The liquor license of M. F. Batata at 363 Main street was ordered transferred to John Bosia and the license at the Railroad Exchange hotel was ordered transferred from Sersen and Balovich to Lazar Galevika [Jalovica]."

EP; 20 Sep 1911; item: "The members of the local driving club...arranged three fast horse races for Sunday afternoon next...The events are as follows and are all half mile affairs: First race: P. Alaga's Arlie D., T. McCarthy's Welcome Jr., J. Redman's Trixie M..."

Paj; 21 Sep 1911; photo and caption: "Anna M. Farlin, Asst. Sec'y California Apple Show." [*1st photo of a Croatian woman in Watsonville newspapers*]

Paj; 21 Sep 1911; obit: "(From Friday's daily.) Mrs. Peter Stolich, the wife of the prominent local fruit packer and a popular resident of this city for several years past, passed away early this morning at her residence at 131 West Fifth street after a brief illness, tuberculosis being the cause of death. The news of her death will come as a severe shock to her many friends here as she was highly respected by a wide circle. The funeral services will take place tomorrow morning from the family residence..."

“The deceased was a native of Konavle in Dalmatia and was aged 27 years, 9 months and 4 days. She had resided here for over six years and is survived by a husband and two children. During her residence here she won a host of friends with her charming personality and unassuming character and her death robs the community of a good woman. As a wife, mother and friend she was exemplary and there are many here left to mourn her death.”

EP; 21 Sep 1911; item: “Nick Pulisevich shipped the first carload of apples out of Santa Cruz Wednesday. He plans the immediate enlarging of his packing house on Hunt street, for he has a big season ahead of him. The crop he has contracted for will enable him to ship nearly 250 carloads this year.—Sentinel.”

EP; 21 Sep 1911; born: “Watsonville, Sept. 20, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jano, a son.” [*Nicholas; +1985*]



Fig. 4-12. Nicholas Jano.

EP; 25 Sep 1911; item: “Three first-class harness races were held yesterday afternoon...at the Beach Road racetrack and a fair-sized crowd attended the events...The races were as follows: First event: T. McCarthy’s Welcome Jr., won; Paul Alaga’s Arlie D. second...”

EP; 25 Sep 1911; article: “ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE. As the result of a fight alleged to have taken place in the city plaza here last Saturday afternoon, one Bazo Maslach, a local fruit laborer, is in the city jail charged with assault with intent to commit murder and his alleged victim, Vido Kuraiza, is nursing a painful injury in the back of his head where he alleges that he was struck by a rock. The case will come up this afternoon before Judge Hawkins in the justice court when District Attorney Knight is expected over from Santa Cruz to examine into the facts of the case and to set a time for the preliminary hearing.

“The facts alleged in the case are that Maslach and Kuraiza, who are both young and who both work in the fruit here, were in the park late last Saturday afternoon and they had a serious quarrel over some matter.

“It is alleged that harsh words flew back and forth for quite a time until finally Maslach is alleged to have picked up a good-sized rock from the ground and to have struck Kuraiza a terrific blow behind the ear. The case promises to be quite exciting as both men are said to have witnesses, whose evidence is apt to be conflicting.”

EP; 26 Sep 1911; item: “George A. Tuck to A. Mirkovich and M. J. Bokanovich, certain lots in Wonderland tract, \$9 each.”

EP; 26 Sep 1911; article: “STEPHEN SCURICH ARRESTED. Stephen Scurich, the well known fruit grower and shipper, was arrested by Constable Corr late yesterday on a charge of battery preferred by one Tony Tillich, a fruit packer, who alleged that Scurich had committed battery upon the latter’s person. Mr. Scurich appeared this morning before Judge Hawkins and entered a plea of not guilty and demanded a trial. He was represented by Attorney George W. Smith. The date of the trial will be set on Friday next when District Attorney Knight will be here.

“Tillich had a contract with Scurich to pick the latter’s fruit and had left [the] job to go to Hollister. His absence caused Scurich to hire another man and when Tillich returned he waxed wroth to think that another man had succeeded him. Tillich alleges that Scurich hit him twice on the face, but the defendant denies that he even touched the complainant.”

Paj; 28 Sep 1911; article: “CHURCH CENSUS. The reports of the religious census made here last Saturday by the representatives of the local churches have just been tabulated and the results are of an interesting nature. There were 43 men and women engaged in taking the census, which was made only within the limits of the city, and each of the committee members spent about 3 or 4 hours in gathering the statistics wanted...

“In all there were 1233 houses visited, which includes almost every residence in the city. The following memberships or preferences were reported, the figures being for families and not for individuals: Catholic, 315; Presbyterian, 202; Christian, 172; Methodist, 145; Episcopal, 76; no preferences, 66; Danish Lutheran, 23; miscellaneous creeds, 19; refused information, 11; not at home, 204.”

EP; 29 Sep 1911; article: “Bazo Maslach, the local fruit laborer, who is charged with slugging one Vido Kuraiza of this city in the back of the head with a rock wrapped in a handkerchief several nights ago in the plaza, was this afternoon ordered held to answer before the superior court by Justice Hawkins, bail being fixed at \$500, which two of the defendant’s friends furnished. The preliminary hearing was held this afternoon in the justice court before Judge Hawkins. District Attorney B. K. Knight representing the prosecution and the defendant being represented by Attorney George W. Smith.

“The witnesses examined were Peter Maslach, father of the defendant, for the defense, and the following for the prosecution: Vido Kuraiza, Jack Bolarin [Balarin], Mitchell V. Lettunich, Miss Mabel Reed, Mrs. Thomas B. Lettunich and Constable J. H. Corr. The facts as related by the prosecution are as follows:

“Kuraiza, Bolarin, Lettunich and the two ladies had attended a show at the opera house and after the show had gathered to talk on the corner of the plaza opposite the theater. While they were there talking along comes Maslach and before he could be stopped he had struck

Kuraiza behind the ear with a rock tied up in a handkerchief. As he hit him Maslach said, 'Take that.' Maslach then walked away from the rest while the injured man was taken to the hospital after he had recovered from his daze following the blow.

"The defense put on no testimony beyond the fact that the defendant was not yet twenty years of age."

EP; 30 Sep 1911; item: "Ten packers of this city have each signed up to display a carload and they were all assigned their rack space last night in the big tent. These packing concerns are the Loma Fruit Co., the Earl Fruit Co., B. Pista, United Apple Growers, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Lettunich Bros., Alaga Bros., Gospodnetich & Zager, L. F. Bradley Co. and MacDonald Bros. Besides this there will be over a score of 100-box exhibits, several thousand plate exhibits, many 50-, 25-, 10- and 5-box displays and in all it is estimated that the total number of apples on exhibition will make about eighteen cars..."

EP; 30 Sep 1911; item: "The fire department responded at about 2:10 o'clock this afternoon to an alarm of fire at 244 Locust street, the residence of Mike Glage. A package of matches had carelessly been thrown on top of a cupboard and had been ignited in some manner, the flames jumping over to the wall paper. The fire was extinguished almost as soon as it started and no damage was done."

EP; 30 Sep 1911; born: "In Watsonville, Sept. 29, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Antone Dubreta, a son." [Mitchell; +2005]

EP; 3 Oct 1911; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...J. Balovich, \$28..."

Paj; 5 Oct 1911; item: "Stephen Scurich reports that a new Dayton bicycle was stolen...from his packing house yard...The wheel has a red frame. A reward is offered... A peculiar circumstance...is that this is the fourth wheel that has been stolen from Mr. Scurich in the past year."

Paj; 5 Oct 1911; item: "Mark N. Cosulich, the talented manager of 'Jadran,' the representative and leading Slavonian paper on the Pacific Coast, is here today from San Francisco to gather information regarding the apple show. His paper will give a silver cup as one of the prizes as it did last year and will also devote a good portion of the next issue of 'Jadran' to boosting the Apple Annual. Mr. Cosulich is well-known in this city, and his paper is known as the best Slavonian paper on the coast..."

Paj; 5 Oct 1911; item: "A Croatian brass band was organized last night with over a score of members and interested parties present and active rehearsals will be begun immediately. The band at present has 25 members but this number will be increased to 50...The band unanimously chose Mr. E. A. Ball as director..."

Paj; 5 Oct 1911; item: "Stephen Scurich, the well-known apple packer of this city, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of battery brought by one Tony Tillich was this morning released from all liability and the case against him dismissed...Tillich came into court and confessed that the whole matter was a mistake, that he was mistaken when he said that Scurich had slapped him in the face...After such a change of heart...there was nothing left for the court to do but dismiss the case. George W. Smith was the attorney for Scurich."

EP; 5 Oct 1911; article: "PREMIUM LIST OUT FOR POULTRY SHOW. Herewith is published the official list of premiums offered for the State poultry show to be held here next week in connection with the Apple Annual under the auspices of the Pajaro Valley Poultry association...Novice Class: ...B. Pista, Fruit Packer of Watsonville, offers One Box Apples for the Best Capon...B. Pista, Fruit Packer of Watsonville, offers One Box Apples for Second Best Capon..."

Paj; 5 Oct 1911; born: "In Watsonville, Sept. 20, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Antone Dubreta, a son." [Mitchell; +2005]

EP; 6 Oct 1911; item: "Adamson Fruit Co. to Luke Scurich et als—Lots 1 and 2, of A. N. Judd's addition, Watsonville, right of way, \$1."

EP; 7 Oct 1911; ALL: Steve Jovichevich.

EP; 9 Oct 1911; item: "Geo. W. Smith and Clay Seevers are in Salinas today on legal business."

EP; 9 Oct 1911; item: "APPRECIATION. Stephen Scurich of this city, last week sent a number of boxes of his finest apples to Sacramento to George Radcliff for distribution amongst friends and included in the lot were three boxes for Governor Johnson. The apples made a great stir among those receiving them, and the Sac. Bee gave them a fine send-off. That his excellency, the Governor, appreciated the fruit is evidenced by the following:

"State of California, Executive Office, Sacramento, Oct. 6, 1911. Stephen Scurich, Esq., Watsonville, Cal. My Dear Sir: —I am directed by Governor Johnson to convey to you his warmest thanks for the three splendid boxes of apples which arrived here yesterday. He appreciates very highly indeed your courtesy. Very truly yours, ALEXANDER M'CABE, Private Secretary."

EP; 10 Oct 1911; item: "GRAND BALL TONIGHT. The Croatian band of San Francisco will arrive in this city tonight at 6:45 and will be met by local Croatians. They will view the apple display and in the evening will give a ball at Rappe's hall which will undoubtedly be a huge success as much interest as being manifested in the event."

EP; 10 Oct 1911; item: "AUSTRIAN CONSUL HERE. Stephen Scurich, the local fruit packer, received a telegram from Editor Cosulich of the San Francisco 'Jadran' stating that he would accompany Dr. Goricar, the Austrian Consul at San Francisco, to this city to view the apple show. Scurich and a party will meet Dr. Goricar and Editor Cosulich at Pajaro this afternoon."

EP; 11 Oct 1911; article: "The grand industrial parade was held here this morning in the presence of several thousand people lining and packing the sidewalks and streets and the pageant of apple wagons was a success. This morning's parade, however, was not the equal of the industrial parade held here last year either in the quality of the lineup and but a score or less of the eighty packers of this city and valley were represented. The parade was two miles long and was a long time in passing but there was entirely too much sameness to the affair to make it interesting. To the stranger it was made interesting, however, by the fact that seldom are so many apple wagons seen at one time nor is it often that an insight into the immensity of the apple industry here can be had such as was afforded by the parade this morning. Apple wagons and apples are too common here to be exciting but to the visitor within our gates the sight of the parade this morning must have appealed successfully.

"There were 69 wagons in line and 19 known different brands of apples advertised to the crowds on the street. The parade was headed by Marshal P. J. Thompson and his aides, F. W. Ruppert, Robert Mann and Jess P. Neilson. Following these came Manager J. A. Linscott; Director Luke Scurich and J. D. Rickard on foot while the Oakland Croatian band came in behind these three footmen. Ahead of Stephen Scurich and party in an automobile was wheeled a baby carriage containing the pretty Kalich twins, the little vehicle being decorated with American flags and yellow crepe paper. A comic float put in by a party of local Austrians was also in this division. Behind the Scurich auto came a decorated carriage containing Dr. Goricar, the Austrian consul at San Francisco, and other distinguished Austrians of the metropolis.

"Then came the apple wagons along in single file and stretching for over two miles out onto the Santa Cruz road. There was the Golden Gate brand, the Bear brand, the Golden Eagle, Valley Rose, Golden Rule, Alaga Brothers, Lion, Justice, Ramona, El Rey, O-R, M.M., Sunblest and others that could not be learned. Among the packers and growers represented in line were Alaga Brothers, Stephen Scurich, United Apple Growers, M. L. Kalich, R. H. Goodchild, Frank Radovan, Otto Raphael, Battinich & Laptalo, G. W. Bird, Peter Mengol, Loma Fruit Company, Earl Fruit Company, Don Brahnsen, A. A. Scurich and F. P. Marinovich..."

EP; 11 Oct 1911; article: "...Dr. Goricar, the Austrian consul-general at San Francisco, arrived last night and is

the guest of Stephen Scurich. Mr. Goricar will remain here for several days and meet as many of his countrymen here as he can. We acknowledge the courtesy of a pleasant call from the gentleman accompanied by Mark Cosulich of 'Jadran'.

"That Croatian band that arrived last night and was heard today is the only one of its kind on the Pacific Coast and is certainly a credit to the nationality it represents. It can play good music and made quite a hit here.

"A feature of the week so far has been the small number of arrests of dangerous characters and drunks, who usually float into any town giving any kind of a show. Not only has Chief of Police Whitsitt provided extra police protection but two detectives from the San Francisco Police Department are here and they have already ousted several known crooks from the city.

"George Withrow has been appointed special officer by Mayor Jas. A. Hall for Apple Annual week and his beat includes the pavilion and the 'Lane'. This was a good step taken by Mayor Hall for the protection of young people and unescorted girls and ladies that would naturally gather at these places. Mayor Hall deserves a great deal of praise for this step taken by him for the protection of these people.

"The pie room at the pavilion is paying every day. The room is crowded almost every minute in the afternoon and evening with hungry visitors all anxious to sample the delicious pies made from Pajaro valley apples. The ladies in charge are willing and obliging as waitresses and good service is being given. The ladies in the pastry department cannot receive too much praise...

"The Croatian band is expected to serenade our feathered visitors during the day so the fowls will get a taste of real harmony..."

EP; 11 Oct 1911; item: "**Croatian Ball at Rappe's Hall Attended by Large Crowd.** The Croatian ball last night at Rappe's hall was one of the best successes of that nature ever held here and an enormous crowd attended the affair.

"There was only one fault to find and that was that the hall was too small to accommodate the crowd, which overflowed and packed the dance floor and flowed out into the corridors. The Croatian band of Oakland, the only band of its kind in the State, rendered the dance music in delightful fashion and the dance was enjoyable throughout." [see Fig. 4-14]

EP; 11 Oct 1911; item: "Nicholas Lettunich, the son of Mateo Lettunich, intends to entertain the senior class of Santa Clara college at his beautiful residence on Maple avenue during the latter part of the week..."

"The boys from Santa Clara that are down for the Apple Show are Chester and Harold Palmtag, Steve White, Nicholas Lettunich, Marco Zarick, John Sheehy, Gerald Sheehy and Slick Selio, the famous Rugby player."

EP; 11 Oct 1911; article: "Tonight the world's championship contest for box making will be held. Homer Poore of Portland, the 1910 champion, to race against a patent box-making machine. The Hawaiian singers and city band will also entertain with music."

Paj; 12 Oct. 1911; item: "N. P. Chagal, a prominent member of our Slavonian colony was today appointed a special police officer by Chief Whitsitt. The appointment is an excellent one as Mr. Chagal, aside from his standing as a citizen, possesses peculiar qualifications for the position, inasmuch as he speaks several foreign languages fluently, and will be of great assistance to the chief in that respect. Mr. Chagal's ability is freely conceded in Stockton, his former home, where for 2 years he was superintendent of the courthouse grounds and engineer of the courthouse in that city. He points with pride to his record in that city where he received high endorsements from the press and public."

EP; 12 Oct 1911; article: "Five thousand residents of Santa Cruz arrived here this morning on four special trains, 33 cars and myriads of automobiles to see the Apple Annual and today the town is overflowing with laughing, merry, and happy Santa Cruz people, all having the time of their lives and all glad that they are here..."

"The first train arrived at 9:10 o'clock this morning and each special was 10 minutes behind the other. The Santa Cruzans were met at the Watsonville depot by the Croatian band of Oakland, the local Moose band and the Watsonville City band and a larger number of the Apple Annual officials. Besides that the visitors brought along their Moose band and the Eagles' drum corps, which aided to further enliven the parade that was formed at Second and Walker streets and brought downtown on Second..."

EP; 12 Oct 1911; item: "Prosper Lettunich came down from San Francisco to see the Apple show."

EP; 12 Oct 1911; article: "Two dozen boosters from the Los Angeles Produce Exchange arrived here in their special car this morning...The members of the party are...S. Palovich...William Pulisevich..."

EP; 12 Oct 1911; article: "SWEEPSTAKES WON BY ALAGA BROTHERS. Alaga Brothers of this city are again the winners of the sweepstakes prize in the carload exhibits, the Apple Annual judges announcing last night that their car of Red Pearmains was the best in the entire show. The score out of a possible 1000 points was 938, an exceedingly high average and one that certainly reflects great credit upon the business of the winners. The Alaga boys won the sweepstakes prize last year as well and the fact that they have now won that coveted honor in two successive years is indeed worthy of the highest



Fig. 4-13. The I.A.S.A. trophy won in 1911 by the Alaga Bros. for "Best Commercial Pack and Grading in Car Lot Exhibit." Photographed at the ancestral Alaga house in Bani, Croatia, in 2006. The base is missing.

praise. Not only did the Alaga Brothers win the sweepstakes prize of \$500 cash but they were the winners of the best commercially graded and packed car at the show, another high honor. Hats off to the Alaga Brothers. The prizes they won were \$500 in cash, the official gold medal, the Pearson trophy, the International Apple Shippers' Association trophy.

"The other winners were as follows: Best car of Newtown Pippins, Gospodnetich & Zegar, Lakeside brand, score 774. Prizes: Official gold medal, \$100 cash by National Ice & Cold Storage company of San Francisco; silver trophy by W. Dennis and Sons of New York and Liverpool, 100 pounds arsenate of lead by California Spray Chemical company.

"Second best car of Newtown Pippins. Earl Fruit company, score 750. Prizes: Official silver medal and \$50 cash.

"Best car of Bellefleurs. L. S. Bradley company, score 884. Prizes: Official gold medal and \$100 cash; can Black Leaf '40,' by California Spray Chemical company.

"Second best car Bellefleurs. B. Pista & Bros., score 849. Prizes: Official silver medal and \$50 cash.

"Best car of mixed varieties. Loma Fruit Co. Green Cleat brand, score 666. Prizes: \$200 cash by Hihn-Hammond Lumber company, silver trophy by Watsonville Register Publishing company, 100 pounds Sherwin-Williams arsenate of lead by Charles Ford company, \$45 nailing press by A. Willows, of Redlands; official gold medal by the association.

"The other scores were: M. N. Lettunich & Co., Newton Pippins, 746; Lettunich Bros., Newton Pippins, 731; United Fruit Growers, Newton Pippins, 681; MacDonald & Sons, Bellefleurs, 540."

EP; 12 Oct 1911; article: "One of the biggest crowds of the week last night saw William Carter of this city not only win the championship of the world in box making at the pavilion but also saw him lower the record made last year by Homer Poore of Portland, Oregon. Carter made

99 boxes and a fraction in an hour as against 93 in the same time made last year by Poore..."

EP; 12 Oct 1911; item: "Nick Banaz of Paso Robles, a former local resident, is an Apple Annual visitor."

EP; 12 Oct 1911; article: "More prize-winning awards were announced by the Apple Annual judges last night, the 100 and 50-box awards being those already decided upon. The following awards were announced last night.

"100-Box Lots—Sweepstakes, M. L. Kalich & Co., score 915.

"Bellefleurs—Winner, M. L. Kalich & Co., score, 915; second, Stephen Scurich, score, 844.

"Mixed Varieties—Winner, Nick Banaz, Templeton, score 864; second, A. Balich Fruit company, score, 849.

"Newtowns—Winner, Frank Radovan, score 880; second, H. T. Davis, Corralitos, score 875.

"50-Box Lots—Sweepstakes, Frank Radovan (Red Pearmains) score 916.

"Red Pearmains—Winner, Frank Radovan, score, 916; second, Ewell Fruit company, Santa Cruz, score, 825.

"Newtowns—Winner, Milanovich & Pista, Hollister, score, 801; second, Copriviza & Gera, score, 648.

"Bellefleurs—Winner, Gospodnetich & Zeger, score, 993; second, Stephen Scurich, score, 795..."

EP; 12 Oct 1911; article: "Frank Radovan merits hearty thanks for generously filling in vacancies on the display racks in the Apple Annual pavilion which would likely not otherwise have been filled. Several people who had signed up for space on the display racks, failing to place their exhibits, left the bare racks to the gaze of the visitors, until upon a call for aid from the Apple Annual directors, Mr. Radovan brought several hundred boxes of apples and placed them in the breach. Several other packers' offers of aid were appreciated as it shows the spirit held by the apple men toward the show.

"Because they declared that business was greatly hurt by the charging of admission at the main gate of the 'Lane,' the various concessions closed their doors yesterday, or rather their canvass flaps, and refused to do business unless there was no charge at the main gate, as a result entrance to the 'Lane' will be free to all hereafter..."

EP; 14 Oct 1911; ALL: Peter Anticevich.

EP; 14 Oct 1911; article: "While we have all been enjoying the time of our lives this week and throwing dull care to the four winds that we might plunge into the maelstrom of pleasure around and about us we haven't forgotten those hard-working, zealous, unselfish men and women behind the big show, who have made all this fun possible for us and who have spent restless days and sleepless nights in order that we might have a jolly week of it. The thirteen Apple Annual directors really deserve more

than a few feeble words of credit and praise for their endeavor, for words are but poor nourishment to an overworked energy. Those directors are all busy men of affairs here, they have each their private business interests to foster and they have families to think of, yet all these things have been temporarily abandoned and thrown aside for several weeks past and more especially in the past week in order that the Apple Annual be a success. They have spent their own money to further boost the show, they have been in consultation night after night until a late hour when their tired bodies were needing rest, they have neglected their private business to attend to the wants of the Apple Annual and all they are to receive is a bit of empty honor.

"Every Watsonville citizen should rejoice in the success of the Apple Annual and should rejoice that the directors have not labored in vain. The show has been unprecedented in every way anywhere in the State and to the hard-working Apple Annual directors is due the major credit. Our congratulations go out to these men. May they reap their reward as they deserve, our heartfelt appreciation of their efforts for Watsonville and its premier industry, the apple business, is theirs. Watsonville is proud of the work accomplished by the Board of Apple Annual Directors: Otto D. Stoesser, A. W. Cox, James A. Linscott, Edward A. Hall, Elliott Steinhauer, Henry C. Peckham, R. H. Goodchild, George W. Sill, J. E. Gardner, John H. Thompson, Luke Scurich, C. H. Rodgers and Mateo Lettunich.

"But we must not forget the faithful employees of the show, who by their efficiency have done much to make the show the success that it is. C. G. Redman, the secretary, has been a tireless worker for the show, Miss Anna M. Farlin, the assistant secretary, has been an earnest faithful worker at all times..."

EP; 14 Oct 1911; article: "...25-Box Lots. Newtowns—Milladin & Monocovich [Moncovich], first; score 971; J. D. Braycovich Co., second, score 944½.

"Red Pearmains—Monterey county Chamber of Commerce, first, score 938; Zar Bros., second, 934.

"Bellefleurs—Kingsley Co., Aromas, first, score 870; Stephen Scurich, second, score 867.

"Jonathans—Loma Fruit company, first, score 946.

"White Winter Pearmains—F. P. Mannovich [Marinovich] first, score 962.

"Spitzenburgs—Novakovich & Stolich first, score 915.5..."

EP; 14 Oct 1911; article: "...Single-Box Lots. Spitzenberg, first, Novacovich & Stolich; ...Azone, first, Geo. Forenich [Forencich]; second, George Hrepich..."

EP; 16 Oct 1911; item: "A man named Sam Svirivich today paid a \$20 fine for committing battery upon the person of one Martin Karovich, both of the men being

employed on the Silliman ranch in this valley. The defendant gave himself up to Judge Hawkins while Corr was out looking for him.”

EP; 16 Oct 1911; article: “**About Thirty Guests Enjoyed Hospitality of Sweepstakes Winners.** The California Restaurant was the scene of a happy gathering on Saturday evening last...the occasion being a banquet given by the Alaga Brothers, twice sweepstakes prize winners for carloads at the Apple Annual, to about thirty invited guests, which included the Apple Annual judges, the officials of the Apple Annual and others. The menu as prepared by Messrs. Hrepich & Wells was most excellent and the gathering around the festal board was a merry one. The Alaga Brothers have now won the carload sweepstakes twice and this certainly speaks highly for the quality of their fruit. It was truly an occasion for felicitation and those present showered the Alagas with congratulations of the most hearty variety.”

EP; 16 Oct 1911; item: “The following delegates to the second national session of the American Apple congress to be held at Denver, Colorado, on November 14, 15 and 16 were appointed today by Mayor Hall: O. D. Stoesser, W. R. Radcliff, A. N. Judd, E. H. Haack, C. H. Rodgers, Geo. W. Sill, J. A. Linscott, Mateo Lettunich and C. R. Greisen.”

EP; 16 Oct 1911; article: “While the definite figures have not as yet been tabulated yet the approximate receipts of the ‘The Lane’ are practically known. George W. Smith, chairman of the Apple Annual concessions committee, reported today that about \$500 in all was the share received by the Apple Annual from the concessions and after all expenses have been paid it is estimated that a little over \$300 will be netted to the show association...”

“The members of the Croatian band of Oakland, Austria Consul Dr. Goricar and Editor M. Cosulich of the Jadran have returned to the bay region after a pleasant



Fig. 4-14. The Croatian Band of Oakland in front of Steve Scurich's house at 265 E. 3rd St. (today: Beach St.)

stay here. While in this city they were the guests of Luke and Stephen Scurich. The Croatian band is a first class organization and deserves credit for its excellent music. The members of the same are S. Popovic, A. Lopanocvis, I. Matulovic, R. Pappazalli, A. Goricii, B. Brajenovic, J. Tvanes, M. Stefan, P. Grezet, A. Juras, J. Trebotic, J. Juristic, A. Depoto [Depolo], O. Gradenizo, N. Loviscelli, B. M. Ferlan, D. Andricevic.”

EP; 16 Oct 1911; article: “...The world's championship apple packing contest [took place in the pavillion]...Each entrant had to pack five boxes in 50 minutes but none of the seven men in the race took up the entire time. Manuel A. Ranzal of Los Angeles defeated M. Lazaravich [Lazarevich] of Watsonville, the 1910 champion, for the championship of the world. Peter Scurich of this city was second. The other entries were Joseph Morgoretich [Margaretich], Martin Procuriza, Luther Vorheis and J. Resetar. A gold watch was won by Ranzal, the new champion, and a silver watch was awarded to Scurich...”

EP; 16 Oct 1911; article: “...Ten box class—Bellflowers, first, Lucich & Gordan, 929; second, Steve Scurich, 910; Newtown Pippin, first, J. W. Tullock, 939; second, Ivanovich & Lucich, 887; Red Pearmain, first, R. H. Goodchild, 901; second, Quong Sang Lung company, 865; Langford Seedling, first, Mekis & Bacham [Bachan] company, 927; second, Gluchan [Gluhan] & Bakich, 809; Spitzenburg, first, R. H. Goodchild, 930; second, S. N. Milosavich [Miloslavich], 870; Jonathan, first and sweepstakes, Ewell Fruit company, 944; second, Miladin & Monovich [Moncovich], 937; mixed, first, Vegar & Katsovich, 928; second, Vlautin & Laptalo, 922.

“In the following 10-box lots there was no competition: the variety is given first, then the entrant, then the score: Ben Davis, R. H. Goodchild, 902; Hyde King, Frank K. Mott company, 845; York Imperial, Magud & Co. 857; Winter Banana, Winter & Ward, 538; Smith Cider, R. H. Goodchild, 925; Wallbridge, Stephen Scurich, 804; Hoover, San Jose Chamber of Commerce, 821; Black Twig, J. Kitzmiller, 848; Arkansas Beauty, Earl Fruit company, 798; Rome Beauty, Rivers Brothers & company, 921; White Pearmain, M. N. Ducich, 960.

“Five-Box Lots...Newtown Pippins, first, M. A. Pecarovich, 960...Spitzenburg, first, John Ivancovich, 931...Jonathan, first, Ewell Fruit Co, 932, second, Rivers Bros. & Co.; Foote, 851; second [*sic* third?] M. L. Kalich Co, 774.”

EP; 18 Oct 1911; item: “**HIT WITH BRASS KNUCKLES.** William Utzerath, an apple picker employed on a ranch in the eastern end of this valley, was arrested this morning by Constable Cano of Pajaro, on a charge of battery, the complaint filed by George Relovich [Rilovich] alleging that the defendant had hit him over the head with brass knuckles yesterday. Relovich had a cut

lower lip, three teeth have been knocked out and his face was otherwise bruised. Utzerath had been working for Relovich and had been asked to move some apple boxes. The defendant refused and cursed his employer. Relovich started to remonstrate with him when the defendant reached for the knuckles and soaked his boss over the cabeza. The slugger will appear this afternoon before Judge Rohrback.”

EP; 19 Oct 1911; honor roll: High 8th: Florence Smith; High 6th: Katie Dubretta, Willie Marinovich; Low 6th: Lena Strazicich, John Strazicich; Low 5th: Helen Strazicich, Jennie Dubretta; Low 4th: Nicholas Lutich; High 3rd: Charley Sambrailo. Low 3rd: Nick Dujmovich, John Eggea, Emma Grizich, Annie Knego, Katie Strazicich, Katie Lutich, Nick Castropelli.

EP; 19 Oct 1911; article: “**Slavonians Start Up New Musical Organization Here in This City.** Twenty-two local Slavonians held a rousing meeting last night to organize a brass band composed of men of their nationality and the organization of the new band was not long in being perfected. The organization of such a band has long been discussed by the Slavonians here but no definite action was taken until last night. E. A. Ball was chosen director of the band and will conduct the new organization. His reputation as bandmaster is too well known here for he was the originator of the Lady Hussars, the Golden West Boys’ band and the Moose band. Nicholas Strazicich was elected president, Peter Secondo was made secretary and John Jagich was chosen as treasurer.

“The members of the new band are E. H. Strazicich, Joe Maskovich, J. Resetar, N. Scurich, J. Jagich, B. Radovich, J. Braica, J. P. Zar, B. Rosich, T. Frolich[?], T. M. Kussich [Kissich], M. Morris, N. Pulich, Charles Curich, Charles Arbanasin, M. Pista, Paul Kuraiza, Steve Grlich, George Munkovich [Monkovich] and N. Zar.”

EP; 19 Oct 1911; list: “The amount of \$3942 in bills against the Apple Annual was ordered paid last night by the directors of that organization, who met last night in special session. One of these bills was a claim for \$4.75 sent in by one George Millias, a Gilroy restaurant man. When the boosters stopped in Gilroy and were throwing apples to the residents a stray apple went through the window of the restaurant. Other bills as follows were ordered paid: ...E. B. Lettunich, \$2; Stephen Scurich, \$203.45...Central Grocery, \$4.50...”

EP; 19 Oct 1911; item: “Andrew Ivancovich, one of the alleged belligerents in the Fisher, Stetta and Ivancovich fight near Prunedale last Monday night, was...forced to put up a peace bail bond of \$1000 although the money was furnished by friends. He has been in so much trouble lately that the officers at Pajaro and Salinas deemed it wise to pin him down to a bond to keep the peace instead

of exacting promises from him. With Ivancovich under \$1000 bonds to keep the peace, Charles Fisher under \$1000 bail for stabbing Stetta in the neck and the latter slowly recovering from his injuries in the hospital here, the Prunedale battlers are somewhat curbed now at last.”

Paj; 19 Oct 1911; superior court: “Estate of Paul Sambrailo, deceased—Order appointing Petro Sambrailo administrator; bond fixed at \$1500.”

Paj; 19 Oct 1911; item: “Judge Smith has handed down an opinion in the case of George Castropelli vs. Samuel Conlan in favor of the plaintiff for \$10. The action was for \$500 damages which Castropelli claims he suffered by reason of being ejected from the premises leased from Conlan. Castropelli paid \$10 on account of rent. This Sam Conlan offered to return but Castropelli refused to accept, and brought suit. Castropelli was represented by E. J. Kelly and George W. Smith of the firm of Hall & Smith for Conlan.”

EP; 24 Oct 1911; item: “The trials of Michael Stetta and Andrew Ivancovich, who are out on bonds for preserving the peace, are on...before Judge Rohrback at Pajaro. The two cases are a result of the affray last week in the Prunedale country when Stetta was stabbed in the neck by Charles Fisher. Both Stetta and Ivancovich were arrested and placed under bonds to keep the peace. The trials today are to determine whether the bonds shall be maintained...”

EP; 24 Oct 1911; item: “Hihn-Hammond Lumber Co. vs. Frank Radovan—Request of plaintiffs for dismissal of action.”

EP; 24 Oct 1911; item: “People vs. Bazo Maslach—Information for felony, to wit, assault with a deadly weapon.”

EP; 25 Oct 1911; married: “Watsonville, Oct. 22, 1911, by Rev. Fr. Cawley at St. Patrick’s church, Ely Arbanasin and Miss Anna Giovich [Janovich], both of Watsonville.”

EP; 25 Oct 1911; item: “George Pulich is in San Francisco today on business.”

Paj; 26 Oct 1911; item: “A stolen bicycle has been reported to the police by Nick Mortizia, the local packer...The bike is a Pierce, has a black frame...and is almost a new wheel.”

EP; 26 Oct 1911; article: “Twenty boxes of mixed Pajaro Valley apples will be shipped tomorrow to Ashbury, New Jersey, for competition at the annual fruit and flower show to open there on November 6. This will be the first eastern fruit show that any Pajaro Valley organiza-

tion has had an exhibit entered in and the result will be awaited here with considerable interest.

“The fruit has been donated by the following firms and individuals: M. N. Lettunich Co., MacDonald & Sons, Earl Fruit Co., Loma Fruit Co., M. P. Kalich Co., R. H. Goodchild, Geo. W. Sill, Zar Bros., Stephen Scurich, Stolich Brothers, Alaga Bros., Gospodnetich & Zeger, Secondo Bros., Frank Radovan, Peter Resetar, Novacovich & Stolich, W. Fraser and H. T. Davis.”

EP; 27 Oct 1911; item: “Decree of condemnation—City of Watsonville vs. Matthew Grizich et al—Lot of land on northeastern line of Main street, Watsonville.”

EP; 28 Oct 1911; ALL: N. Banaz, Mrs. L. Bratos.

EP; 28 Oct 1911; item: “People vs. Bozo Maslach—Luke Scurich sworn as interpreter; arraignment: defendant waives time for pleading and enters plea of guilty; Oct. 31st set as the day for passing sentence.”

EP; 28 Oct 1911; item: “Bozo Maslach, arrested in Watsonville and charged with assault with a deadly weapon, appeared before Superior Judge Smith...to be arraigned on the charge. He waived time for pleading and said he was guilty. Thus the county was saved the expense of a trial. The man will appear on October 31st to receive sentence. A petition to place the man on probation was numerous signed in this city yesterday and sent to the court.”

EP; 30 Oct 1911; item: “The law firm of Hall & Smith will dissolve the first of the month. Attorney Hall will occupy offices in the Porter building, and Attorney Smith will retain the present offices in the Bank of Watsonville building in conjunction with the Orchard Realty Co.”

EP; 31 Oct 1911; item: “Lease—John M. Ryan to P. M. Resetar—5 acres on north side of Salsipuedes creek.”

EP; 31 Oct 1911; item: “...directors of the Apple Annual [ordered] the following bills [paid]: ...Stephen Scurich, apples, \$4.50...Scurich Brothers, apples, \$2...”

EP; 1 Nov 1911; item: “Bozo Maslach, the young man, who slugged a fellow here several weeks ago with a sling shot in the back of the head, was not sentenced in the Superior Court yesterday by Judge Smith, but his case was continued until next Monday...A petition signed by 250 residents of this city was filed asking that the young fellow be placed upon probation, and the case was referred to the County probation officer, who is to make his report on Monday. Attorney George W. Smith of this city represents Maslach.”

EP; 1 Nov 1911; item: “Jef. H. Jefson et ux to Matthew

Grizich—Lot on southerly side of Ford street, Watsonville, \$10.”

Paj; 2 Nov 1911; item: “Estate of Paul Sambrailo, deceased—Petition to compel accounting; order for citation, citing Mike Cordich to appear Nov. 6, 1911, and give an accounting of the co-partnership dissolved by the death of Paul Sambrailo.”

Paj; 2 Nov 1911; item: “City of Watsonville vs. Matthew Grizich et al—Judgement and decree of condemnation; receipts for warrants; order of court that county treasurer Blas deliver to the clerk the warrant for \$5297.50 drawn by the commissioners in the matter of the opening and extending of Fifth street in Watsonville, in favor of defendant and that the clerk deliver the same to him.”

EP; 2 Nov 1911; item: “The home of Nick Arbanas, who resides on the M. B. Tuttle ranch in this valley, was entered last Tuesday night and the burglar made quite a haul, his booty being estimated at the value of \$300. The valuables stolen consisted of \$280 in cash, a pair of grey trousers, a pair of blue serge trousers and a gold ring with a green setting. No trace whatever of the stolen goods can be found by the officers on either side of the river. Arbanas had the goods in a locked trunk and the doors of the house were also locked when Arbanas left to visit this city on Tuesday night. When he returned to his home he discovered that a burglar had preceded him. The burglar had broken the lock on the rear door, had broken the trunk lock and had taken the goods described above. No clues have as yet been found.”

Paj; 2 Nov 1911; ALL: Mrs. L. Bratos, Nocolos Kirejoko.

Paj; 2 Nov 1911; item: “Agreement and lease—J. Simunovich with S. J. Duckworth—12.69 acres, Corralitos rancho.”

EP; 4 Nov 1911; article: “Eight boxes of extra fancy mixed varieties of Pajaro Valley apples will be sent from this city next Monday by the Commercial League to San Francisco to be taken aboard the ‘Governors’ Special,’ which leaves next week for a tour of the east and all States east of the Mississippi to boost the west and the 1915 exposition. There will be nine governors of western States aboard this train and on the special will be a ‘California car,’ a car loaded with strictly California products, included in which will be the apples from this valley. This car will boost California throughout the east and will help to put the Pajaro Valley on the map in blacker letters than ever. The varieties of apples to be sent are Bellefleurs, Langfords, Red Pearmains, Newtown Pippins, Missouri Pippins, White Pearmains and Jonathan.

“One box each has been donated by the following local firms and individuals: Stephen Scurich, MacDonald

& Sons, Alaga Brothers, M. N. Lettunich & Company, Copriviza & Gera, Resetar Brothers, Loma Fruit Company and the Earl Fruit company.”

EP; 4 Nov 1911; item: “The first case of diphtheria known here in several months was reported to the authorities...by S. Stolich, whose little boy is ill with the malady at 167 West Fifth street. The residence has been placed under quarantine by Chief of Police Whitsitt, but it is understood that the case is not necessarily severe. No diphtheria cases have been prevalent here for a long time and it is to be hoped that the Stolich case will be the only one this winter.”

EP; 4 Nov 1911; ALL: P. J. Banich, Petar Lionich, G. F. Vucacich. Foreign: Stephen Car.

EP; 7 Nov 1911; item: “More bills against the Apple Annual were ordered paid...Miss Anna Farlin, portion of salary, \$15...”

EP; 7 Nov 1911; item: “John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et al.—Complaint.”

EP; 7 Nov 1911; item: “People vs. Bozo Maslach—Passing of sentence is continued to Nov. 10th.”

EP; 7 Nov 1911; class. ad: “WANTED—Girl sorters at Peter Mengol’s packing house on Beach road, near the depot.”

EP; 8 Nov 1911; item: “CASES WERE DISMISSED. The cases against Paul Rokovich and Joe Radovich, who were accused by Junko Posovich of battery were this morning dismissed by a Judge Rohrbach of Pajaro for lack of prosecution. George W. Smith of this city was the attorney for the defendants and when the prosecuting witness failed to show[,] the motion of Attorney Smith to dismiss the action was granted. These cases resulted from several fights held last Monday on the Lyman Cox ranch in the Mud Flat district.”

EP; 8 Nov 1911; article: “The bids for the sale of the property condemned for the opening of Fifth street through to Sudden street were all rejected last night as being too low and the city clerk was instructed to re-advertise for bids...No bids were received at all on the Grizich property. Attorney J. E. Gardner, who represented the street commissioners, suggested that new bids be called for and if then the sums were not large enough a private sale might be held...”

“Matthew Grizich requested further time to move the fruit from his packing house on the proposed opening of Fifth street, his time having expired on November 1st. He still had 3000 or 4000 boxes to move and he thought he could be through in a month. He was given until December 1st and no longer...”

EP; 8 Nov 1911; obit: “A large concourse of friends attended the funeral services held yesterday afternoon at the Episcopal church of the late Miss Alice Baldwin, whose remains arrived yesterday noon from Los Gatos. Rev. C. L. Thackeray conducted the services. The internment was made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery. The pallbearers were Ivan Heron, Howard Hess, Otto Schuchard, Arnold Stoffers, Nicholas Strazicich and Merton Tibbals.”

EP; 9 Nov 1911; item: “Peter Kosovas [Kosovac] et ux to Richard Bridson—Lot on north line of Rodriguez street, Watsonville, \$10.”



EP; 9 Nov 1911; born: “In Watsonville, Nov. 9, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. John Franich, a son.” [Anthony; +1995]

Fig. 4-15. Anthony “Tony” Franich.

Paj; 9 Nov 1911; ALL: P. J. Banich, Petar Lionich, G. F. Vucacich, Stephen Car.

EP; 10 Nov 1911; honor roll: Low 7th: Lewis Lettunich; Low 6th: Lena Strazicich; Low 5th: Helen Strazicich, Jennie Dubreta; Low 4th: Nicholas Lutich; High 3rd: Charley Sambrailo; Low 3rd: Nick Dujmovich, Emma Grizich; Low 3rd: Anna Knego, Katie Strazicich, Katie Lutich, Mark Rilovich; High 2nd: Katie Arbanas, Nick Castropelli, Tony Boscovich; Low 2nd: Nellie Puhiera.

EP; 11 Nov 1911; item: “M. N. Cosulich, manager of the San Francisco Slavonian paper, ‘Jadran,’ is in town today.”

EP; 11 Nov 1911; ALL: Frank Barovich, M. Miljanovich. Foreign: P. M. Chagal.

EP; 13 Nov 1911; item: “People vs. Bozo Maslach—Sentence is continued to November 17.”

EP; 14 Nov 1911; item: “People vs. Bozo Maslach—Report of probation officer; petition for release of defendant on probation.”

EP; 14 Nov 1911; item: “County Fish, Game and Fire Warden Walter P. Welch came along the beach this morning on a tour of inspection and as a result there were four arrests made at Port Watsonville of parties who had undersized clams in their possession, namely clams less than 13 inches in circumference. The arrested men were K. Mori, B. Scorsur, J. A. Scorsur and M. B. Scorsur. All were brought before Judge Hawkins this afternoon and each fined \$10.”

EP; 14 Nov 1911; born: "In Hollister, Nov. 7, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. John Petrinovich, a daughter." [*Madeline*]

EP; 15 Nov 1911; item: "An old man named Marcus Klarovich, formerly employed as a dishwasher at Sandbo's restaurant, was found lying in a helpless condition on the street yesterday by Chief Smart, who took him to the city prison and summoned a physician to examine him. Klarovich had been ill for several days. An affidavit charging insanity has been filed against Klarovich, but Dr. S. B. Gordon expresses the belief that the man's affliction is the result of illness and is only temporary. Klarovich has friends in Watsonville.—Salinas Index."

Paj; 16 Nov 1911; item: "The Slavs of California are going to give a grand banquet at the St. Francis...in honor of Mr. Joseph Goricar, the newly-appointed consul of Austria-Hungary for the Pacific coast. We understand that a number of our local Slavonian residents will attend the affair, which will be the first gathering of all Slavic nationalities in California around the festal board."

EP; 16 Nov 1911; item: "A horse owned by Frank Radovan the local fruit packer, which had been left standing attached to a buggy on Main street near Third this morning became suddenly frightened and tore madly down the street towards the river. It narrowly missed hitting one of the hacks in front of Lovering's Cafe and came to grief in front of the city hall by hitting a buggy owned by S. Pekoch. The shafts of the Pekock rig were broken and a wheel flew off the Radovan buggy but the horse continued on its way. Finally it struck the sidewalk near the Watsonville laundry and there it left the rest of the rig in a badly smashed manner. The horse kept on and was finally stopped near the river."

EP; 18 Nov 1911; mar. license: "George Rilovich and Miss Lucy Rilovich of this city have secured a license to wed, which will be interesting news to their friends here. The groom elect is a well known local fruit packer and is a member of the firm of Rilovich Brothers. The bride-elect is a well known member of the local Austrian colony. Both have many friends here."

EP; 18 Nov 1911; item: "Bozo Maslach, the local youth, who attempted to kill a fellow countryman of his here several months ago by slugging him in the back of the head with a rock tied in a handkerchief, was up for sentence...in the superior court at Santa Cruz before Judge Smith. Probation Officer Williams recommended that the young man be committed to the county jail while Attorney George W. Smith of this city, who represents Maslach, asked the court to turn the defendant loose on probation. After considerable argument between Attorney Smith and District Attorney Knight, the court postponed action until next Friday afternoon."

EP; 18 Nov 1911; mar. license: "Santa Cruz, Nov. 17, 1911, to George Rilovich and Lucy Rilovich, both of Watsonville."

EP; 18 Nov 1911; item: "The Sokol Croatian society of this city will give a grand ball next Saturday night in I.O.O.F. hall to the members and friends of the popular organization and elaborate plans are being made to make the affair a success. The affair will be strictly invitational and will be one of the most pleasing events held by the Sokol lodge."

EP; 21 Nov 1911; item: "Lease—W. A. Thompson to Frank Radovan—20 acres bounded on north by lands of McCorkle and on south by lands of Moore."

EP; 21 Nov 1911; item: "Antone Scurich, S. Ysida, B. Kamedain and Y. Yamato each paid the sum of \$5 in the police court...for riding on the sidewalk with their bicycles and arrests being made by Officer Jess Dolan. They put up no fight against being fined but took their medicine like men."

EP; 22 Nov 1911; item: "Constable Corr has found another stolen bicycle and it proved to be one stolen some time ago from Dr. Pope of this city. The wheel was found by L. C. Lucich in his orchard in the Salsipuedes region and upon an investigation Constable Corr traced the ownership of the bike to Dr. Pope."

Paj; 23 Nov 1911; Item: "Peter Marinovich was caught... for riding his bicycle on the sidewalk and before the offender could be released he had to put up bail amounting to \$5 cash. His case was set for this morning...but he failed to show up so Judge Bridgewater declared his bail forfeited."

EP; 23 Nov 1911; item: "Lease—Ella S. Litchfield to Resetar Bros.—5-acre orchard on the Santa Cruz road, joining lands of Chas. Manning."

EP; 23 Nov 1911; item: "Lease—William Birlem to Resetar Bros.—20 acres Salsipuedes Rancho."

Paj; 23 Nov 1911; ALL: Bartul Ivelich, Tony Kumarich, N. Mukovich, Mrs. Lucy Simunovich. Foreign: Baldo Perovich, Tani Srsen [*Sersen*].

Paj; 23 Nov 1911; item: "Frank J. Bettencourt, Charles J. Phillips, N. J. Mortiza, Arthur Hughes and J. P. Neilsen will leave tonight for the State of Sonora, Mexico, to view some 18,000 acres of land about 20 miles west of Hermisillo...Bettencourt and Phillips were selected to go to Mexico to look into the proposition to see that it was bona fide...[they] expect to be gone about 10 days...The land is...about 150 miles south of Nogales, Arizona..."

EP; 23 Nov 1911; item: "Agreement—Howard J. Phillips with M. Resetar and Mitchell Resetar; for the sale of apples grown on the 26 acres of party of the first part in Calabasas District."

EP; 25 Nov 1911; article: "OUR APPLE PACK. The recent agitation regarding the apple pack of this valley has created much discussion, and a large number of our packers are up in arms against the strictures passed upon them. They claim to be blameless in the matter; that the fault lies with the orchardists who do not take proper care of their orchards.

"In conversation yesterday with Messrs. Nick Alaga and Jas. Sheehy, both gentlemen took decided exceptions to the recent criticisms passed upon the packers of this valley. 'Quote me as saying,' said Mr. Sheehy, 'that the entire blame for any poor pack sent out of this valley lies with the orchardists, alone. The packer contracts for the apples in the orchard, the orchardist pockets his money and then lets the crop take care of itself. I can take anyone out through the valley and demonstrate the truth of this statement by showing the unkempt, uncared for condition of orchard after orchard. What can the packer do when he receives his crop worm-infested or showing the ravages of San Jose scale. His money has been paid over for the crop; he relied upon the honesty of the orchardist that the latter would look after the crop as was expected, and by spraying, and care, and attention, keep the crop free from insect infestation. The packer is up against it. It is either reject the crop, and suffer great expense in a law suit, or else do the best he can by care in sorting out the damaged apples, and endeavor to get his money back.'

"Mr Alaga was equally emphatic. He pointed out that there was no excuse for a poor pack leaving this valley if the orchardists did their duty and took proper care of their fruit trees. That this was not impossible was shown by the successful achievements of Mr. Alaga's firm in carrying off the big prizes at the two apple annual exhibitions with fruit grown in orchards under their personal care and inspection.

"There is no question but what the present agitation and 'roasting' of the apple pack of this valley by the Daily Register has, to a great extent, negated much of the good accomplished by our two recent Annual Annuals. We see the articles reprinted in other papers from all sections of the State, and the journals published in opposition apple-growing districts have eagerly seized them and pushed them along to the great discredit of this valley. As one packer expressed himself to us: 'After the hard work and expense we undertook, and the magnificent success achieved at the recent apple annual it is tough luck to have it all undone by a series of articles that give us a black eye, is calculated to destroy our markets, and render all our past advertising useless. There is certainly not much inducement, in treatment like this, to exhibit at any future apple annual. Why does not the

blame be put where it rightfully belongs? If there are dishonest packers in our ranks why not single them out and hold them up to scorn? Why blacken the valley's industry, as a whole? There are good packs going out of this valley, and it is unjust to class us all as a lot of crooks!'

"The Pajaronian agrees with Messrs. Sheehy and Alaga's contentions. The orchardist is to blame. Years ago, in season and out, week in and week out, this paper preached the doctrine of a better pack, but endeavored to do its missionary work among the orchardists. 'Spray! Spray!' was our slogan, day after day, until its reiteration was most tiresome. Finally, mainly through this paper's efforts an entomologist was secured to teach our orchardists better methods. That conditions have improved over former years no one can deny. Voick has returned his salary over and over again in valuable pointers to our fruit-growers. The tendency is upward, but there is still room for improvement. More work must be done, better methods adopted, greater care exercised on growing crops. If our orchardists produce good clean fruit a first-class pack will go out of this valley—but not otherwise."

EP; 25 Nov 1911; item: "John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et als—Demurrer to complaint."

EP; 25 Nov 1911; item: "People vs. Bozo Maslach—Order of court fining prisoner \$50."

EP; 25 Nov 1911; ALL: Nik Salatich.

EP; 27 Nov 1911; item: "Nick Zar has returned from a visit to friends in Salinas and Spreckels."

EP; 28 Nov 1911; item: "Steve Novak to Niko Radimir—Lot 22, Quinn's subd., Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 28 Nov 1911; married: "In Watsonville, Nov. 26, 1911, by Rev. John Cawley, Nicholas Lucich [Luich] and Annie Drobac, both of Watsonville."



Fig. 4-16.
Seated: Nick Luich (1884-1944), Anna Drobac (1887-1968).
Standing: Luke Scurich (1864-1932), Stane Pierovich (1879-1969), sister of bride.

EP; 28 Nov 1911; married: "In Watsonville, Nov. 26,

1911, John Mestrovich and Danya Bencich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 28 Nov 1911; married: “In Watsonville, Nov. 26, George Rilovich and Lucy Rilovich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 29 Nov 1911; article: “The music pupils of Moreland Notre Dame Academy had their quarterly competition examination in exercises and pieces yesterday in the assembly hall of the academy, in presence of the Sister Superior, the music teachers and faculty...

“...[T]hose who were promoted to a higher grade are: ...Anna Scurich...Anna Marinovich...”

EP; 29 Nov 1911; item: “**Nicholas Voilich Taken to the County Jail Today.** Nicholas Voilich [Violich], a well-known young resident of this city and who has been employed at the Central Hotel on several occasions in the past, was arrested here this afternoon by Sheriff Trafton of Santa Cruz on a charge of forgery and the evidence against the prisoner is said to be most conclusive. The young man appeared before Judge Hawkins and being unable to furnish \$500 bail was remanded to the custody of the sheriff at the county jail. It is alleged by the officers that Voilich is accused of being the forger in several cases. All checks were signed by well known men, who denied the authorship of the same when the checks were marked against them. The officers are still working on the case but they believe that they now have the forger in the arrest of Voilich.”

EP; 29 Nov 1911; item: “George Pulich will leave tonight for a month’s visit on business and pleasure to Stockton.”

EP; 29 Nov 1911; item: “The Grizich residence on the extension of Fifth street was reported by Alderman Uren to have been sold to E. E. Fritz for the sum of \$150. The packing house and fence remain unsold.”

EP; 29 Nov 1911; item: “Nicholas Lettunich, Harold Palmtag, Chester Palmtag, John Sheehy and Stephen White are here from Santa Clara College for the holidays.”

EP; 29 Nov 1911; disp. ad:

Mansion House

Entirely Under New Management

W. E. H. MARSH, Prop.

Thanksgiving Dinner

[special menu listed in detail]

G. VUKONICH, Chef

EP; 29 Nov 1911; article: “Ed. Pajaronian: Relative to the Register’s criticism of article which appeared in the

Pajaronian a few evenings ago which gave the correct and only solution of the manner in which we are to improve our apple pack, I desire to state that instead of the Pajaronian being disloyal to the community and slandering the apple packers I charge this slandering and disloyalty to the Register, and I am persuaded that nine-tenths of the packers and fruit growers of this community will bear me out.

“The Register should be ashamed of the articles which it has written relative to the fruit produced here and the packing and marketing of same. If it is not ashamed of these articles the community certainly is...

“It is quite true that at least 80% of the orchards are sold on the trees to the packers, and right here I want to say to you that the packers who purchased these orchards have no control over the orchard from the time the apples were picked the previous season until they purchased the fruit during the months of March and July. The majority of these orchards have not been properly pruned and three-fourths of them have not been winter sprayed, while at the same time a large percentage of them are covered with scale, and in addition to that the first summer spraying (which is the most effective of any) has been neglected, and usually by the time the packer gets hold of the orchard it is too late to give it a thorough summer spraying, as the eggs of the codlin moth have already been laid in the blossom end of the apple. It is impossible to destroy this egg after it is once laid in that particular spot of the apple, therefor whatever apples have been effected [*sic*] in that manner are entirely gone, but if the trees were sprayed at the proper time, there would be no fear of the codlin moth affecting the fruit, and I contend that when an orchardist grows fruit he should grow clean fruit or none. Right here is where the horticultural commissioners or inspectors should be appointed with full power to go into any man’s orchard and spray it at the proper time both winter and summer if he does not do it himself, and in addition to that destroy any trees that are badly affected with the San Jose scale. If they would pursue this course, and it is the only proper remedy, they will find that they will have no complaint to make of a dishonest pack going out of the city of Watsonville. Until they do this it is impossible to pack clean fruit out of here for the reason that fruit affected with codlin moth can be sorted over and looks to be and is apparently free from worms, but after it is packed, say one-half day, the worms develop, and by the time the food reaches its destination it is not fit for market. This is the reason I advocate the appointment of a horticultural commissioner or inspector to compel every orchardist to spray his fruit both winter and summer, and at the proper time. This agitation of appointing inspectors in the different packing houses during the packing season is not the proper course to pursue, and if you had 100 inspectors you could never have a clean pack until the fruit is brought in clean from the orchards to the packing houses.

“Among the best cared for orchards, and the cleanest fruit produced here, you will find have been leased for a term of years by the Slavonian packers among them some of the following and the lessees of same: The Misses Murphy’s Vega orchard, leased to Scurich & Gerinich; Henry Wiley’s orchard on the Salsipuedes road, leased to Stolich Bros.; the Cassin orchards, leased by the Pista Bros.; the Fred Hiscox orchard, leased by Antone Balich; the Tuttle orchard, leased by Peter Resetar; the Baldwin and Ollason orchard, leased by Novacovich & Stolich in the Amesti district; and the Martinelli orchard leased by Scurich Bros. Now if Mr. Haack or any of his friends, will go and inspect these orchards they will find them as well kept as any orchards in the United States, and the fruit produced from these orchards is as clean as it is possible to get it. I do not mean to say that these are the only well kept orchards in the valley, as there are several orchardists who take pride in taking care of their own orchards, and they are equally as well kept as these mentioned, but the reason for mentioning this is to contradict the article which appeared in the Register.

“We have spent thousands of dollars here in the last two years getting up our apple show, and the Register has reaped more financial benefit from it than any other individual firm here, and the articles which they have published have done more damage and have been more of a financial loss than all the money we have expended in getting up our apple shows. What would the daily Register and the directors of the Apple Annual do if the packers here refused to exhibit more apples? How would they conduct their show? If they continue to publish these articles slandering the packers and the community they are liable to have a very difficult time another year to get sufficient apples to make a decent exhibit. These articles have been to the majority of the people here slanderous instead of the purpose for which they claim they are intended, to improve the pack...

“The Register asks the question: ‘Are we going to lose ground by allowing the news to get out that we are going to do scientific thinning?’ In reply to this, it is impossible to do scientific thinning in 80% of the orchards here for the reason that the majority of them have not been sold to the packer until too late to properly thin them. Occasionally it is the case that apples should be thinned a month or six weeks earlier than when they are thinned for the reason that the majority of the orchardists do not thin or spray as that costs money but they are holding out for the highest price they can get, and when they sell their fruit they get the packer to do that.

“The buyers in all the large cities and towns in this State usually ask for a certain pack, and if there are any bad packers here they know them as well as we.

“The Register asks the question: ‘Shall we be looked upon with disfavor if we declare our intention to standardize our pack?’ What is the good of standardizing the pack until you first compel your orchardists to properly

spray the fruit, so it can be delivered to the packing houses free from scale, fungus, and other insects? Even though they place an inspector in every individual packing house in this town, it will not improve conditions until they first start at the root of the evil, and remedy that by compelling the orchardist to take care of his fruit.

“They also mention that the purchaser here reserves the right to thin and spray the orchards. He does reserve the right to thin, but usually the owners of the orchards reserve the right to do the spraying, that is to say, he will spray the orchard a certain number of times during the season, but I want to say to you right here that the experience of the packers has been that the average orchardist does not care what he sprays with, or how he sprays as long as he goes through the performance. In other words he wants to do it as cheap as he possibly can...

“They also mention that when the packer buys there should be a clause in the contract that the fruit should meet the requirements of the inspector when it reaches the packing houses. Right here I want to say that there is not one grower in a thousand who would sign a contract of this kind.

“They say that the Register’s policy has been to boost the valley. I want to say that its knocks have injured it more through the slanderous and untruthful articles which they have published about the fruit packers and fruit industry of this valley...

“Nov. 29, 1911. A. PACKER.”

Paj; 30 Nov 1911; article: “**BOZO MASLACH GETS OUT OF TROUBLE EASY. Is Fined Only Fifty Dollars—Petition For Probation Carries Great Weight.** Santa Cruz, Nov. 24— In the superior court this forenoon Bozo Maslach, the young Slavonian convicted of assaulting Vido Kuraica, with a rock in a handkerchief in Watsonville a short time ago was fined by Judge Smith the sum of \$50, or to serve imprisonment in the county jail for 25 days. A numerously-signed petition, asking the court to admit Maslach to probation was presented to Judge Smith, and taking this into consideration, along with statements made by the District Attorney and Probation Officer, induced his honor to deal leniently with the young fellow.

“The sentence was imposed by Judge Smith after a careful consideration of the facts of the case. The defendant entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, and at the same time, through his attorney, Geo. W. Smith, made a motion that he be released on probation. Judge Smith referred the matter to probation officer Williams, who recommended that a county jail sentence or fine be imposed, owing to the previous good character of the defendant. Judge Smith in passing sentence stated that he had gone over the matter very thoroughly, and that while the defendant perhaps didn’t realize the enormity of the offense he had committed, yet the act was a serious one, and merited some punishment

by way of example; but that owing to the defendant's excellent reputation and youth the ends of justice would be best if subserved by imposing a fine. The fine was paid."

Paj; 30 Nov 1911; item: "Over 3500 cars of apples have been shipped from the Pajaro Valley thus far this season and the 4000 mark will not be hard to reach at the present shipping rate...The above figures include only green apples, the dried apples sent out being quite numerous alone.

"However, the shipping season...is fast drawing to a close. The shipments from the local depot are over 50 per day but that average will not long keep up. Many of the so-called 'fruit tramps' have already departed for other fruit points and many others are preparing to leave."

Paj; 30 Nov 1911; item: "Joseph Secondo, a member of the fruit packing firm of Secondo Brothers, was arrested this afternoon...for having the 'cut out' on his automobile open. Secondo was taken before Police Judge Bridgewater...and after considerable chewing of the rag and a lot of talk finally pleaded guilty. He was fined \$10. He said it was 'the funniest thing that ever happened,' but it was a noticeable fact that he never even cracked a smile."

EP; 1 Dec 1911; item: "Estate of Martin Babun, deceased—Good cause appearing therefor, it is ordered by the court that the power of attorney and proof of heirships filed on Sept. 11, 1911, may be withdrawn from the files of the court and amended with additional proof and the same are withdrawn accordingly."

EP; 2 Dec 1911; item: "One of the best attended and most enthusiastic sessions of the Foresters of America, Pajaro Valley Rose Circle, No. 44, was held last night, the election of new officers being the chief business of the evening. There was lively competition of a friendly nature for some of the offices but the following were elected in the end: ...senior woodward, Nick Zar; junior woodward, George Strazicich."

EP; 2 Dec 1911; ALL: George Memet [Memed], Stjepan Kovacic, Pit Peric.

EP; 4 Dec 1911; item: "Steve Marinovich vs. E. H. Barber et al.—Complaint."

EP; 5 Dec 1911; item: "B. Pista, the well-known fruit packer, left today for San Francisco, on a four-days' business trip."

EP; 6 Dec 1911; item: "Alderman Uren reported that the fence and packing house on the Grizich property had been sold to Mr. Grizich for \$35. It will have to be moved off to allow the extension of Fifth street to go through."

EP; 6 Dec 1911; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, Dec. 5, 1911, to Marian Vlasich and Stane Cikuth, both of Watsonville."

EP; 6 Dec 1911; item: "E. B. Lettunich is in San Francisco on business."

Paj; 7 Dec 1911; item: "Antone Comovich was caught riding his bicycle on the sidewalk...and...had to pay over the sum of \$5 to get loose again. He told the court he thought he had a right to ride on the walks. He might have the right to do so but it will cost him \$5 or more to exercise the privilege."

Paj; 7 Dec 1911; item: "Stephen Scurich, who is in Denver this week on business, drops us a note as to his whereabouts, and incidentally informs us that he was astonished at the excellent apples produced in Colorado... He is going to bring some samples back with him."

EP; 7 Dec 1911; item: "C. G. Redman is in the bay cities for a few days on business. Miss Anna Farlin is guarding the interests at the pavilion during his absence."

Paj; 7 Dec 1911; item: "Watsonville Realty Co. to Martin Kulich—Lots 218, 219, 220 and 221, Watsonville Heights, Watsonville, \$10."

Paj; 7 Dec 1911; item: "Lease—Jno. A. Hicks to L. Lachich [prob. Lucich] and Martin Vukosovich [Vukasovich]—91 acres being lands conveyed to Jno. A. Hicks by John Donohue et ux."

EP; 8 Dec 1911; item: "Andrew Balich the well-known Santa Cruz liquor man, was here last night."

EP; 9 Dec 1911; ALL: Ivo Bacau [Bachan], Mitor Balija, Stjepa Ivankovich, Nik Jagich, Peter Kapetanich, Mijo Lazarcich, Miss Lucy Rilovich.

EP; 9 Dec 1911; item: "The announcement is made that Marian Vlasich and Miss Stane Cikuth will wed here on Sunday, Dec. 17, at St. Patrick's church. Both are well-known residents here, the bride-elect being the sister of L. P. Cikuth, the prominent fruit packer, and the groom a member of Vlasich Bros., fruit packers."

EP; 9 Dec 1911; board of supervisors, payments: "...General fund: ...Luke Scurich, grand jury, \$10...Sick and Indigent Fund: ...Central Grocery Company, \$8... Pajaro Road Fund: Milio Avancina, labor, \$6; Jack Novicich [Novcich], labor, \$2.50..."

EP; 9 Dec 1911; item: "Two parties arrested by Officer Dolan yesterday, B. Zar and M. Braycovich, came into the police court this morning with their attorney, G. W.

Smith, and after pleading not guilty departed to await their trial next Monday...Both were caught by Dolan in the first ward and they put up the excuse that they were only riding into their residences. Officer Dolan says that they were seen to ride quite a ways on the sidewalk and that they are guilty.”

EP; 9 Dec 1911; born: “At Spreckels, Dec. 2, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cunich [Kunich], a son.” [John; +1977]

EP; 9 Dec 1911; married: “San Francisco, Peter Mengol of Watsonville and Miss Edna Sanders of San Francisco.”

EP; 9 Dec 1911; item: “Steve Marinovich vs. E. H. Barber et al—Demurrer.”

EP; 12 Dec 1911; item: “Pero Sambrailo, administrator, vs. Mike Cordich—Demurrer to complaint is overruled and ten days granted to answer complaint.”

EP; 12 Dec 1911; item: “George Castrapelli vs. Samuel Conlan—Notice of decision and of entry of judgment.”

EP; 13 Dec 1911; item: “L. Braycovich, who was under arrest for riding his bike on the sidewalk a few days ago, was released by Judge Bridgewater...Mayor Hall took the word of the defendant, and he recommended that Braycovich be released.

“Hereafter it is alleged that bike riders can go at least 50 feet on the sidewalk and not be arrested. While 50 feet is within the law, yet anybody riding 50 feet and three quarters of an inch will be vigorously prosecuted. Officer Dolan will use a tape measure after this.

“B. Zar came into court today, plead guilty, and was fined \$5 by the court.”

EP; 13 Dec 1911; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, Dec. 12 1911, to Anton Vukich and Pauline Arbansin [sic Arkulin], both of Watsonville.”

Paj; 14 Dec 1911; article: “**FORGERY DISCOVERED. Mysterious Crook is Victimizing Local Businessmen.**

The police are on the trail of an unknown crook, who is forging checks right and left in this city, and the latest is reported by Messrs. Perovich and Horvat, the fruit packers, who have been stung for the sum of \$17.50. The identity of the forger is unknown but it is believed that he is a local party and arrests may be made at any time... [The check] was drawn in favor of T. Horvat, the junior member of the firm, who denies that the check was his. It was cashed at the Central Hotel. Five forged checks have been uncovered in the past month. One man, Nick Violich, is at present under arrest in connection with the other 4 checks, but the forger of the Horvat check cannot be located.”

EP; 14 Dec 1911; item: “Nick Violich, the alleged forger, will appear in the justice court here tomorrow...for his preliminary hearing. District Attorney Knight will represent the prosecution while Attorney George W. Smith will appear for the defendant.”

EP; 14 Dec 1911; honor roll: High 8th: Florence Smith; Low 8th: Ellen Balovich; Low 7th: Lewis Lettunich; Low 6th: Lena Strazicich, John Strazicich; Low 5th: Helen Strazicich; High 4th: Steven Marinovich; Low 4th: Nickolas Lutich; High 3rd: Charlie Sambrailo; Low 3rd: Annie Knego, Katie Strazicich, Katie Lutich, Mark Rilovich, Emma Grizich; High 2nd: Katie Arbanas, Nick Castropelli, Tony Boscovich; Low 2nd: Nellie Puhiera.

EP; 14 Dec 1911; item: “Nick Banaz, the well known former local apple grower, is here from Templeton, San Luis Obispo county, today.”

EP; 14 Dec 1911; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schultsch of Sacramento are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farlin here. The visitors are on their honeymoon and will leave in a day or so for Los Angeles.”

Paj; 14 Dec 1911; article: “**PETER MENGOL IS MARRIED.** Peter Mengol, the well known local fruit packer and shipper, slipped one over on his many friends here... by making a quiet sneak to San Francisco and marrying Miss Edna Sanders...Mr. Mengol and his bride will reside in San Francisco during the winter and will spend their summers in this valley. They are at present domiciled on Larkin street near Green...”

EP; 15 Dec 1911; item: “Nick Violich, the alleged local forger, received a respite of one week in the date of his preliminary hearing which was scheduled to take place this morning...District Attorney Knight telephoned over yesterday evening that pressing work in his office at the county seat prevented him from being present today so the case was continued until next Friday morning...A handwriting expert will examine the checks before Friday in San Francisco.”

EP; 16 Dec 1911; item: “B. Zar, who was arrested last week by Officer Dolan for riding his wheel on the sidewalks, has got another delay in the local police court. First he put up bail to show the next day, the next day he pleaded not guilty, a few days later his lawyer George W. Smith said Zar would plead guilty if Braycovich, another client of his, was released. Braycovich was released and Zar was to come back the next day. He did not show up but was given a continuance until today. This afternoon he was again absent and Clay Seevers, who represents Attorney Smith, asked for more time for Zar. He will have a final hearing (perhaps) next Monday morning.”

EP; 16 Dec 1911; item: "Steve Marinovich vs. E. H. Barber et al—Demurrers of defendants are taken under advisement."

EP; 16 Dec 1911; article: "...the pupils of the grammar and primary schools observed the last day of school and the coming Christmas vacation by holding exercises appropriate to the occasion in their respective rooms..."

"In Miss Shirley Shepard's room the following program was excellently rendered: ...John Kulich, recitation, 'A Night Before Christmas'...Mitchell Ballinich [Battinich], John Battinich, Stephen Nemanich, exercise, 'Christmas Candles'..."

EP; 16 Dec 1911; ALL: M. Boroje, Mitchell Buich, Jakov Mestrovich, Toni Salatic.

EP; 18 Dec 1911; article: "[4 marriages yesterday at St. Patrick's]...The second wedding was at high noon when Miss Stane Cikuth became the bride of Marian Vlasich, both being well known residents of this city. The groom is a well-known fruit packer here, while the bride is the sister of L. P. Cikuth, the prominent packer of this city."

"The third ceremony...united John Arbanasin and Miss Lucy Kalich of this city. The groom is well known here in the fruit packing and shipping circles and the bride is the sister of the Kalich brothers, the fruit packers."

"The fourth marriage...was the wedding of Antone Vukich and Pauline Arbanasin [*sic* Arkulin]. The groom is also a fruit packer here while the bride is well known in the Austrian colony."



Fig. 4-17. Seated: Martin Vlasich (1884-1966), Stella Cikuth (1885-1969). Standing: Kate Scurich Cikuth (1885-1981), Nick Vlasich, brother of groom.

EP; 18 Dec 1911; born: "Watsonville, Dec. 17, 1911, to the wife of A. Zar, a son [*sic* a daughter]." [*Pauline; +2001; married Pervetich*]

EP; 19 Dec 1911; item: "A. Zar was in to see us this morning and while he was happy to be a father yet it seems we made a mistake...His wife gave him a daugh-

ter and not a son as we stated. Mother and daughter are both doing well."

EP; 19 Dec 1911; item: "Andrew Zufich is a business visitor to Santa Cruz today."

Paj; 21 Dec 1911; item: "B. Zar, who was arrested several days ago...for riding his wheel on the sidewalk, came into court this morning with George Smith, his lawyer, and after Smith had explained why the defendant had not appeared in court before, Judge Bridgewater fined Zar the sum of \$5. Zar paid the fine and went his way rejoicing."

Paj; 21 Dec 1911; article: "**STEPHEN SCURICH HOME FROM DENVER. Says That Colorado Apples Are Looking Fine But Some of Ours Are Not.** Stephen Scurich...returned...from a three weeks' trip through the Rocky Mountain region...[H]e visited several apple sections...and while he stayed most of the time in Denver...[H]e also visited the Grand Valley in Colorado, Cheyenne, Ogden, Salt Lake City, Pueblo, Los Angeles and San Francisco...While in Denver [he] had occasion to see a number of Pajaro Valley Bellefleurs and he says they were looking bad...[T]he apples were picked when too green and...are a bad advertisement for this valley...[T]hey were shriveled...and were a disgrace..."

Paj; 21 Dec 1911; item: "Constable Corr...escorted one Marco Ulrovich [Urlovich] to the county hospital at Santa Cruz after Ulrovich had been stricken here with epileptic fits...He will remain at the county hospital until he gets better. Ulrovich...has worked as a cook in several local establishments. He was formerly employed at the Third street restaurant and later entered the employ of M. Pecarovich & Co. in the same capacity. Later he worked at Salinas as a cook. He has quite a number of friends here."

Paj; 21 Dec 1911; item: "Henry P. Kane...received word from England to the effect that a carload of 4½ tier Newtown Pippins had sold there for a price that netted \$1.11 per box in Watsonville...The consignor was Louis P. Cikuth, the well-known local fruit packer, for whom Mr. Kane is the agent. The firm, through which the deal was handled, was that of Alfred W. Otis of Boston and New York. For a carload to net \$1.11 here at this time of the year on 4½ tier stock is a mighty fancy [price] and Mr. Cikuth is to be congratulated on his success..."

Paj; 21 Dec 1911; item: "Mrs. John Vukich of Pajaro...filed a suit for \$299 damages...against the Eiler's Music Co. of San Jose and San Francisco. Attorney Geo. W. Smith represents the plaintiff. The case is the result of an action brought by the defendants a few months ago against the plaintiff in the present case for payment on a piano, for which Mrs. Vukich had already paid more than

the necessary amount. The Eilers people lost their case and now Mrs. Vukich has brought suit..."

Paj; 21 Dec 1911; item: "Constable John Corr... recovered a bike that was stolen...from Peter Radin on the H. C. Peckham ranch in the Salsipuedes district. The wheel was found in a field near the ranch where the thieves had probably dropped it after being too frightened to take it with them."

Paj; 21 Dec 1911; married: "Watsonville, Dec. 17, 1911...John Arbanasin and Miss Lucy Kalich, both of Watsonville."

Paj; 21 Dec 1911; honor roll: High 8th: Florence Smith; Low 8th: Ellen Balovich; Low 7th: Lewis Lettunich; Low 6th: Lena Strazicich, John Strazicich; Low 5th: Helen Strazicich; High 4th: Steven Marinovich; Low 4th: Nickolas Lutich; High 3rd: Charlie Sambrailo; Low 3rd: Annie Knego, Katie Strazicich, Katie Lutich, Mark Rilovich, Emma Grizich; High 2nd: Katie Arbanas, Matthew Dergan [Derganc], Nick Castropelli, Tony Boscovich; Low 2nd: Nellie Puhiera.

EP; 22 Dec 1911; item: "Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Petition for the distribution of said estate."

EP; 22 Dec 1911; item: "Nicholas Lettunich arrived last night from Santa Clara College to visit his father, Mateo Lettunich, during the holidays."

EP; 23 Dec 1911; item: "Nicholas Zar, who has made this city his home for the past year, leaves on Tuesday for Los Angeles, where he will reside permanently."

EP; 23 Dec 1911; item: "John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et al—Demurrers of defendants overruled and ten days granted in which to answer."

EP; 23 Dec 1911; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, Dec. 22, 1911, Blas Kelley [Kelez] and Nellie Evankavich [Ivancovich], both of Watsonville."

EP; 27 Dec 1911; obit: "In Santa Cruz, Dec. 24, 1911, Marco Orlevich [Urlovich], a native of Austria, aged 50 years."

EP; 27 Dec 1911; item: "Nick Zar leaves tonight to make his future home in Los Angeles."

EP; 27 Dec 1911; item: "Emmett McCarthy, a record holding two-mile runner of Santa Clara college, is here as the guest of Nicholas M. Lettunich, a student at the Catholic institution."

Paj; 28 Dec 1911; married: "San Francisco, December 20,

1911, Jacob N. Capitanich of Stockton and Miss Mabel Reed of Watsonville."

Paj; 28 Dec 1911; item: "Jacob N. Capitanich, a former resident of this city, and Miss Mabel Reed of this valley were married...in San Francisco...they will take up their residence in Stockton...The groom was formerly the foreman of the Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas for the Lettunich Co. but during the past two years has been in business at Stockton. The bride is the sister of Mrs. Thomas Lettunich of this valley...Her parents also live here."

Paj; 28 Dec 1911; ALL: Willie Bujak [Buak], J. Bubresho [Bubresko], Mitchell Certuvich, M. Kukuliza, Kosto Petsovich [Petkovich], John Ruskovich.

EP; 28 Dec 1911; article: *[Many citizens, professionals, and the Pajaronian had been complaining about the purity of Watsonville water. This committee, below, reported that the water supply was contaminated and recommended that something be done about it. Eight local physicians wrote an open letter to the public, reprinted in this article, defending the water supply. This article is from the Pajaronian, berating the physicians for writing such a letter, and continuing to call attention to the poor water quality. We give only the committee members here.]*

"...The committee of twelve, who, after months of exhaustive examination decried the conditions under which this city was laboring as regards its water supply, was composed of O. D. Stoesser, president, W. R. Radcliff, J. S. Menasco, W. A. Trafton, Luke Scurich, J. H. Jepsen, Nat. Green, H. S. Fletcher, O. S. Tuttle, W. R. Porter, F. A. Kilburn and A. N. Judd, secretary. A glance at their report will show that all factional feeling was buried and in spite of politics there was a unanimous get-together spirit in the interest of the whole people, and exactly on the same lines that we are to vote on now..."

EP; 29 Dec 1911; item: "Steve Marinovich vs. E. H. Barber—Order of court."

EP; 30 Dec 1911; article: "SALOON MEN ON THE CARPET LAST NIGHT. The very foundation of the Royal Arch seemingly rocked a bit last night while the Aldermen were in adjourned session for the purpose of granting the new retail liquor licenses for the coming year and the excitement predominant at the meeting was the highest for years in local municipal circles. But all of the applicants for 1912 licenses received permission to operate thirst bazaars again with one exception and that was K. Kitaje, the lower Main street Japanese. Two others, John Bosia and Ceschi & Petrinovich received their licenses conditionally, but it is understood that now no complaints will be made against these places.

"But some of the rest received bad scares and these scares left several white faces in the ranks of the saloon men, aroused the oratory of three attorneys, caused a bit of repartee among the board members, served up the ire of Mayor Hall and made the session a lively one for the room full of spectators. These other places that caused all the trouble were John Bottini, the White House, S. Hildreth, Frank Farlin and Stanley Sliter. These were all granted licenses in the end, but matters looked dubious for a time.

"In the first place Mayor Hall and the eight aldermen convened in the presence of one of the largest audiences ever in the city hall. Every owner of a saloon in town was present and the crowd packed the council room almost to suffocation, surged out into the stair hallway and standing room was at a premium. Mayor Hall opened the session by reading those sections of the liquor ordinance pertinent to the occasion. He then proceeded to read off the complaints against certain of the local saloons with recommendations as to the disposition of these cases. These cases and the charges made by the mayor were: John Bottini: roughhouse on many occasions and officers called to quell disturbances, frequent brawls, recommended no license to be given; K. Kitaje: arrested for operating saloon after hours and acquitted yet he broke the law, recommended no license be issued; John Bosia: roughhouse place, allowed gambling, allowed lewd women in place, recommended no license; White House: allowed gambling and roughhouse, recommended censure; Stanley Sliter: roughhouse place, allowed women of ill-fame in house, allowed other lewd characters in saloon, recommended no license; Ceschi & Petrinovich: allowed gambling and roughhouse, recommended no license; Frank Farlin, sold liquor to drunkards; Sol Hildreth, ran a roughhouse and sold liquor to drunkards; recommended censure in Farlin and Hildreth cases...

"...The licenses of the Mansion House, Andrew Schopp, E. E. Fritz, W. J. Heckard, Peterson & Leddy, Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company, Miller & Leddy, A. Faustino, and the City Grocery were granted...

"Miner & Jones were next given a license and then came the name of John Bosia. Attorney J. E. Gardner spoke in behalf of Bosia in the absence of the latter's attorney and he asked that Bosia be given further time to answer the charge. Gardner stated that Bosia was entirely ignorant of any charges to be made against his place and Gardner believed it only fair that Bosia be given an opportunity to defend himself. Alderman Horgan moved that the license be granted conditionally, a time be set for the hearing of the charges and that if they were proven then the license would be revoked...

"Next came the license of Ceschi & Petrinovich. Palmtag moved that the license be granted conditionally and that were charges proven the license could be revoked. Attorney Smith spoke for Ceschi and asked for time to disprove the charges and that the latter be in writ-

ing. Callaghan then asked Ceschi if he allowed gambling. Ceschi answered that he had not, that his trade was a quiet one and that he permitted no such work...

"Mayor Hall declared that personally he was friendly to Mr. Ceschi and to the rest of the saloon men present. He had no personal feeling in the matter, but it was his duty to bring out these charges. He had heard that there had been gambling in Ceschi's place and that one night there had been \$300 on the table...Horgan moved that the license be granted, but conditionally...Horgan's motion was carried.

"M. S. Machado, J. P. Knudsen and the Central Grocery had no trouble landing their licenses...

"F. J. Bettencourt, S. Castro, A. Riboni, A. J. Mattos and S. Strazicich had no trouble getting their licenses...

"N. H. Lovering, R. Delholm, J. L. Costa, J. M. Rvason, Frank Farlin, John Jalevica [Jalovica], and Hrepich & Wells were granted licenses unanimously..."

EP; 30 Dec 1911; item: "Nick Volich [Violich], charged with forgery, will not be examined for two weeks, his case having been postponed..."

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EP; 3 Jan 1912; article: "STORM-ROTH CASE IN COURT. The suit of Peter Storm versus W. J. Roth for \$299.99 damages is occupying the attention of the justice court today and the entire morning was spent in securing a jury. Attorneys R. H. Hudson and G. W. Smith represent the plaintiff and Attorney J. E. Gardner is conducting the defense. The case grew out of an auto collision with buggy several months ago on the Corralitos road in which Mrs. Ethel Smallwood, riding in the Storm buggy, was thrown out by Roth's machine. The jury is composed of the following: ...F. P. Marinovich...[of 12]"

EP; 3 Jan 1912; article: "K. KITAJE SECURES WRIT. K. Kitaje, the lower Main street Japanese, who was the only applicant to be refused a liquor license last Friday night, late yesterday secured a writ of mandate from Superior Judge Smith directing Mayor Hall and the local board of aldermen to show cause why Kitaje should not be granted a license. The writ is made returnable next Tuesday. Attorneys R. H. Hudson, Geo. P. Burke and Geo. W. Smith represent Kitaje."

Paj; 4 Jan 1912; item: "George Pulich returned last evening from a visit to San Francisco, Sacramento and Stockton."

Paj; 4 Jan 1912; married: "Watsonville, Jan. 2, 1911 [*sic* 1912]...Nellie Ivancovich and Blas Kelly [Kelez]."

Paj; 4 Jan 1912; item: "Nellie Ivancovich and Blas Kelly [Kelez] were married yesterday at St. Patrick's church. A

wedding dinner was served after the wedding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ivancovich. The honeymoon will be spent in San Jose and San Francisco.”



Fig. 4-18. Seated: Vlaho “Blas” Kelez (1883-1918), Nellie Ivancovich (1884-1979). Standing: John Lucich, Mary Kelez Horvat (1886-1962), sister of Blas.

EP; 4 Jan 1912; article: “Next Saturday night a dance will be given in the I.O.O.F. Hall by the Watsonville Slavonian Band, a new organization which will make its first public appearance at that time. Music for the affair will be furnished by the Watsonville Slavonian Orchestra. The band will render three or four selections during the evening. This latest addition to the musical organizations of the city is led by E. A. Ball and the members have been working hard for weeks past, planning to make their first appearance successful. The arrangements for the dance are in the hands of a capable committee and they expect a large crowd.”

EP; 5 Jan 1912; article: “ARTHUR ANDREWS IS GUILTY OF FORGERY. After working for weeks on a case and employing the assistance of such men as Theodore Kytka, the hand writing expert of San Francisco, Sheriff Trafton yesterday afternoon at 5 o’clock arrested Arthur Andrews, a well-known young man of this city, for forgery, and took him to the county jail at Santa Cruz, where he confessed his guilt. At the same time Andrews was arrested Nick Volich [Violich], who was arrested several months ago charged with passing forged checks, was released, the officers having determined he was innocent.

“The crimes of young Andrews are among the most sensational in the history of the county. So perfect were the forged signatures that one of the men whose signatures he signed actually told the sheriff and the district attorney that they were his own and it was only after being shown a defect in the plate used in printing the check and being closely questioned as to why he made out certain checks, that he realized they were not his own.

“Andrews admits having forged eight checks and securing \$220 from them. Two were on Tony Kosich [Kissich] for \$34.15 and \$13.50, two on Nick Volich for \$20 and \$15, one on Perovich and Harvat [Horvat] for

\$17.50 and two on Nevakovich & Dregna [Novakovich & Derganc] for \$23 and \$20. The checks were all drawn on the local bank and were so perfect that even the bank officials thought them bona fide and would hardly believe their owners when they claimed them forged.

“Andrews has been employed as assistant bookkeeper for the Central Grocery company for some time past. He has always borne a good reputation and was considered a quiet, studious lad who was too good for such work as that committed. By many, however, he has never been considered a boy of strong mental power and was looked upon as a weakling.

“He is a graduate of a local high school and has held positions with R. P. Quinn, Alaga Brothers and the Independent Lumber Yard. He comes of a well-known family and one of the sad features of the affair is that he has been supporting his aged father ever since he finished school.

“In pleading guilty to the officers yesterday he threw himself on the mercy of the court and is now awaiting his sentence.

“The young man was arraigned before Justice Hawkins this morning and a complaint signed by Sheriff H. V. Trafton, charging him with forgery was issued. The prisoner waived time and the preliminary examination was held this morning. Under oath he admitted having forged the checks and was bound over to answer before the Superior Court. Andrews seems to want to have the matter settled as soon as possible and is willing to ‘take his medicine.’ As he is only 20 years of age, a question arises as to the punishment to be dealt him. His bonds are fixed at \$500, but he did not try to secure any bondsmen.

“Nick Volich, who was charged with Andrews’ crimes, was this morning cleared, District Attorney Knight having moved a dismissal of the charge...”

EP; 6 Jan 1912; disp. ad:

**Liquors and Wines
for your Christmas dinner.**
PORT WINE, ANGELICA, SHERRY,
WHITE WINE, ZINFANDEL AND
CLARETS, BY THE GALLON A
SPECIALTY.
City Grocery Co.
307 MAIN STREET PHONE 63

EP; 6 Jan 1912; article: “The six-piece orchestra will render all the latest music at I.O.O.F. Hall tonight. Be sure to go and give the boys a lift.” [*Slavonian dance band*]

EP; 8 Jan 1912; article: “SLAVONIAN BAND DANCE. Saturday night the Watsonville Slavonian band gave a dance in the I.O.O.F. hall that was attended by a crowd that packed the hall to suffocation. The music was rendered by the Watsonville Slavonian orchestra and the band appeared for only a number of pieces, which were very well rendered, considering [the] fact that they have

been playing for but seven weeks.

"Last evening the members of the band numbering 22, enjoyed one of Wells & Hrepich's famous feeds at the California Restaurant and the affair was so greatly enjoyed the band has decided to hold one every month. Director E. A. Ball was the toast master of the location and a number of members gave talks on appropriate subjects.

"The band is planning to give a German Cafeteria in the near future in the Auditorium."

EP; 9 Jan 1912; notice: "**Co-Partnership Dissolved.** Notice is hereby given that the partnership of the undersigned heretofore existing under the firm name and style of Ivanovich & Lucich, and N. Lucich & Co., has been this day dissolved. Dated January 8, 1912. N. LUCICH. JOHN IVANCOVICH. P. O. Address, Box 23."

EP; 9 Jan 1912; item: "Annie O'Connor to John Pekoch— Lot on N.W. side of Sixth Street, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 10 Jan 1912; item: "John Davis to Natale Skocko— 61.54 acres on road leading from Watsonville to Santa Cruz; \$10."

EP; 10 Jan 1912; article: "TWO LODGES INSTALLED. Last night was a red-letter night in the local circles of the Foresters of America and the Companions of the Forest. The two lodges had a joint installation...[I]nstrumental and vocal selections by...Katie Balovich and Nicholas Strazicich...were some of the features of entertainment. The Foresters installed the following new officers under the direction of Deputy Grand Chief Ranger George W. Smith:...senior warden, M. Secondo; junior warden, George Strazicich..."

"The Companions of the Forest installed the following officers...chief companion, Miss Katie Balovich; right guard, Mrs. Lucy Bakich; left guard, Mrs. Frances Nirich..."

Paj; 11 Jan 1912; ALL: Anton Gurich.

Paj; 11 Jan 1912; item: "Steve Marinovich vs. E. H. Barber et al—Trial set for Feb. 8th."

EP; 12 Jan 1912; article: "INSTALLED NEW OFFICERS. A fraternal visit from State Deputy Neil Power of San Francisco, and the installation of the newly elected officers were the main features of a grand session held last night by the members of Watsonville Council of the Knights of Columbus...The affair last night was held in Forester's hall and that hall was well filled.

"The new officers...were as follows: ...trustee, Mateo Lettunich..."

EP; 12 Jan 1912; article: "DENNIS CUP HERE. Mateo Lettunich last night received the cup offered by the great

firm of W. Dennis & Sons of London for the best car of Newtown Pippins on display at the recent Apple Annual and which was won by Gospodnetich & Zeger. The cup is a large, high affair of solid silver and is one of the best cups offered by anyone as a prize for the apple show. The cup came all the way from London and it traveled farther than any other prize offered. The winners of the handsome award should be pleased to receive such a splendid prize."

EP; 13 Jan 1912; ALL: "Nick Borini [Borina], Milan Ciorich, John Labbia [Slav?], Geo. Pejar." [*first mention of Borina*]

EP; 14 Jan 1912; article: "INSTALLATION TONIGHT. The Croatian Benevolent Society, 'Hravatski Sokol' No. 352 of the N.C.S. of U.S., will install its officers for the ensuing year in I.O.O.F hall tonight."

EP; 15 Jan 1912; item: "Estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased— Hearing of final account and petition for distribution continued to Jan. 16th."

EP; 16 Jan 1912; article: "At a meeting held last night of the directors of the Apple Annual Association at the pavilion it was decided that the annual stockholders' banquet would be held next Monday night at the Mansion House and the plans for the affair will be arranged by a committee composed of Directors J. E. Gardner, J. A. Linscott, A. W. Cox, Mateo Lettunich and H. C. Peckham. It is planned to make this banquet a grand affair and every director, stockholder, donor and outside worker will be invited to attend. A special invitation to be present will be extended to the mayors and other prominent boosters of the outside cities, who aided so materially in making the last apple show the success that it was.

"...The directors present last night at the meeting were O. D. Stoesser, Mateo Lettunich, A. W. Cox, E. Steinhauer, Luke Scurich, J. A. Linscott, J. E. Gardner and H. C. Peckham. Secretary C. G. Redman and Financial Secretary T. M. Wright were also present."

EP; 17 Jan 1917; item: "Estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Hearing of final account and petition for distribution continued until Friday."

EP; 17 Jan 1912; article: "ASSAULT CASE DISMISSED. Jack Tarvich, who was accused of an assault upon a colored woman last Monday night on lower Rodriguez st., was released from custody late yesterday afternoon upon the order of Judge Hawkins as there was not enough evidence to convict him. District Attorney Knight was here late in the afternoon and after looking into the facts of the case he did not think the matter serious enough to draw up a complaint against Tarvich."

EP; 18 Jan 1912; honorable promotions: High 8th: Florence Smith; Low 6th to high 6th: John Strazicich, Lena Strazicich; Low 5th to high 5th: Helen Strazicich, Jennie Dubreta; High 4th to low 5th: Steven Marinovich, John Allegretti; Low 4th to high 4th: Nicholas Lutich; High 3rd to low 4th: Charley Sambrailo, Nick Dujmovich; Low 3rd to high 4th: Annie Knego, Katie Lutich, Katie Strazicich; Low 3rd to high 3rd: Nick Castropelli; Low 2nd to high 2nd: Nellie Puhiera.

EP; 18 Jan 1912; item: "John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich & Co. et als—Answer of defendants Kalich, N. Ruso [Ruso], John Valjalo and Eva E. Rowe."

EP; 18 Jan 1912; item: "William Gummow et ux to Petar Gurash—Lot on N.W. side of 3rd St., Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 18 Jan 1912; article: "**Slavonic-American Organization Has Been Organized in This City.** The organization of a Slavonic-American club was effected last Sunday night [at] the Railroad Exchange Hotel when two hundred local Servians and Austrians gathered there to enjoy a banquet and to discuss the organization of the club. Last Sunday was New Year's day for the Servians and the banquet was held in honor of that occasion. After the feast the plans were discussed for the organization of the Slavonic-American club and the idea met with unanimous favor. The election of the new officers, the adoption of by-laws and further plans will be discussed at a meeting to be held in the course of a few days. The club will be formed for fraternal and social purposes only and will be one of the strongest clubs of its kind in this section of the State.

"A number of good speeches were made at the banquet some of the speakers being Stephen Scurich, William Raunegger, Geo. W. Smith, S. Radovich, a professor in a Servian college, who is visiting here, and others. The banquet was a grand success and enthusiasm ran high."

EP; 20 Jan 1912; promoted by exam: Low 8th to high 8th: Ellen Balovich; From low 7th to high 7th: Antone Scurich, Lewis Lettunich; From high 6th to low 7th: Katie Dubreta, Willie Marinovich; From low 5th to high 5th: Tony Grizich, George Dujmovich; From high 4th to low 5th: Steven Marinovich; John Allegretti; From low 4th to high 4th: Chris Rilovich, Katie Rilovich; From high 3rd to low 4th: George Glage, Mike Glage, Martin Rilovich; From low 3rd to high 3rd: Mark Rilovich, John Eggea; From high 2nd to low 3rd: Katie Arbanas, Louis Arbanas, Tony Boscovich, Peter Battinich, John Castropelli, Paul Dubretta, Lazarus Matson, Nicholas Misovich, Frank Uvodich.

EP; 20 Jan 1912; article: "The Watsonville Slavonian Orchestra will give another one of their pleasing social dances at the opera house hall this Saturday evening. All

are cordially invited to attend. Director E. A. Ball has prepared a fine program of the latest dances. Come one, come all. Admission, 50 cents."

EP; 20 Jan 1912; article: "CENTRAL GROCERY MUST PAY AMOUNTS. The Central Grocery Company has been notified by Sheriff Trafton that it is to make good the amounts of the checks forged by Arthur A. Andrews, the former assistant bookkeeper of the concern, who will be sentenced for the crime later in the month or early in February. The total amount that must be returned to the victims of the young forger is \$188.20. Andrews confessed to forging ten checks in all. Three were drawn on Nick Violich, who was incarcerated first on suspicion of being the forger, and the amount due him from the Central Grocery Company is \$51.55. The sum of \$17.50 on one check is due Perovich & Horvat, the sum of \$43 on two checks is coming to Novacovich & Dergance, \$47.65 is due Tony Kissick on two checks, \$17.50 is due N. Shocko & Sons on one check and \$10 is due M. V. Pista on another check. All of these victims of Andrews are being paid back their money by the Central Grocery Company as fast as they present their claims.

"Andrews has confessed all to District Attorney Knight and Sheriff Trafton and his case will come up shortly for sentence. Whether or not he will be granted clemency is not known, but in view of the fact that the Central Grocery Company is 'stung' for the money that young Andrews made as the result of his frenzied finance, it is not believed that the officials of that concern will be recommending any mercy. The youngster showed such cleverness in his rascality that not much sympathy is shown towards him, although everyone feels bad for his grief-stricken relatives."

EP; 20 Jan 1912; ALL: Pasco Samagich, P. Kosovac, Mrs. Tone Srsen. Foreign: C. J. Miljavich [Miljanich].

EP; 22 Jan 1912; article: "BIG APPLE ANNUAL BANQUET TONIGHT. The annual banquet of the stockholders of the Apple Annual Association and their guests will be held tonight at the I.O.O.F. hall and already there are acceptances that total 133, while the 150 mark is expected to be reached easily..."

"The capable committee in charge of the banquet tonight consists of Directors J. E. Gardner, A. W. Cox, J. A. Linscott, Mateo Lettunich, and H. C. Peckham."

EP; 23 Jan 1912; article: "COSMOPOLITAN CROWD ENDORSES 3d ANNUAL. Good fellowship reigned supreme last night, a unanimity of good feeling locally reached its apex and the acme of boosting was reached last evening when 150, and over, stockholders and invited guests of the Watsonville Apple Annual association convened in annual session. Discord was shown the door and told in no mild terms to leave and forever remain outside the threshold..."

"It was one of the greatest cosmopolitan gatherings ever witnessed in this city. Every line of activity, every profession in the city, practically every field of labor in the community was represented in full force last night and that signally aided in the wonderful manifestation of good feeling that swept all else before it and made the crowd almost leap to its feet at intervals and threaten to bring down the roof on the heads of the cheering, applauding, boosting crowd of Apple Annual enthusiasts and Pajaro Valley citizens. There was the legal profession, the medical profession, the newspaper profession, the mercantile lines, the mechanical field, the fruit growing world, the fruit shipping lines, the fruit packing interests, the commission house field and all the rest of the human endeavors in common were represented there last night. They one and all were imbued with the same purpose, their thoughts as expressed publicly by several, ran through the same channel and their cheers were non-partisan, non-sectional and free from restraint..."

"First the members of the association and their guests convened in the auditorium to transact whatever business was to be done at the annual meeting of the association..."

"...Otto D. Stoesser, president of the Association, presided over the Auditorium meeting and Secretary C. G. Redman occupied the seat of the scribe as usual. It was reported upon roll-call that 3420 shares were represented at the meeting, a working majority, and then the business began to grind. The first important business of the evening was the report of Financial Secretary T. M. Wright, a complete, comprehensive compilation of figures showing that the Apple Annual Association is as far from bankruptcy as John D. Rockefeller or the trusts..."

"Next was the report of Treasurer E. A. Hall read by Secretary Redman. This report showed that there was a present balance in the treasury of \$4744.71, a prosperous showing for an organization that last night observed its third birthday."

"Next came the feature of the business session, the election of the new board of directors of the association, and here the pentup enthusiasm of the crowd found a loophole of escape in cheers and deafening applause in recognition and due appreciation of the selfish [*sic?*] and unstinted efforts of the 1911 board to make the 1911 Apple Annual a success, no better testimonial of the worth of the old board needed than the last Apple Annual itself, the greatest exposition of the apple product ever known. When nominations were placed in order Stephen Scurich was on his feet with a motion that the 1911 board of directors be re-elected. There was a unanimous cry from all over the audience of 'second the motion,' and despite the effort of President Stoesser to stem the tide of appreciation that the audience felt for himself and his co-workers among the directors his objections as well as the objections of other directors were swept aside as so much chaff before the wind and the old board was returned to office amid huzzahs, hurrahs and thunderous applause

from all parts of the house. Roscoe Taylor moved that a unanimous ballot be cast, which motion was also carried by storm, and when President Stoesser endeavored to express his personal thanks and the thanks of his fellow-directors he was drowned by the applause that arose unchecked from everywhere and made the scene a veritable bedlam of enthusiasm."

"The directors chosen were O. D. Stoesser, A. W. Cox, E. A. Hall, W. R. Porter, F. A. Hihn, J. E. Gardner, Geo. W. Sill, H. C. Peckham, J. H. Thompson, R. H. Goodchild, C. H. Rodgers, Mateo Lettunich, Luke Scurich, E. Steinhauser and J. A. Linscott..."

"...Then President Stoesser read his annual report, a voluminous but intensely interesting document, which the Pajaronian regrets that lack of space will not permit publication of..."

"After T. J. Horgan had moved that a rising vote of thanks be given the directors, which vote of thanks was readily and vociferously responded to, the gathering was declared adjourned in order that all might repair to the I.O.O.F. hall to partake of the good things to eat that Stephen Jarrett and his corp of able assistants had prepared there. As the diners filed into the hall they were greeted with sweet strains of music by the McEwen orchestra of five pieces, which gave a number of other excellent selections during the progress of the feast. The music added materially to the gayety of the occasion and was highly appreciated by all present...[It] was not long before the appetites of all had been appeased, before the last gulp of wine or coffee had washed down the last remaining mouthful and before the creeping hands of the clock neared what is known as a seasonable hour for mental food to be digested atop the physical victual served."

"Director J. E. Gardner had the honor of holding the rather thankless office of toastmaster, but he acquitted himself admirably throughout..."

"The first speaker introduced was Robert Newton Lynch of San Francisco, vice president of the California Development Board. He opened by congratulating the Apple Annual Association upon its enterprise and said that it had done much to wipe out sectionalism in the State, which was the keynote of the recent Development Board meeting at Los Angeles. Mr. Lynch styled the Apple Annual 'the greatest single contribution towards the development of California,' and he said the local show had challenged the attention not only of the State but of the entire nation. On behalf of the Development Board he then complimented the association officers for their united efforts, and he pledged the association more cordial support than it had in the past from that body."

"Mr. Lynch said there were a number of things bringing California to the front now. One of these was the opening of the Panama Canal and the other was the immigration here from all parts of the world. President Taft upon the occasion of his visit to San Francisco last October stated that California would be more profoundly af-

fectured by the opening of the Panama Canal than any other State in the Union, and that therefore it was wise that San Francisco should have had the 1915 fair. Mr. Lynch then went on to state of his recent visit to the various countries of continental Europe to study the immigration question for the Development Board. He declared positively that the European immigration was good for California and that these people made the best farmers. When the canal was opened this tide of European immigration would flow into California. The Panama Canal in 1915 would call the attention of the world to the west and the San Francisco International Exposition would draw the attention of the world to California. But there would be a greater exposition in the State and the fair was a magnificent opportunity for the Pajaro valley to secure the right kind of new settlers. He said that the people here were training themselves through the Apple Annual to properly impress these visitors with the advantages of this section...

"Toastmaster Gardner next proceeded to publicly thank the Southern Pacific Company for its remarkable work in behalf of the Apple Annual and he then introduced Traffic Manager Charles S. Fee of that corporation. Mr. Fee said that the boosting done by the railroad towards the Apple Annual was but part of a boosting campaign that the Southern Pacific Company is carrying on throughout the world to draw the attention of the world to the West. He said the railroad was not going at this work in any brass band fashion but was steadily working at all times to boost the entire west and to develop all parts of this section of the United States. He said all other railroads were doing the same for their respective localities, but none on as extensive a scale as the Southern Pacific...He went on to declare then that not one thing in California had been more timely than the Apple Annual. He had visited many apple shows throughout the country, but none were in a class with the Apple Annual. He advised the people here that they could not do better than continue the annual apple show...

"Next on the program was Secretary A. A. Dennison of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. He said at the outset that he liked to meet men that had made good and the men here had certainly made good for they had put Watsonville and the Pajaro valley on the map. He said that on behalf of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce he brought the approval and the congratulations of every member of that body. He spoke of the Apple Annual as a permanent asset of this locality and it demonstrated the possibility of the soil and the ability of California to maintain a population. He declared that the surface of California had barely been scratched as yet. This State, he remarked, had a population at present of only about 3,000,000, while it could easily support 30,000,000. In view of this fact he deemed it absurd for anybody to talk of sectionalism or jealousy. He went on to say that the cities looked for their greater development to the country. He said to get together was a good policy, but that was not all, for the people should grow

together. 'Boost for California, there is room for millions more,' was his slogan...

"Alf. Kelly, the genial commission man of the metropolis of San Francisco, was next called upon and he delivered an address that was fervently heart and soul for this valley. He said he had visited many apple shows in the West but none could surpass the Apple Annual. In other places he had seen two or three nice apples on a plate while here he saw carload after carload. He said that the future of this valley had a great magnitude and the Apple Annual had certainly served its purpose. Before it was started this valley was unknown while today it is known all over the nation. He said that lands that are selling here for \$500 to \$700 per acre and always sure to produce a crop each year were selling in the northwest for from \$1500 to \$2000 per acre, and there they were never sure of a crop. Here in the Pajaro valley there had never been a failure. He challenged any country in the union to make a similar record. He declared that the people here did not themselves know the possibilities of their own valley and did not realize the future that was before them. 'The day is coming when the Pajaro valley will be the Paradise of America.'...

"Then came the momentous question of whether or not a 1912 Apple Annual should be held. Toastmaster Gardner said that he wanted an expression of opinion, and a frank expression at that, from every line of business represented...He said the Association must have financial assistance this year again and it was for the people to decide what the directors should do. The general opinion of those present was that the growers should contribute mostly to the finances of the show. They were the ones more directly interested than anyone else, they made the most out of the work of the Apple Annual in the end, and it seemed to be generally the idea last night that the growers should bear the burden of the finances this year and hereafter. So said some of the speakers and so thought most of the rest present...

"State Senator J. B. Holohan followed...with a short but pithy talk. He expressed his appreciation at the presence of so many visitors from the outside and he praised the directors for their unselfish work in behalf of the community. He said it would be the height of nonsense to stop now and not give another Apple Annual. He advised above all things that the growers and shippers here unite in sending out a good fruit pack with the proper labels and not send out an inferior pack with a first-class label.

"George W. Bird said he was personally in favor of another Apple Annual. He said that this year there should be less talk and more work and he urged the orchardists to contribute largely to the show instead of the packers as heretofore. He declared that the growers should get together and make the show greater than ever this year.

"Iowa A. Tuttle said that individually he was in favor of holding another show and that he would pay his share of the cost.

“Steven Scurich thought the growers should contribute more than the packers because they were more directly benefited than were the latter. He favored better picking and packing methods here unless the people here wanted competing districts to outclass this valley...”

“George W. Smith made a witty speech of his experiences as manager of ‘The Lane,’ during the recent show but he would undergo the same torture again for the good of the cause if he had to...”

“T. E. Shoemaker said he was heartily in favor of another show and he said these shows should be held as long as there were apples grown here...”

“With a few words of good cheer, felicitation and general congratulation from Toastmaster Gardner the annual session of the members of the Apple Annual association closed and went down in history as the greatest get-together meeting ever held here and one that will long linger in the minds of each and every man present.”

EP; 24 Jan 1912; article: “An interesting session was held last night of the local Companions of the Forest and there was a large crowd present to enjoy the exceptionally fine program...An extemporaneous literary and musical program was an added feature of the ‘feed.’ Among the excellent numbers rendered were vocal socials by Miss M. Balovich and Albert J. Cheek and an instrumental solo by Miss K. Balovich...”

EP; 24 Jan 1912; item: “Attorney George W. Smith has returned from a visit to Oakland and San Francisco. He was accompanied by Peter Storm.”

Paj; 25 Jan 1912; item: “Notice of sale of stock in bulk—Lazar Jalovica to L. G. Rasha—Contained in Railroad Exchange Hotel, Watsonville.”

EP; 25 Jan 1912; article: “LOOKING FOR HIS WIFE. Searching for the wife who has kidnapped his 3 year old child and eloped with a neighbor, John Chetkovich, a restaurant man of Hollister, has gone to San Francisco.

“He reported the flight of his wife with the baby to the San Francisco police and has asked for her arrest. She left Hollister less than a week ago and is believed to have gone to San Francisco. Her age is 24 years and she weighs more than 200 pounds.”

EP; 26 Jan 1912; married: “In Watsonville, Jan. 24th, 1912, by Rev. Father John Cawley, John Steta and Stella Brajcovich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 26 Jan 1912; item: “Estate and guardianship of Meri Hidja, a minor—Order appointing guardian; letters of guardianship issued to M. Resetar; bond in the sum of \$500.”

EP; 26 Jan 1912; ALL: S. B. Kalac, Mr. Klinovich,

George Miseskovitsh, P. G. Nikoc, Anton Roso [Ruso].

EP; 27 Jan 1912; born: “In Santa Cruz, January 25, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Collendich, a daughter.”

EP; 27 Jan 1912; obit: “In Santa Cruz, January 25, 1912, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Collendich.”

EP; 29 Jan 1912; article: “Among the 168 names placed in the grand jury box...from which the 1912 grand jury will be drawn we note the following names from this valley: ...M. Lettunich...Luke Scurich...”

EP; 29 Jan 1912; article: “An important real estate deal that has been under negotiation for some time past, was finally closed up this forenoon. Andy Balich, the well known Santa Cruz businessman, purchasing the P. W. Morse packing house property on Fourth street.

“The holding, consisting of four large lots, running from street to street, is a valuable piece of property. Mr. Balich proposes, in conjunction with his brother, to continue the packing house business, and contemplates erecting, in the near future, four residences on the adjoining lots.

“Andy Balich is a live wire—a most progressive young business man, and we are glad to see him identify himself with the commercial life of this city.”

EP; 30 Jan 1912; article: “In response to a dispatch announcing the illness of one of his children, Mr. E. A. Ball left last evening for Ukiah, where his family is at present residing. His place will be taken, until he returns, with Watsonville Slavonian band, by Mr. Will Rapp of the Lyric theatre.”

EP; 30 Jan 1912; item: “Estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—hearing of final account and petition for sale of personal property.”

EP; 30 Jan 1912; article: “NICK BANAZ SUED. Sunday’s issue of the San Luis Obispo Tribune says that Nick Banaz, formerly of this city, has been sued by the San Francisco commission firm of Messrs. Jacobs, Malcolm & Hurt for a certain crop of apples raised at the celebrated Glenbrook orchard a few miles out of Templeton. The complaint alleges that since the 1st of September, 1911, the plaintiffs were entitled to the possession of the entire crop of apples being raised or grown by Nick and Florence Banaz from the 23rd of September, 1910, to the 1st of September, 1911, on the land constituting the Glenbrook orchard of 40 acres, on which are approximately 5600 apple trees, which property was leased to the defendant by Captain James Cass, etc., and of which crop there now remains on the premises about 3000 boxes of apples, of which there are now stored in the warehouses at Templeton about 1250 boxes. That the

value of the apple crop of same 4250 is \$2250.

"Plaintiffs claim Banaz is yet in possession of the apples although they have demanded their possession and ask damages in the sum of \$500 and also the \$2250 as first cited."

EP; 30 Jan 1912; item: "Sam Hrepich and sons, George and James, left yesterday for several weeks' stay at the Gilroy Hot Springs."

EP; 1 Feb 1912; item: "B. Pista left for a three-days' business visit to San Francisco today."

EP; 1 Feb 1912; item: "George Hrepich of the California restaurant, is home from Gilroy Hot Springs."

Paj; 1 Feb 1912; item: "M. Resetar of Watsonville was... granted letters of guardianship of the person of Meri Hidja, an Austrian girl, also of Watsonville, who petitioned for the appointment. The girl is 16 years of age and one of the first acts on the part of the guardian was his consent of the girl's marriage to his brother, Mitchell Resetar, who is 23 years of age. The license was issued at the office of the county clerk... — Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 2 Feb 1912; article: "The following have recently made application with the county clerk for citizenship: ...all natives of Austria. They are Michael Villa Pista, witnesses A. W. Sans, Geo. W. Smith and T. J. Gaffey; and Nick Pulich, witnesses Geo. W. Smith and George Banch."

EP; 2 Feb 1912; obit: "Watsonville, Feb. 1, 1912, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Zar, a native of California, aged two months." [Mary]

EP; 3 Feb 1912; article: "John Musso, leader of the Watsonville City Band, has assumed charge of the Austrian band of this city during the absence of E. A. Ball, the regular leader of the new organization. Ball left a few days ago for Ukiah but no word has as yet been heard from him as to whether or not he will return. Musso will look after the band during his absence and will direct the men if Ball does not show up here again."

EP; 3 Feb 1912; married: "Mitchell Resetar and Miss Meri Hidja, both residents of this city, were united in marriage this morning...at St. Patrick's church...The bride is but 16 years of age but permission to wed was granted her by M. Resetar, her guardian, who is a well known fruit packer and shipper of this city. Both the bride and groom are well known here in the Austrian colony."

EP; 3 Feb 1912; married: "Watsonville, Feb. 3, 1912, at St. Patrick's church by Rev. Fr. Hassett, Mitchell Resetar and Miss Meri Hidja, both of Watsonville."

EP; 3 Feb 1912; disp. ad:

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT
Phone 36—Never Closes.—Phone 36

—————
Wild Game
Fresh Oysters
THEATRE PARTIES
A SPECIALTY

EP; 3 Feb 1912; ALL: L. Capatanich. Foreign: Peter Grneevich.

EP; 5 Feb 1912; article: "The Slavonian Ladies S.S.I. Aid Society held a business and social meeting yesterday afternoon at I.O.O.F. Hall at which the following officers were installed: President, Mrs. S. Strazicich, vice president, Mrs. Geo. Copriviza, treasurer, Mrs. John Hrepich; secretary, Mrs. G. Simonovich [Simunovich]; marshal, C. A. Balovich; inside guard, Miss K. Hrepich; outside guard, Mrs. B. Zadijelovich [Zadjelovich]. During the installation Miss Lela [Lena] Strazicich rendered several piano solos. At the meeting it was decided to give a dance at I.O.O.F. hall on the evening of February 10th. There will be good music and a good time in store for all who attend."

EP; 6 Feb 1912; disp. ad:

SANTA PAULA ORANGES
the sweetest orange grown.
a new supply just received.
come and try them.
City Grocery Co.
307 main street, phone 63.

EP; 6 Feb 1912; item: "Guardianship and estate of George Krilanovich, et als., minors—Order appointing George Dabelich, Mitch Stipovich and George Novakovich appraisers."

EP; 6 Feb 1912; item: "Watsonville Realty Co. to Tony Gurash and Mabel Gurash—Lot 182, Watsonville Heights, Watsonville; \$10."

EP; 6 Feb 1912; item: "John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et als—Reset for Feb. 29."

Paj; 8 Feb 1912; article: "Mitchell P. Kalich, a well known resident of this city...died at the Watsonville hospital...rather suddenly...[He was] born in Cilipi... Dalmatia, Austria, and lived there until he was about 26 years of age when he emigrated to the U.S. He settled first in Oregon and was there a number of years in the fishing industry on the Columbia river...Upon his arrival here he was a beet contractor for the Spreckles Sugar Company and then became a bartender in a number of saloons conducted here by his fellow-countrymen. Four

years ago he purchased a saloon at the depot and conducted that for 2 years. He then left for Oregon again and after running a restaurant in Portland for 3 months he returned to the Pajaro valley and engaged in orchard work up to a few months ago when he leased a store at the corner of Lake avenue and Walker street and conducted a delicatessen store and restaurant-grocery there. Mr. Kalich was always known as a big-hearted, genial fellow...He is survived by 2 brothers and a sister in Austria, a brother, Officer Peter Kalich of Portland, another brother, Ed. Kalich of Alaska, and the following nieces and nephews of this city: M. L. Kalich, Nicholas Russo [Ruso], Mrs. N. Novacovich and Miss J. Arbanasin..."

Paj; 8 Feb 1912; article: "**Croto-Servians Organize a Club.** The local Croato-Servians have organized a club that promises to be one of the leading organizations of its kind in this valley. They assembled at the Railroad Exchange hotel on the 28th of January...At the head of the club is the well-known local citizen Stephen Scurich. One of the principal things that the new club intends to do is to educate the Croation-Servian people of this valley to acquire the true American spirit and also to elevate them in a moral as well as an intellectual way. The club purposes to give the members free lectures on history, languages, politics and economics as they affect the Croato-Servian people and for that reason the club will energetically try to exterminate analphabetism [illiteracy] among the people here in the valley that belong to the Croato-Servian nation and will endeavor to spread among the people brotherly love and humanitarian ideas...It might not be bad for the rest of us to start a club such as this for some of us are none too well versed in humanitarianism or brotherly love."

EP; 8 Feb 1912; born: "In Hollister, Jan. 25, 1912, to the wife of Anton Matulich, a daughter." [*Katherine; +1999; married Gospodnetich*]

EP; 8 Feb 1912; born: "In Hollister, Jan. 30, 1912, to the wife of George Borovich, a daughter." [*Paulina; became a nun, Mary Eleanor, in LA area*]

EP; 8 Feb 1912; item: "P. W. Morse Co. to Andrew Balich and Antone Balich—4 lots in George A. Peckham's subd., Watsonville."

EP; 9 Feb 1912; item: "Estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased— Petition of D. R. Knowles showing that he has an assignment from Luke G. Sresovich Jr., and that he appoints C. H. Herrington as attorney to represent him; petition prays leave to file assignment and that petitioner be named as the party entitled to receive that portion of the estate which would otherwise go to said Luke G. Sresovich Jr., and that court decree that petitioner is entitled to receive said portion; assignment and grant for

one-sixth interest in estate of deceased from Luke G. Sresovich Jr."

EP; 9 Feb 1912; item: "Charles Campodonico and T. A. Burns to Peter Gospodnetich and Thomas Zeager — Lot on west line of Walker street, Watsonville, quit claim, \$1."

EP; 10 Feb 1912; article: "DANCE TONIGHT. The members of the S.S.I. Society, a society composed of Slavonian ladies of this city, will give a dance this evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, and those desiring to enjoy a fine time are advised to take it in. Good music and competent floor management."

EP; 10 Feb 1912; item: "Guardianship and estate of George Krilanovich, et als, of the first account of guardian continued to Feb. 16."

EP; 10 Feb 1912; ALL: A. W. Bacham [Bachan], Geo. Bubroko [Bubresko]. Foreign: Antonio Persira.

EP; 10 Feb 1912; obit: "Watsonville, Feb. 9, 1912, Mitchell P. Kalich, a native of Austria, aged 42 years."

EP; 12 Feb 1912; article: "The dance held in the I.O.O.F. hall last Saturday night under the auspices of the S.S.I. Austrian order of this city was successful in every way and was attended by a large crowd. The Slavonian orchestra rendered good music under the direction of John Musso. Stephen Scurich, Anton Kisich and Nicholas Biani were in charge of the affair."

EP; 12 Feb 1912; article: "Judge Hawkins and Constable Corr had their hands full last Saturday afternoon when they tried with all due diplomacy and tact to adjust differences that had arisen between one Hans Bart, subject some time ago of his royal highness Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, and one Mitchell Resetar, erstwhile subject of the emperor of Austria. The sum of five dollars and the price of a new hat turned the trick in the end but the judicial decorum was not adjusted until late in the afternoon. Bart came in town breathless, moneyless and hatless with a tale of woe a foot long. He claimed that he had contracted with Resetar to clear some land out in the valley and that if the contract, which was for \$10 proved too steep for Bart the latter was to receive \$1.50 per day. Bart claimed that when he came to get his money he was not only turned down by Resetar but was kicked off the ranch without any hat. He wanted justice.

"He told the judge and Corr in boasting tones that if he could not get justice from them he would have the German consul in San Francisco bring all the pressure of the German nation to bear to see that he got what was coming to him and also that he had thousands of dollars to spend in the courts in order to get his \$10. What he was howling about was the principle although his seedy

appearance made things look as if the \$10 would have accomplished more good than all the principle he was after. Anyhow Judge Hawkins issued the warrant, Resetar was arrested by Corr and finally Resetar agreed to pay \$5 to Bart and also buy him a new hat. Thus endeth what might have been an international dispute.”

EP; 12 Feb 1912; item: “B. Pista is in San Francisco for a few days on business.”

EP; 13 Feb 1912; article: “**Old Apple Annual Officers Are Re-elected**...The selection of the dates for the 1912 Apple Annual, the re-election of the 1911 board of officers and the disposing of numerous minor business matters were the important acts consummated last night by the Apple Annual directors, who held their first meeting for the new year in the Auditorium. Those present were Directors...Mateo Lettunich,...Luke Scurich...

“The first business transacted was the re-election of the 1911 officers, who were as follows: President, Otto D. Stoesser; vice president, A. W. Cox; secretary, C. G. Redman, financial secretary, T. M. Wright; treasurer, E. A. Hall; manager, J. A. Linscott. This election was unanimous as there were no opposing nominations.

“Next came the approval of the following claims...: ...California Restaurant, \$35.80...

“Then the dates for the next Apple Annual were decided upon. October 7 to 12 were selected after a little thought as the best dates and this date will be announced so that other State shows will not conflict...”

EP; 13 Feb 1912; article: “**85 Women and 121 Men Want James King to Be Alderman**...We, the undersigned citizens of the City of Watsonville hereby cordially approve the appointment of James I. King as alderman from said ward in the place of the late H. A. Petersen: Signed: ...Lucy L. Bakich, Bozo Boscovich, Pauline Boscovich...Mrs. J. Simunovich [Simunovich]...Thomas Perasich... George W. Smith...”

EP; 14 Feb 1912; item: “Estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Hearing of final account and petition for distribution is continued to February 19th.”

EP; 14 Feb 1912; article: “M. L. Kalich of this city has applied for letters of administration on the estate of his uncle, the late Mitchell P. Kalich. The estate amounts to \$100 on deposit in a local bank, \$400 dollars in debts that are owing to the estate and real estate in the State of Oregon.”

Paj; 15 Feb 1912; item: “The funeral of M. P. Kalich was held from the lodge room of Odd Fellows’ hall...The local Croatian Society Sokol 352 attended the services in a body. The pallbearers were Paul Alaga, Joseph Kalich, Mitchell Butier, E. B. Lettunich, P. Lettunich and Louis Bachan...”

EP; 15 Feb 1912; item: “Estate of Mitchell P. Kalich, deceased—Petition of M. L. Kalich for letters of administration.”

Paj; 15 Feb 1912; item: “Steve Marinovich vs. E. H. Barber et al—Case heard and matter to be submitted on briefs.”

EP; 16 Feb 1912; honor roll: High 8th: Ellen Balovich; High 7th: Lewis Lettunich; Low 7th: John Strazicich; Low 6th: Lena Strazicich; High 5th: Helen Strazicich, Jenny Dubreta; Low 4th: Nick Dumovich; High 3rd: Anna Knego, Katie Strazicich, Mark Rilovich, Katie Lutich, Emma Grizich; Low 3rd: Katie Arbanas, Nick Castropelli, Tony Boscovich, Matthew Derganc, Nicholas Miscovich; High 2nd: Nellie Puhiera; Low 2nd: John Tomasovich.

EP; 17 Feb 1912; article: “The meeting of the Foresters of America, Court Pajaro Valley Rose, No. 44, last evening was embellished by the presence of John Castera of Los Angeles[,] Grand Chief Ranger of the State.

“After the business meeting...George Strazicich rendered several selections on the violin...”

EP; 19 Feb 1912; ALL: Foreign: Pasko Rorovich.

EP; 20 Feb 1912; item: “Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Decree showing that due and legal notice to creditors has been given; affidavit of publication of notice to creditors.”

EP; 20 Feb 1912; item: “Estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Final account partially heard and continued to Feb. 26.”

EP; 20 Feb 1912; article: “The contract for installing a system of electrolier streetlights in this city, if the property owners sign up their willingness to have the system constructed was yesterday afternoon awarded to W. H. McConnell of Monterey...

“McConnell’s price for 88 electroliers from the bridge to Ford street was \$8990. His price for 58 lights from First to Fifth street, presented, was \$6470...

“Committees were appointed as follows to solicit the property owners in their respective neighborhoods:

First to Second, Morris Tuttle, T. J. Horgan and Luke Scurich...

“The proposed electrolier will be 13 feet high, will have five globes, four hanging and one on top of the cluster, the poles will be of decorated metal and will be so connected that all five can burn at once or only the top light. The proposed system is the same as that adopted in Washington, D.C., and other big eastern cities...”

EP; 21 Feb 1912; article: “WAS A LITTLE TOO HASTY. It may be all right to be hasty in the messenger serv-

ice and hasty in most lines of business but one should not have a hasty temper else it will require a hasty movement towards one's wallet to dig up a fine that a judge tells a fellow to dig up hastily else there will be a hasty march to the cooler. Frank Vegar runs the Hasty messenger service at the Central Hotel. Late yesterday he is alleged to have hastily planted one or two hasty jabs on the person of a man named Arbanasin and his hastiness cost him \$5 for Constable Sandberg hastened to the spot and hastily arrested Vegar who was hastily brought before Police Judge Bridgewater and hastily fined. Vegar claimed that his hastiness to scrap Arbanasin was due to the hasty action of that gent, who is alleged to have hastily struck Vegar over the thinktank with a bicycle, which would seem to indicate that this fellow Arbanasin must be a husky. The scrap was a hasty one to start, the blows were hastily handed out while it lasted, it was hasty to end and now the Hasty messenger service must hasten to deliver hasty messages in order that the fine may be hastily made up in fees for hastening."

EP; 21 Feb 1912; article: "BAD BUGGY SMASHUP. As the result of a smashup last night between two buggies at the corner of First and Main streets, George Piplica, a rancher of this valley, was taken to the Watsonville hospital with a dislocated shoulder, painful scalp injuries and other bruises and Harry Aggero, a Pajaro farmer, was badly shaken up. The two men were both driving towards Pajaro and how the buggies collided is not known but they came together just the same with disastrous results. Both men were thrown to the ground, the buggies were quite badly smashed and the two horses were on the verge of running away when bystanders stopped them. Piplica was hurt more than Aggero but he is getting along quite well today."

Paj; 22 Feb 1912; item: "Mike Cordish [Cordich] was unable to appear in court...on the charge of disturbing the peace so his case was postponed one week by Judge Rohrback of Pajaro. Cordish is the man that pointed a gun in the faces of Officer Arthur Devine and Will Berry a few days ago while the latter two were out hunting."

Paj; 22 Feb 1912; honor roll: high 6th: John Strazicich; low 6th: Lena Strazicich; high 5th: Helen Strazicich, Jennie Dubreta; low 5th: Steven Marinovich; low 4th: Nick Dumovich; high 3rd: Anna Knego, Katie Strazicich, Mark Rilovich, Katie Lutich, Emma Grizich; low 3rd: Katie Arbanas, Nick Castropelli, Tony Boscovich, Matthew Derganc, Nicholas Miscovich; high 2nd: Nellie Puhiera; low 2nd: John Tomasovich.

EP; 23 Feb 1912; article: "A civil action has been brought before Judge Hawkins in the justice court by John Bosia against Frank Radovan for the sum of \$199.37, which is alleged to be due on some apples that the plaintiff alleges

he sold to the defendant. The plaintiff is represented by attorney Geo. W. Smith and T. J. Gaffey."

EP; 23 Feb 1912; article: "TRIAL JURORS FOR 1912. In pursuance to the statute requiring the supervisors of this county to furnish the names of four hundred trial jurors for the ensuing year, at the meeting of the board held on the 15th of this month, we find the following names selected from Watsonville judicial township: ...George Castropelli...Anthony Kokich...M. Nirich...F. W. Farlin...S. Alaga...Martin Novacovich..."

EP; 24 Feb 1912; article: "LEAP YEAR SOCIAL WAS BIG SUCCESS. Last evening a large crowd attended the leap year social held in the Presbyterian hall by the Pastor's Aid Society of the church and the affair was one of the most successful held at the church for many months. Over 200 people were present and all enjoyed every minute of the affair.

"The program was high-class and enjoyable from first to last. The leading number was the dialogue and song, 'Ten Stars From Our Flag.' The participants in this cute number were the following pupils from Miss Ellen Cox's room in the grammar school: Helen Strazicich..."

EP; 24 Feb 1912; item: "Guardianship and estate of Violet Petersen, a minor—Letters of guardianship issued to Minnie M. Petersen; bond given in the sum of \$2000; order appointing George W. Smith, E. B. Lettunich and A. W. Condit, Jr., appraisers."

EP; 26 Feb 1912; item: "Chris Thompson, William Raunegger, Andrew Schopp, George W. Smith and Tom Anderson motored to Salinas, Spreckels, Moss Landing and other points yesterday."

EP; 27 Feb 1912; item: "Estate of Mitchell Kalich, deceased—Order appointing M. L. Kalich administrator with bond fixed at \$500."

EP; 27 Feb 1912; item: "Pero Sambrailo, administer vs. Mike Cordish [Cordich]—Reset for March 19th."

EP; 27 Feb 1912; item: "John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et al—At request of counsel for plaintiff it is ordered that a special venire for 20 veniremen be issued and that the same be made returnable on February 2nd at 10 a.m."

EP; 27 Feb 1912; item: "Caroline Tuttle to Kosmos Gospodnetich—Lot on Walker street, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 27 Feb 1912; ALL: N. Banaz and Co, P. Festich, Mitchell Shemish [orig: Šemeš]. Foreign: A. Bracic.

EP; 28 Feb 1912; article: "MOVE FOR NON-SUIT. The suit of N. Lucich and John Ivancovich against John D.

Waring and Charles F. Langley was on trial in the superior court at Salinas last Monday. After a number of witnesses had been examined the defendants moved for a non-suit. The motion was argued and was ordered submitted on briefs. A continuance was then ordered until March 11th at 2 p.m. Hall & Smith and J. A. Bardin are attorneys for the plaintiffs and Wyckoff & Gardner for the defendants.”

Paj; 29 Feb 1912; item: “Estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Final account heard and submitted and taken under advisement by the court; Attorney C. H. Herrington, who appears for a certain assignee of one of the heirs, and counsel for the executor are each granted ten days within which to present authorities as to the validity or invalidity of the assignment made by L. G. Sresovich, Jr.”

EP; 29 Feb 1912; article: **CONSIDERED COLD STORAGE.** The members of the Pajaro Valley Packers’ & Shippers’ Association met...at the Auditorium to discuss the matter of securing a cold storage plant here...The discussion was almost unanimously in favor of securing a cold storage plant here and the proposition of the National Ice & Cold Storage Company to build a plant here if the needed amount of business could be guaranteed was considered favorably. After the matter had been discussed pro and con for some time and the views of those present had been aired it was decided to appoint a committee to hustle for contracts to the amount of 250 carloads of apples for the coming season. The members of this committee are James Sheehy, E. A. Hall, L. P. Cikuth and F. P. Marinovich.”

EP; 2 Mar 1912; item: “Matthew Grizich et ux to Mrs. Kate West—Lot on Fifth street, Watsonville.”

EP; 2 Mar 1912; item: “Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Full and final account and petition for settlement thereof.”

EP; 2 Mar 1912; article: **CASE DISMISSED PARTIALLY.** Judge Smith yesterday afternoon in the superior court dismissed the action against Mrs. Eva Rowe and M. L. Kalich of this city, who were sued jointly with the Coast Counties Light & Power Co. by John Achimovich for the sum of \$2500 damages alleged to have been sustained from touching an electric wire while picking apples last summer on the Rowe place. The action against the power company was not dismissed but was postponed one week. H. C. Wyckoff and J. E. Gardner of this city and C. M. Cassin of Santa Cruz represent the plaintiff while the defendants are represented by George W. Smith of this city and B. K. Knight of Santa Cruz.

“This morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel says: ‘The suit of John Achimovich against M. L. Kalich and others, went through many changes in the superior court on Friday.

Defendants in the morning made a motion for a non-suit which was argued and taken under advisement. In the afternoon Judge Smith made a ruling in which he denied the motion.

“Counsel for the plaintiff then moved that the case be dismissed against all of the defendants with the exception of the Coast Counties Light & Power Company, which motion was granted.

“The company then asked for a continuance until March 11 in order that depositions might be taken of important witnesses who are in Los Angeles. The court granted this petition.”

EP; 2 Mar 1912; item: “Mrs. Steve Strazicich and son, John, will leave for San Jose today to visit friends and relatives for a few days.”

EP; 4 Mar 1912; item: “Suit has been brought in the justice court of Judge Wallace at Salinas by B. Pista... against the Pullman Company, the Southern Pacific, Joe Doe and Richard Roe, for damages to the amount of \$299.99 as the result of Pista being put off the Shore Line Limited at Salinas...George W. Smith is the attorney for Pista. Pista claims that he had been spraying some orchards at Salinas and had on old clothes when he started to board the train. He bought a regular ticket for 55 cents at the Salinas depot and paid the extra 25 cents to ride on the Limited to Watsonville but when...he started to clamber aboard he was met by a colored porter, who sneeringly told him that it was a train for gentlemen. The conductor strayed along and he, too, refused to allow Pista to ride...As Pista is one of the leading fruit packers and shippers of this city it is plainly evident that the conductor and porter do not know a gentleman when they see one.”

EP; 6 Mar 1912; article: **THE COST OF THE ELECTROLIER SYSTEM. List of the Amounts Taxed Against Property Owners Along Main Street for New System...**The following table is based on \$1.10 per front foot. We have, for the purpose of easy computation, eliminated the inches belonging to many frontages and give the round sum:

“West side of Main St., Between Front and 1st Streets

Feet	Amount
50 N. Stojanovich	\$55.00
48 Secondo Brothers	\$52.80

Between First and Second Streets

Feet	Amount
25 F. P. Marinovich	\$27.50

Between Second and Third Streets

Feet	Amount
101 M. N. Lettunich	\$111.10

Between Maple and Central Aves.

Feet	Amount
20 E. B. Lettunich	\$22.00

27 L. Scurich \$29.70
91 Manzanita Co. \$100.10"

Paj; 7 Mar 1912; item: "Andrew N. Zufish [Zufich] to Ella Klein—Lot 34, Blackburn subd., No. 1, Watsonville, \$10."

Paj; 7 Mar 1912; item: "Mitchell Secondo, the well known fruit packer and shipper, has returned from a month's trip to Tuolumne county where he investigated apple land."

Paj; 7 Mar 1912; item: "Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Full and final account and petition for settlement thereof."

Paj; 7 Mar 1912; Item: "Police Judge Bridgewater had the task of settling a quarrel...between two boys of this city, Lawrence Dempsey, aged 13, and Chris Rilovich, aged 12. The two lads had a violent scrap lately and the quarrel ended in one of the boys hitting the other over the head with a club. Such conduct deserved censure so the two boys and their fathers came into the police court yesterday. Judge Bridgewater told the boys some truth straight from the shoulder and the boys promised to be good hereafter."

EP; 8 Mar 1912; article: "ON HONEYMOON. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Bertich, who were recently married in Dalmatia, Austria, have been here on a visit to their old friend, George Carstulovich. Mr. Bertich's best man at his wedding in Austria was Peter Carstulovich of Santa Cruz. The wedding supper was given by Mr. Carstulovich's father, who is a prominent merchant and is now 77 years of age.—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 9 Mar 1912; disp. ad:

Any time you come to town call and try our
SPANISH CHEESE
You'll find it good. When friends call
'round, Phone 63 — and serve some
SPANISH CHEESE
CITY GROCERY CO.
307 MAIN STREET PHONE 63

EP; 9 Mar 1912; ALL: Laka Sengando. Foreign: Vlahu Borovinic, Nis Stane Pijerovich [Pierovich].

EP; 9 Mar 1912; class. ad: "FOR RENT—Two houses on Upper Main street on old Grizich property. Apply 463 Main street."

EP; 11 Mar 1912; county supervisors, payments: ...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Derjanc [Derganc], J., labor: \$8.00... Novich [Novcich], Jack, labor: \$55.00..."

EP; 11 Mar 1912; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Louis Farlin are visiting in San Francisco."

EP; 11 Mar 1912; item: "Miss Katheryn Balovich, Mrs. Steve Strazicich and Mrs. George Copriviza visited in Santa Cruz yesterday."

EP; 12 Mar 1912; item: "John Achimovich versus M. L. Kalich and Coast Counties Light & Power Co.—On trial before jury."

EP; 13 Mar 1912; article: "**Jury in Damage Suit Taken to Pajaro.** The damage suit of John Achimovich against M. L. Kalich & Co. and others, but which has come down to a case against the Coast Counties Light & Power Co. alone, the other defendants having been eliminated, has occupied the attention of the jury in the Superior court the past two days.

"The defendants rested their case Tuesday after several witnesses had been examined during the two days including the plaintiff, Julius Schanbacher, Peter Barjacich and Robert L. Cardiff, the latter giving expert testimony.

"After a short morning session on a stipulation made by the attorneys of both sides, the jury was given into the keeping of Deputy Sheriff Enoch Alzina, and was driven to the ranch of Eva E. Rowe, near Pajaro, where they could review the tree and the electric wire running through it, where the plaintiff alleges the accident took place.

"The jury were instructed that they could have their liberty as soon as they had reviewed the scene, but were requested to appear in court at 10 o'clock this morning for the continuance of the trial. — Santa Cruz Sentinel."

Paj; 14 Mar 1912; item: "Estate of Mitchell Kalich, deceased—Petition for order of sale of personal property...inventory and appraisal, \$249.66."

Paj; 14 Mar 1912; article: "**An Interesting Table Taken from the Census Report for 1910...**The following is the census report upon Santa Cruz county...received yesterday:

"Population in 1910, 26,140 (in 1900, 21,512); number of all farms, 1466 (in 1900, 1274); native white farmers, 851; foreign-born white farmers, 588; negro and other non-white farmers, 27.

"Number of farms, classified by size: Under 3 acres, 18; 3 to 9 acres, 226; 10 to 19, 198; 20 to 49, 384; 50 to 99, 293; 100 to 174, 188; 175 to 259, 60; 260 to 499, 52; 500 to 999, 25; 1000 acres and over, 22.

"Land and farm area: Approximate land area, 278,400 acres; land in farms, 157,300 acres (in 1900, 160,438); improved land in farms, 66,875 acres (in 1900, 62,849)...

"Value of Farm Property: All farm property in 1910, \$17,653,136 (all farm property in 1900, \$11,443,150); percent increase, 1900–1910, 54.4..."

EP; 14 Mar 1912; notice: "NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California.

"In the Matter of the Estate of Mitchell P. Kalich, also known as M. P. Kalich, deceased.

"Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of Mitchell P. Kalich, also known as M. P. Kalich, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, made on the 14th day of March, A.D. 1912, to the said Administrator at the law offices of George W. Smith, Bank of Watsonville Building, Main street, in the City of Watsonville...the same being the place for the transaction of the business of the said estate.

"Dated and first published March 14, 1912. M. L. Kalich, Administrator of the Estate of Mitchell P. Kalich...deceased. George W. Smith, attorney for said Administrator."

Paj; 14 Mar 1912; item: "Matthew Grizich et ux to H. D. Freiermuth et al—Lot on NW side of Fifth street, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 14 Mar 1912; born: "Watsonville, March 12, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cikuth, a daughter." [*Lucy*; +1937]

EP; 16 Mar 1912; item: "Estate of Clara Radovich, deceased—Hearing of final account is continued to March 22; the hearing of the petition of J. L. Radovich that the estate be distributed to the heirs of Antonio Radovich is also continued to the same date."

EP; 16 Mar 1912; ALL: Mitchell Buich, Jozo Grosi.

EP; 16 Mar 1912; item: "Having sold my bakery to Messrs. Gluhan & Evodich, I take this means to thank my friends and patrons for their generous patronage in the past and bespeak at their hands a continuance of their kindness to my successors who will conduct the Watsonville Bakery at the old stand. ALBERT MUNDHENK."

EP; 16 Mar 1912; obit: "In Capitola, March 14, 1912, Martin Kolendich, a native of Austria, aged 48 years, 1 month and 10 days."

EP; 16 Mar 1912; article: "WILD SHOOTING AT THE DEPOT TODAY. The vicinity of Frank Farlin's saloon on Walker street nearly opposite the Southern Pacific depot was the scene of a near riot this morning...when Charles Wittner in attempting to kill a dog owned by Farlin shot four shots wildly and nearly killed an innocent bystander, over a dozen others in the group being also endangered by the wild shooting of Wittner. The shooting was done with a revolver and was unexpected, Wittner

coming around the corner into Walker street from Third street and commencing his firing without giving those near the dog an opportunity to get to a place of safety.

"Wittner claimed that the dog, which was a common fox terrier and formerly the property of the late Mitchell Kalich and cared for by Frank Farlin, had taken several bites out of his leg three days ago and he wanted revenge. The dog was quietly standing in the gutter in front of the saloon while over a dozen men were standing on the sidewalk just a few feet away. Wittner and three boys came around the corner without any warning and stepping up in front of the men, Wittner aimed at the dog and the men's feet and fired once. The bullet went wild and missed one of the men by less than two feet, the bullet whizzing by several others and embedding itself in the ground a few feet behind the men on the side of the saloon. The dog started to run with Wittner after it. The dog ran into an alley owned by Farlin alongside the saloon and Wittner fired again. Just as Frank Farlin was about to come around the corner from the rear into the alley to learn why the shooting was being done the bullet whizzed a few feet ahead of him. The dog ran into the rear and came out in F. P. Krough's lot on the corner of Walker and Third streets. Here Wittner shot twice again but missed the dog each time. Wittner then left for uptown.

"Chief of Police Whitsitt was on the spot a few minutes later but Farlin would not have Wittner arrested hence nothing was done. It is possible, however, that Wittner may be arrested for shooting firearms promiscuously within the city limits and for carrying a gun without a permit."

EP; 18 Mar 1912; article: "**Claims He Did Not Endanger Anybody by His Shooting.** Mr. Charles H. Wittner has a grievance, inasmuch as he claims that the published items regarding his shooting at Frank Farlin's dog, on last Saturday were erroneous, and calculated to do him an injustice. His grievance takes the form of a written account, the purport of which is to show that he was bit by a dog reported to belong to Mr. Farlin. Upon inquiry Mr. Farlin disclaimed the ownership of the dog (although now it appears it did belong to him) and said the dog merely stopped around his place. Mr. Wittner demanded of Farlin that he either kill the dog, or else let him (Wittner) kill the animal, and Farlin gave him permission to kill the dog.

"Mr. Wittner claims that he endangered no people in his shooting either out in the street...or in the vacant alley, as the dog was out in the street when the first shot was fired with no buildings or persons beyond the animal.

"He claims that the dog richly deserves death, having bitten a number of other people viz: Sidney Allender, Geo. Demovich [prob. Dujmovich], Chris Rilovich, and Philip Nicholas.

"The dog was shot and killed and thrown in the river this morning by Wittner. Thus endeth the whole doggone business."

EP; 19 Mar 1912; item: "John Achimovich vs. Coast Counties Light & Power Co. et al—Memorandum of costs and disbursement, \$178.45."

EP; 19 Mar 1912; born: "In Blackburn Gulch, March 12, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Marto Krilanovich, a daughter." [*Katherine; died one month later*]

Paj; 21 Mar 1912; item: "Mateo Lettunich and son, Lewis, were at the Santa Clara College—St. Mary's baseball game in Santa Clara yesterday."

Paj; 21 Mar 1912; item: "John Scurich et ux to Mike Resetar et al—Lot on south line of Fifth street, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 21 Mar 1912; honor roll: Low 2nd: John Tomasovich; Low 3rd: Katie Arbanas, Nicholas Miskovich, Tony Boscovich; High 3rd: Emma Grizich, Anna Knego, Katie Strazicich, Katie Lutich, Mark Rilovich; Low 4th: Nick Dujmovich; High 4th: Nicolas Lutich; Low 5th: Stephen Marinovich; High 5th: Helen Strazicich; High 6th: John Strazicich; High 7th: Lewis Lettunich.

Paj; 21 Mar 1912; article: "**Jury Gives Plaintiff Achimovich \$2570...the Full Amount Asked For in the Complaint After 30 Minutes' Deliberation...**A jury in the superior court brought a verdict in favor of John Achimovich against the Coast Counties Light & Power Co..."

EP; 21 Mar 1912; item: "Estate of Mitchell P. Kalich, deceased—Statement as to publication of notice to creditors."

Paj; 21 Mar 1912; item: "Frank Vegar, the 'Hasty' Messenger who proposes to walk around the world in 7 years' time has reached San Luis Obispo. We understand Frank is making good money out of his scheme by selling post-cards along his route. If nerve is a qualification for his success, Vegar will certainly 'get there.'"

Paj; 21 Mar 1912; article: "**Settled Out of Court. Administrator Has Accounting Made From Partner of Deceased.** The case of Peter Sambrailo as the administrator of the estate of Paul Sambrailo, deceased, against Mike Cordich, was today settled out of court...The deceased and the defendant were partners in the farming of the premises formerly owned by E. J. Mann, Jr...The administrator instituted a suit for an accounting and the payment of a balance due him. Cordich contested the suit, claiming that there was due but the sum of \$15, the administrator claiming several hundred dollars. The matter was compromised to the satisfaction of all parties. Geo. W. Smith represented the plaintiff..."

EP; 23 Mar 1912; item: "Estate of Clara Radovich, de-

ceased—Ordered by the court that the final account and report of administrator be approved, allowed and settled; petition of J. L. Radovich that the estate be distributed to the heirs of Antonio Radovich is granted."

EP; 23 Mar 1912; item: "John Achimovich vs. Coast Counties Light & Power Co.—Notice of motion for a new trial."

EP; 23 Mar 1912; ALL: Foreign: Boze Chucdina.

EP; 25 Mar 1912; article: "**PACKING HOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE.** The packing house and barn owned by Secondo and Brothers on West Lake avenue and leased by J. J. Voivodich were destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, and the fire has all the indications of being of an incendiary origin. The fire was discovered and the alarm turned in by Mr. Voivodich himself, who stated that when he first saw the blaze his packing house was a mass of flames. The firemen came to the spot promptly as usual and but for the fact that the firemen performed heroic work and that the buildings were constructed of redwood the fire might have been much more disastrous. The blaze leaped across an alley to the A. Balich packing house and to the packing house of N. Ducich nearby, but neither of these latter two structures were badly damaged.

"The Voivodich packing house was almost completely destroyed as was the barn in the rear and the total loss is estimated at \$1100, which is nearly all covered by insurance. One horse in the barn was burned as were also a large number of box shooks in the yard. The total loss above applies to the property of Voivodich, but Secondo is unable to estimate the loss to his buildings.

"That the fire is of an incendiary origin is practically a certainty as all indications point that way. The firebrand is not known and no clues can be found that would reveal his identity. The police are working on the case, however, but as there have been other fires here of incendiary origin without any trace found of the firebrands there is but little hope that any arrests will follow yesterday's fire."

EP; 25 Mar 1912; item: "**CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS.** There were two applications for citizenship last Saturday: Blas Bromovich [Borovonich], a native of Alipi [Cilipi], Austria, of Watsonville. His witnesses were Luke Scurich, Thomas J. McGrath, Peter Stolich and George Novakovich. Vit Lister, a native of Ozalj, Hungary, also applied, with the same witnesses."

EP; 26 Mar 1912; item: "Steve Marinovich vs. E. H. Barber et al—Findings of fact and conclusions of law, that defendants are entitled to judgment."

EP; 26 Mar 1912; article: "...President O. D. Stoesser, Director Mateo Lettunich and Secretary C. G. Redman

were appointed a committee to represent the Apple Annual at the congress of festivals that is to convene on April 2 at San Francisco. All the permanent carnivals, fairs and shows on the Pacific Coast will be represented at this congress and it is planned to make this body a permanent affair so that the delegates may confer with each other and get many good ideas how to run shows of various kinds."

EP; 29 Mar 1912; item: "Estate of Mitchell Kalich, deceased—Return on sale; petition for confirmation; notice of sale; bid; affidavit of posting."

EP; 30 Mar 1912; ALL: Frank J. Barovich, Antonio S. Paz. Foreign: Jack Mihliniche, Vaso Vuckovich.

EP; 30 Mar 1912; article: "UNPROFITABLE APPLES. Under date of March 25th, W. N. White, the New York fruit broker, writes us as follows:

"Ed. Pajaronian:—We enclose you some catalogs showing the sale of the Watsonville Apples. Spitzenburgs sold at 4-6, Red Pearmains at 5-9, Langfords from 5-6 to 6-. Deduct the cost of freight, cold storage and charges for selling in Liverpool, and you will find there is not much left for the packer.

"Why such apples should be shipped to England is best known to the parties concerned. If they had known their business as to the actual requirements of the England market, they would never have shipped such goods to England. On the other hand, we would like to tell your growers through yourselves that the sooner they stop growing Spitzenburgs and Red Pearmains in the neighborhood of Watsonville, the more profitable the apple business will be for them, because neither of these sorts should be grown in your districts, and anyone growing these sorts, (if they would take my advice) should cut back these trees and regraft them to better paying sorts. Everywhere the news is for enormous crops of apples next season. W. NICK WHITE."

"The catalogs sent show results of sales under date of March 15th as follows: Zar Bros., Newtown Pippins, 8- and 7-6. A. A. Scurich & Co., fancy quality Newtowns, 6-6. Battinich & Laptalo, Newtowns, 6-9. Frank Radvan, Langfords, 5-6, 6- and 5-9; Red Pearmains, 5-7; Spitzenburgs, 4-6 and 4-8. On the other hand, Maine apples (Ben Davis, Baldwins, etc.) brought 17-9, 14-, 12-6 and 9-."

EP; 30 Mar 1912; notice: "NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the superior court of the county of Santa Cruz, State of California.

"In the Matter of the estate of Paul Sambrailo, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Pero Sambrailo, administrator of the estate of Paul Sambrailo, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the nec-

essary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, made on the 20th day of March, A.D., 1912, to the said Administrator, at the law offices of George W. Smith, Bank of Watsonville building, Main street, in the city of Watsonville...the same being the place for the transaction of the business of the said estate.

"PERO (his X mark) SAMBRAILO, Administrator of the estate of Paul Sambrailo, deceased.

"Witnesses to mark: Geo. W. Smith, Clay W. Seevers.

"Dated and first published March 20th A. D. 1912.

"George W. Smith, attorney for administrator."

EP; 30 Mar 1912; item: "Steve Marinovich vs. E. H. Barber et al—Memorandum of costs and disbursements, \$31.60."

EP; 2 Apr 1912; article: "HAD SURPRISE PARTY. Miss Katie Balovich was given a merry surprise party last night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Balovich on Lake avenue, and the surprise was a complete one. Those present played games, enjoyed music and had refreshments, all having a good time in general. Those present were: Misses Loretta Prindeville, Annette Balovich, Ellen Balovich, Lizzie Uren, Louise Nirich, K. A. Balovich, A. Kisich, Mr. Gluhan, Mrs. Gluhan, M. Nirich, John Kelly [Kiely] and Mrs. John Balovich."

EP; 2 Apr 1912; item: "O. D. Stoesser, C. G. Redman and Mateo Lettunich are in San Francisco today representing the Apple Annual at the Congress of Festivals."

EP; 2 Apr 1912; item: "FINED TEN DOLLARS. One Mike Matulich tried to emulate a white hope yesterday afternoon and his pugilistic proclivities cost him the sum of \$10 when Judge Hawkins took him in hand. Matulich and one Jake Gradinscak had been having tiffs on the street every time they met until yesterday Matulich took a swipe at Gradinscak's face. Matulich was arrested and fined \$10 after he had plead guilty."

Paj; 4 Apr 1912; item: "Caroline M. Cowles to Frank Saveria—Lot on northerly side of Sixth street, Watsonville, \$10."

Paj; 4 Apr 1912; item: "The California Restaurant is going to provide a new feature...in the way of a...Peerless auto-piano, a three instrument affair...[It] will be installed in the hallway leading to the boxes and will be played while the diners are eating. Messrs. Hrepich & Wells believe in the best for their patrons and the new feature will be greatly appreciated. The instruments to be heard on the piano are the mandolin, guitar and horns..."

EP; 5 Apr 1912; article: "**A New Addition to the Town to Be Put on the Market.** The Farm & Forest Realty Co. again report the sale of the Waters' tract to L. P. Cikuth.

They sold it last fall to Mr. R. W. Eaton and have now sold it again at a substantial advance. This splendid property is situated partly inside the city limits, having a frontage on East Lake avenue, Madison street, and Fifth street and Callahan street run up to the property.

"We are informed that the Farm & Forest Realty company have secured the exclusive agency for selling a portion of this property in lots and propose to make it one of the finest residential districts in the city. Callahan street or Palm ave., as it is now called, is considered one of the most fashionable streets in Watsonville and the home of Mayor James A. Hall, Prof. T. S. MacQuiddy, W. H. White, F. W. Biebrach, Elliott Steinhauser, Hammond Weeks, Henry Crowley and others are in the block adjoining the Waters' tract.

"We understand that it will be subdivided immediately and anyone desiring choice locations in this subdivision can make reservations now, and as this property will be in much demand and as only a limited number of lots will be put on the market, it will doubtless be sold in a very short time. All deeds to the lots will have building restrictions, providing that no packing houses or driers can be erected on the lots and there will be a minimum limit to the cost of the residences. This will insure it being one of the best residential districts in Watsonville.

"Mr. Cikuth is to be commended for his business acumen and foresight in picking up one of the best pieces of property in the Pajaro Valley. The Farm & Forest Realty Company have shown this property to some of the foremost fruit growers of the northwest and they have pronounced it the best buy in the Pajaro Valley. The following letter from one of the prominent Oregon apple growers is an evidence of the value of this property.

"Farm & Forest Realty Co., Watsonville, Cal.: Gentlemen—I wish to thank you for the courteous treatment received from you while in Watsonville, and especially for the sight-seeing trip you gave us when you took us up to and through the Corralitos valley. We arrived home safely and found very favorable weather for pruning in our orchards.

"In all my trip south the past winter the thing that appealed to me the strongest as an investment lies in Watsonville. I refer to the 27 acres for \$35,000, and it almost breaks my heart that I haven't the ready cash to land it. If you ever come to my country, don't forget to call on me. L. E. CLARK."

EP; 5 Apr 1912; article: "ANOTHER TRACT BOUGHT. Mr. M. Grizich informed us this afternoon that he has bought 13½ acres of the R. W. Eaton engineering department of the University [*sic*]."

EP; 6 Apr 1912; ALL.: N. Churich. Foreign: Johan Butrica, Mume Gospodnitic [Gospodnetich], Mich Kukuijica [Kukuljica/Kukuliza].

EP; 6 Apr 1912; item: "Robert W. Eaton et ux to Luke P. Cikuth—Lot on northeastern side of East Lake avenue, Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 6 Apr 1912; item: "Arthur Arlett et al to M. Grizich—13.50 acres Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro, \$10."

EP; 6 Apr 1912; born: "San Francisco, April 5, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. John N. Alaga, a son." [*Nicholas; +1992*]

EP; 9 Apr 1912; article: "The case of Antone Beckich [Bekich] vs. A. Mioceovich, a civil action for the recovery of \$16.50 for alleged labor and services rendered defendant by plaintiff, is on before Judge Hawkins in the justice court this afternoon. Attorney E. J. Kelly appears for the plaintiff while attorney George W. Smith represents the defendant."

EP; 9 Apr 1912; article: "The members of the Slavonian Ladies' S.S.I. Aid Society met in regular meeting last Sunday afternoon in the I.O.O.F. hall and a good time was enjoyed. Five new members were initiated and a social good time had. A general invitation social will be held in the near future by the society."

EP; 10 Apr 1912; article: "REAL ESTATE SALE. Oscar W. Hunsucker has sold 41 acres on the Larkin Valley road to W. T. Denison, of Arroyo Grande. The Cunningham place owned by Mrs. Clara L. West has been sold to S. P. Fisher, of this valley. Both sales were negotiated by the Farm and Forest Realty Co. Including the recent sale of the Waters' tract to L. P. Cikuth, all three deals are resales of property by the company at substantial advances over the prices obtained last year."

EP; 10 Apr 1912; item: "As an illustration of how land values are advancing in this section we are informed that yesterday a Hood River orchardist offered L. P. Cikuth of this city as high as \$1800 per acre for 15 acres of the Waters tract, for which Cikuth paid \$1250 per acre a few days ago. First Mr. Cikuth was offered \$1500 per acre and he refused this offer. Then he was asked to place a price on his land, which he refused to do. Finally he was asked if you would accept \$1800 per acre and this was also turned down. Cikuth has a valuable piece of property in the Waters tract and when he refuses an increase of \$550 per acre for 15 acres it shows that he realizes what a good buy he made."

EB; 11 Apr 1912; article: "POSTERS SELECTED FOR APPLE ANNUAL. The Olsen Lithograph Company was last night awarded the contract by the Apple Annual directors for lithographing 10,000 official Apple Annual posters according to the new designs submitted by that concern some time ago. The price of the Olsen Company was \$700 as against the price of \$750 made by the

Schmidt people. Messrs. Olson and Schmidt were both here last night to explain their poster drawings and a vote showed that the directors favored the Olsen Company's sketch. The new poster is a beautiful affair and much more elaborate than the poster used by the Apple Annual in the two years past. It is in several colors, blue, green, red and yellow predominating. It shows a girl standing on a hilltop under an apple tree, one arm supporting a basket of apples and the other arm stretched over the valley beneath, which is drawn from a photograph of the Pajaro Valley near the hills. The sketch of the girl is a sketch of Miss Anna Farlin, assistant secretary of the Apple Annual, and is almost true to life."

Paj; 11 Apr 1912; obit: "At Blackburn Gulch, April 8, 1912, Catherine, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marto Krilanovich, aged 28 days."

Paj; 11 Apr 1912; obit: "Peter Zutac, a resident of this city for the past 15 years, passed away...at the Watsonville hospital following a 4-days' illness from pneumonia. He was a native of Austria and was aged 42 years. He came here about 15 years ago and engaged in the fruit business and since his arrival here had been employed by many of the local packing houses in a responsible capacity. He leaves no known relatives. He was a member of the Sokol Croatian society...and will be buried...under the auspices of that organization...with interment in the Catholic cemetery."

Paj; 11 Apr 1912; obit: "Watsonville, April 8, 1912, Peter Zutac, a native of Austria, aged 42 years."

EP; 11 Apr 1912; item: "The California Restaurant makes a specialty of fine French dinners, daily. Have you tried one yet? Always on hand fresh oysters, shellfish, crab, and other seasonable delicacies. See ad."

EP; 11 Apr 1912; disp ad:

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT
offers
French Dinners Daily.
Fresh Oysters and Shell Fish,
Crab, Soups and Dessert WITH 25c MEAL.

EP; 12 Apr 1912; item: "Estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Assignment of interest, Luke G. Sresovich to Daniel Suter."

EP; 13 Apr 1912; ALL: Paule Vidacich. Foreign: Frank JakoCevic.

Paj; 18 Apr 1912; item: "Milanovich & Pista have added 200 apple trees to their previous plantings of 1700 cot and cherry trees this season on the old Cornett place. They have also completed straightening the creek chan-

nel through their place, removed the willow stumps and added between 10 and 15 acres to their tillable area."

Paj; 18 Apr 1912; item: "Agreement for sale of apples—G. A. Morehead with Kosmos Gospodnetich: 40 acre orchard in Pajaro township."

Paj; 18 Apr 1912; born: "In Watsonville, April 16, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Pekoch, a son." [*Antone; +1 mo. later*]

EP; 19 Apr 1912; item: "Steve Marinovich vs. E. H. Barber at al.—Notice of entry of judgment."

EP; 19 Apr 1912; article: "DISASTROUS BLAZE NARROWLY AVERTED. A blaze averted in the nick of time, which if allowed to burn a short time longer would doubtless have destroyed the City Drug Store, the Miller & Leddy saloon, the Pajaronian office and many other buildings in that part of the city, was discovered early yesterday morning in the rear of the City Drug store in the room adjoining the laboratory of that establishment by John Bonich, the janitor for Miller & Leddy, who called Officer John P. Zimmer to the scene immediately..."

EP; 20 Apr 1912; item: "FRUIT CASE ON. Judge A. B. Hawkins is today hearing evidence in the civil action of John Bosia vs. Frank Radovan...This is an action to recover the sum of \$299 alleged to be due on a fruit contract. Attorneys Geo. W. Smith and T. J. Gaffey appear for Bosia while the defendant is represented by attorney J. E. Gardner."

EP; 20 Apr 1912; item: "Nick Lamat has bought the interest of Ben Ceschi in the saloon business of Ceschi & Petronovich [Petrinovich], at 265 Main street, in this city, (known as Joe's saloon) and will hereafter conduct the same in conjunction with Mr. Petronovich. Nick invites all his friends and former patrons of the place to give him a call."

EP; 22 Apr 1912; item: "MISSION FOR AUSTRIANS. A mission for the Austrian members of St. Patrick's parish will commence at the church this evening. It will be conducted by an Austrian priest sent from Los Angeles."

EP; 22 Apr 1912; item: "APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENSHIP. George Barticevich of Santa Cruz has made application for admission to citizenship. He is a native of Austria. His witnesses are James H. Gilleran, George Carstulovich, J. J. Roney and George Dabelich. Frank Jelich, a native of Austria also applies for citizenship. His witnesses are George C. Staffler and Louis H. Wessendorf..."

EP; 22 Apr 1912; article: "The members of the S.S.I. Society met yesterday afternoon in the I.O.O.F. hall and

besides enjoying a general social time and refreshments the following program was rendered in first class action: Piano and violin duet, Lena and John Strazicich; vocal solo, Katherine Strazicich; piano duet, Lena Strazicich and Katherine Balovich; vocal solo, Ellen Balovich.”

EP; 22 Apr 1912; born: “Watsonville, April 19, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Meljan, a daughter.” [*Slav?*]

EP; 22 Apr 1912; notice: “**Notice to the Public.** Having sold my interest in ‘Joe’s’ saloon to Nick Lamat, who will conduct it hereafter in conjunction with my former partner, Mr. Petrinovich, under the firm name Petrinovich & Lamat, I take this method of returning my grateful thanks to all my patrons and bespeak their continued patronage for the new firm who will conduct the business on the same high plane always maintained by myself and partner in the past. My reason for selling out is that my farm and family demanded more of my personal attention. BEN CESCHI.”

EP; 23 Apr 1912; notice: “Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing by and between the undersigned under the firm name and style of Ceschi & Petrinovich has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All obligations due from the firm will be paid by A. Patrino- vich and Nick Lamat, and all moneys due the firm are payable to them.

“Dated April 22, 1912. BEN CESCHI and ANTON PATRINOVICH.”

EP; 24 Apr 1912; item: “V. V. Fabus to Prospero Gelsich—Four lots in Happyland.”

Paj; 25 Apr 1912; item: “Estate of Martin Colendich, deceased—Annie Colendich appointed administratrix with bond fixed at \$4800.”

Paj; 25 Apr 1912; item: “Luke Scurich, a Watsonville apple packer, has commenced suit in the superior court at Salinas against the Sing Wo Evaporating company to recover 6249 apple boxes, or their equivalent in value, \$625.90, together with \$200 damages. George W. Smith of Watsonville is Scurich’s attorney.—Salinas Index.”

EP; 25 Apr 1912; article: “**SCENES IN DALMACIA, AUSTRIA, TO-NIGHT.** A picture of great interest to the Slavonians of this valley will be shown this evening and for the next two nights at the Opera House, consisting of scenes in the Dalmatian mountains and showing views of the towns of Klini, Sobenico, and the grand waterfalls of Kreka. It is one of the finest scenic pictures ever shown in this city.”

Paj; 25 Apr 1912; item: “Kate Strazicich, Ane Copriviza [Copriviza], Lukricka Simunovich and Katica Hrepich

vs. Luke Scurich, Mary Scurich and Kate Stolich—Com- plaint in suit to recover personal property and for the sum of \$365.30, the value in case delivery can not be made, together with \$150 damages and costs.”

Paj; 25 Apr 1912; item: “Estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Order authorizing expenditure of funds of estate for monument.”

EP; 26 Apr 1912; born: “In Watsonville, April 26, 1912, to the wife of J. N. Moncovich, a daughter.” [*May Evaline; +1919*]



Fig. 4-19.
May Evaline Moncovich.

EP; 26 Apr 1912; notice: “**Servian-Croatians, Attention!** There will be a mass meeting, Sunday evening, April 28th at 7:15, at Rappe’s hall, to protest against the recent actions of the Austrian-Hungarian congress. All Ser- vians, Croatians and other Slavonians respectfully invit- ed to attend. THE COMMITTEE.”

EP; 29 Apr 1912; ALL: S. Kalac. Foreign: N. Segeden.

EP; 30 Apr 1912; honor roll: High 8th grade: Ellen Balovich; High 6th grade: John Strazicich; High 6th grade: Lena Strazicich; High 5th grade: Helen Strazicich; Low 5th grade: Steven Marinovich, Tony Arbulich; High 4th grade: Nicholas Lutich; Low 4th grade: Nick Dujmovich, Charlie Sambrailo; High 3rd grade: Anna Knego, Katie Strazicich, Katie Lutich; High 3rd grade: Emma Grizich; Low 3rd grade: Katie Arbanas, Matthew Derganc; High 2nd grade: Tony Dubreta; Low 2nd grade: John Kulish.

Paj; 2 May 1912; item: “Milanovich & Pista, the local packers...received from the Secretary of the Watsonville Apple Annual, a gold medal and blue ribbon as tokens that the first prize had been awarded to them for the best exhibit of 50 boxes of Newtown Pippins at the 1911 Annual. The award is quite an honor, as the competition was very strong on Pippins at the last Annual, and the winners of the trophy certainly earned it in every sense of the word.—Hollister Free Lance.”

EP; 2 May 1912; article: “**Twenty Interesting Contests Held in Beach Park Yesterday With Big Crowd Pres- ent.**...The results of the various contests were as follows:

“...50-yard race for girls, free for all—First, \$3 mer- chandise order from the Misses DuCommen...First, Flor- ence Zar...

“100-yard race for girls, free for all—...Second, \$3 parasol from Chas. Ford Co....second, Florence Zar...

“Potato race for boys under 18 years—First, \$2.50 meal ticket from Watsonville Coffee Club...First, John Vukich...”

“Three-legged race for boy and girl—First (girl), shoes from D. Alexander & Sons, (boy) shoes from Varnell Shoe Co. First, Clarence Arro and Florence Zar...”

“Children’s pie-eating contest, 6 to 12 years—First, 1915 watch fob from G. E. DuCommen...First, Lawrence Vukich...”

Paj; 2 May 1912; item: “Antone Balich and B. Pista have given the fire department each \$25 for saving their property on West Lake avenue from the fire that recently destroyed the Voidicich [Voivodich] packing house there. The firemen are grateful and full of thanks for the kind gifts.”

EP; 3 May 1912; item: “John Achimovich vs. Coast Counties Light & Power Co., et al—It is stipulated that defendants may have to and including May 15th within which to file their bill of exceptions upon motion for a new trial.”

EP; 4 May 1912; obit: “Mrs. J. Balovich has just received the sad news of the death on March 13th, 1912, of her mother, Mrs. Eleanor Kiely, at Flemington, Melbourne, Australia. Deceased leaves a husband and eight children to mourn her loss.”

EP; 4 May 1912; ALL: P. G. Banich.

EP; 8 May 1912; item: “Kate Strazicich vs. Luke Scurich et als—Affidavits for taking of depositions; demurrer to complaint.”

EP; 8 May 1912; item: “Miss Mamie Smith leaves tonight for a week’s visit to San Luis Obispo.”

EP; 8 May 1912; item: “Nicholas Lettunich returned last night from a trip to San Francisco.”

Paj; 9 May 1912; item: “Watsonville Realty Co. to Nick Sresovich—Lot in Watsonville Heights, subd. 2, \$10.”

Paj; 9 May 1912; article: “A \$10,000 WINNING BY NICK LETTUNICH...N. V. Lettunich stepped into a cigar store on Drum street in San Francisco to buy a cigar, and after making his purchase was importuned by the cigar man who sold lottery tickets, to buy a ticket. The dealer had 3 tickets left, one a whole ticket, \$2.00; the other two 25-cent tickets. Acting on an impulse, ‘Nick’ bought all three tickets, and got the surprise of his life a couple of days later, when, on looking over the list in one of the daily papers, he discovered that the \$2.00 whole ticket had drawn the capital prize of \$10,000. He presented the ticket forthwith at the lottery headquarters,

and got a check for the amount.

“Nick’s many friends in this section will be rejoiced to hear of his good fortune. It is so seldom that anyone draws more than a dollar or so out of these swindling lottery concerns, that it is evident that the parties manipulating the drawing slipped a cog somewhere.”

Paj; 9 May 1912; obit: “At Flemington, Australia, March 13, 1912, Mrs. Eleanor Kiely (mother of Mrs. J. Balovich, of Watsonville), aged 63 years.”

EP; 11 May 1912; article: “NEW UNION FORMED. Business agent, J. Tondorf of the Santa Cruz Building Trades Council, organized a cement workers’ union with 27 charter members at Freiermuth hall last Thursday evening. Frank [Mike] Nirich is president, and T. Loughman is secretary. The national officers of the American Brotherhood of Cement Workers, will issue a charter to this new union in a few days, when the balance of officers will be elected and installed.

“With a carpenters’ union of almost 100 members and the painters union of 30 members, Watsonville will soon be the banner union town of this section.”

EP; 11 May 1912; item: “John Achimovich vs. Coast Counties Light & Power Co.—Notice of appeal to the supreme court from judgment.”

EP; 11 May 1912; item: “Kate Strazicich vs. Luke Scurich et als—Demurrer overruled and 10 days granted to answer.”

EP; 14 May 1912; board of supervisors, payments: “...Indigent Sick: Central Grocery Co., mdse, \$8...Pajaro Road: Novcich, Jack, mdse, \$12.50.”

EP; 16 May 1912; disp. ad:

TRY OUR SPECIAL

French Dinner

\$1.00

SERVED DAILY

Best 25c Meal in Town.

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT

OPPOSITE POSTOFFICE.

EP; 16 May 1912; article: “The following officers of the Cement Workers’ Union No. 185, was installed...at Freiermuth’s hall by Business Agent J. Tondorf of the Santa Cruz county building and trades council: President, Mike Nirich...marshal, Chris Miacevich [prob. Mracevich]; sergeant-at-arms, P. Capitanich...”

“The union starts off with 52 members and promises to become one of the largest unions in the county and will control all cement and concrete work in connection with union jobs.”

EP; 16 May 1912; item: "Have you tried one of those special French dinners at the California Restaurant? They are served daily and are fast finding favor with all epicures. The California also serves the best 25c dinner in town."

EP; 17 May 1912; item: "**First Social Dance.** The first social dance will be given by the Croato-Servian Club at Rappe's hall Saturday evening, May 18. Admission: Gents \$.50, ladies free. Music by Croato-Servian Tam-burle. Everybody invited. Good time is guaranteed."

EP; 17 May 1912; item: "Mrs. Antone Miosevich, who resides on Bridge street, was...taken to the State insane asylum at Stockton by Constable Sandberg and a matron from the asylum. A few nights ago Mrs. Miosevich, who had been released from the asylum several months ago and thought cured, became violent again and ran down the streets in the eastern portion of the city in a frenzied state of mind. An attempt was made to quiet her but she became rapidly worse and this morning was taken back to the asylum."

EP; 18 May 1912; article: "**MISS STRAZICICH SURPRISED.** A number of the friends of Miss Lena Strazicich last night tendered her a complete surprise at her home on Maple avenue...Those present were Delos Rider, Grace Cochrane, Marguerite Bettencourt, Erma Christensen, Ruth Mann, Ruth Heron, Florence Smith, Agnes Waite, Kathryn Riordan, Helen Strazicich, Katie and Lena Strazicich, Mrs. George Covell, John Strazicich, Mrs. Strazicich and Mrs. Hudson."

EP; 19 May 1912; item: "Paul DeLoss, Julius Hippel and Geo. W. Smith motored to San Francisco today. William Rauneggar is in the party."

EP; 20 May 1912; article: "Miss Marie Burin of San Francisco, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Alaga, was entertained Saturday afternoon by Mrs. C. E. Key at her apartments in the Lettunich block. Progressive whist was indulged in, after which the guests were seated around a large prettily decorated table, for refreshments. The prizewinners were Mrs. Ed. Fritz and Mrs. Joe Aston while the consolation prize, went to Miss Vesta Delholm."

"Those present were Miss Marie Burin, Miss Louise Tuttle, Miss Belle Radcliffe, Miss Vesta Delholm, Mrs. John Alaga, Mrs. E. B. Lettunich, Miss Margaret Aston, Mrs. M. Parks, Mrs. Joe Aston, Mrs. Ed. Fritz and Mrs. A. Wiley."

EP; 21 May 1912; item: "John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et al.—Admission of service of proposed bill of exceptions on motion for a new trial."

Paj; 23 May 1912; born: "Watsonville, May 21, 1912 to

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alaga, a son." [Nicholas; +1996]



Fig. 4-20. Nicholas Alaga.

EP; 24 May 1912; item: "Miss Mamie Smith has returned from a visit to San Luis Obispo."

EP; 24 May 1912; item: "M. N. Lettunich is here from San Francisco on a business trip."

EP; 25 May 1912; ALL: Radovan B. Cherovich, Luko Ivanovic, Mike Perovich, Cetko Vucapovich. Foreign: S. F. Belarin, Andro Bete, Niko Borina, Ivan Sekle, P. B. Zivanovich.

EP; 25 May 1912; article: "**CROATIAN TROUBLES BOTHERING AUSTRIA.** The suspension of the constitution in Croatia and the rigorous repressive measures inaugurated there by the Austrian government, has had the usual contrary effect of adding to the unrest, agitation and discontent of the Croatians, instead of whipping them into a more obedient frame of mind. The Croatians insist that they were strictly within their personal constitutional rights in giving vent to their dissatisfaction with the Imperial government out of which grew the action which resulted in the suspension of the constitution and inaugurating a military regime. The restlessness in Croatia threatens to spread to other parts of the empire which may but intensify the already precarious situation that confronts the so-called 'dual monarchy' of Austria-Hungary."

"Emperor Franz Joseph is having a difficult time in his old days maintaining his imperial authority among the 26 nationalities that make up the 'dual monarchy.' Even his alleged threat to abdicate has failed to placate Hungary. Three minister-presidents have so far failed to bring about a settlement of the difficulties between the two countries. The principal bone of contention is the insistence of Hungary that in order to call out the Hungarian reserve, which in a measure corresponds to the American National Guard, the emperor of Austria who also is king of Hungary, must have the consent of the Hungarian parliament. Emperor Franz Joseph declares that would be taking him from one of his royal prerogatives as king and insists upon his right to call out the reserve regardless of the wishes of the representatives of the Hungarian people."

"Aside from the fact that the emperor of Austria is king of Hungary, that the two countries have a common minister of war and that Austria represents Hungary in all foreign affairs, Hungary has its own district government, cabinet and parliament. The minister-president,

appointed by the emperor of Austria, is the link between the Hungarian and Austrian governments.

“With a sharp increase in the army and navy of Germany, it has been intimated to Austria, that as a member of the Triple Alliance, it ought to follow suit and strengthen its military forces. This has been another question over which Austria and Hungary have been unable to come to an agreement.

“The newly appointed Hungarian minister-president, von Lukacs, has rebuilt the Hungarian cabinet and has made some progress in smoothing out the differences between the governments in Budapest and Vienna. The Kossuth Party or, as they are fond of being called the ‘Kossuth Patriots,’ have dreams of Hungary again becoming a kingdom quite independent of Austria. The Vienna press, on the other hand, point out that the moment Hungary separates from Austria, it becomes nothing but a ‘semi-independent Balkan State.’”

EP; 29 May 1912; honor roll: Low 2nd: John Kulish; Low 3rd: Peter Battinich, Tony Boscovich, Nick Castropelli, Katie Arbanas; High 3rd: Emma Grizich, Katie Strazicich, Mark Rilovich; Low 4th: Nick Dujmovich, Mike Glage, George Glage, Charley Sambrailo; High 4th: Nickolas Lutich; Low 5th: Tony Arbulich; Low 6th: Lena Strazicich; High 6th: John Strazicich; High 7th: Lewis Lettunich.

Paj; 30 May 1912; item: “The ‘Forster Outlaws,’ one of the fastest junior baseball teams here, are all decked out in their new suits...and the boys challenge any baseball team in the county or in this part of the State that is composed of boys under the age of 16 years. One week from Sunday they will christen their new suits with a game against the Spreckles Midgets. The team is lined up as follows: ...third base, Lewis Lettunich...”

EP; 3 Jun 1912; article: “DIED OF THIRST. P. Jurkovich of the San Juan Rd., is lamenting the loss of a fine horse which died of thirst last Friday on a certain pasturage over at Aromas. He states he had two horses on pasturage over there and found one of the animals standing up dead in a ditch, the other horse was also in a bad condition, but he managed to get him home. Mr. Jurkovich maintains the horses got no water and were not attended to in that respect.”

EP; 3 Jun 1912; item: “Mrs. Mary Nelin [Urlin] is here from New York on a two-months’ visit to her sister, Mrs. Geo. Strazicich.”

EP; 4 Jun 1912; article: “The board of supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting at the courthouse...”

“The application of Chris Kaehler for a permit for a liquor license at Hotel Ben Lomond was denied as was also the application of Nick Sresovich for a permit for a liquor license at Watsonville Heights...”

EP; 4 Jun 1912; item: “Kate Strazicich et al vs. Luke Scurich et als— Answer to complaint.”

EP; 4 Jun 1912; item: “Nicholas V. Lettunich is in Los Angeles on a business trip.”

EP; 4 Jun 1912; item: “Mr. Martin Jacksick [Jaksich] left yesterday for Tonopah, Nev., on business.”

EP; 4 Jun 1912; item: “Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich are at the Gilroy Hot Springs on a vacation.”

EP; 6 Jun 1912; notice: “NOTICE OF CO-PARTNERSHIP. Watsonville, Cal., June 6, 1912. To All Whom It May Concern: We, Stephen Strazicich and John P. Zar, whose respective places of residence is Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, California, have this day formed a partnership under the firm name and style of ‘Strazicich and Zar’; and that the principal place of business of said co-partnership is situated in the said City of Watsonville.

“In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto subscribed our names this 6th day of June, 1912.

“STEPHEN STRAZICICH, JOHN P. ZAR.”

Paj; 6 Jun 1912; item: “Stephen Scurich and R. H. Pearson, the two local capitalists...had a lively time at the corner of East Third and Lincoln streets today and the affair is not ended yet. Mr. Scurich claims that Mr. Pearson called him vile and insulting names and then drew a revolver on him. The warrant for the arrest of Mr. Pearson is expected to be filed tomorrow in the justice court.”

EP; 7 Jun 1912; article: “As will be seen, by reference to the notice in another column, Stephen Strazicich and John P. Zar have formed a co-partnership under the firm name and style of ‘Strazicich & Zar,’ and propose to engage in business in this city. Both parties are too well known as honorable, reliable, man to need any introduction. Both have been in business, in this city, for years, and they have the best wishes of the community in their new venture.”

EP; 8 Jun 1912; article: “The local horse racing season will open tomorrow afternoon...at the Beach road race track of the Watsonville Driving Club...”

“The events arranged are: ...Third event—half mile, best out of five—J. Cruz’s Lily C., James Redman’s Daisy, Paul Alaga’s Little Pete.”

EP; 8 Jun 1912; ALL: V. G. Borkovich. Foreign: Gems Gospodnetic, Gorge Pekoch, Martin Yoxovich.

EP; 8 Jun 1912; article: “Three more nurses were graduated today at the Watsonville Hospital, the Misses Inez Watters, Cymbaline Gardner and Mamie Smith. They received their pins and diplomas today from the hospital

and hereafter will do general nursing in this city.

“Miss Edna Ross graduated two weeks ago. Hereafter the Watsonville Hospital will not be conducted as a training school for nurses but will be a hospital with graduate nurses only in its employ, who will be brought here from San Francisco. Miss Bessie Silliman will conduct the hospital in her usual capable manner and the institution will be kept up to its usual high standard of efficiency.”

EP; 11 Jun 1912; item: “Stephen Scurich et ux to Louisa J. Kleian—Lot on south side of Grant street, Watsonville; also right of way.”

EP; 12 Jun 1912; article: “**Aldermen...Refuse Application for Spur Track from Fourth Street to Slough.** By a vote of 5 to 3 on two motions...the members of the board of aldermen knocked the Walker street franchise to smithereens despite all the eloquence and pressure that was brought to bear by the standing of the petitioners in the community, by the oratory of Attorney George P. Burke for the petitioners and despite the assertion of the morning Register several months ago that the aldermen decided to push through the franchise for the industry spur on Upper Walker. It was a hot fight while it lasted... and there is no doubt but what it left bitterness rankling in some hearts.

“The Walker street matter was first opened by Alderman Kane, who reported from the ordinance committee that it had received the suggested ordinance submitted by Attorney R. H. Hudson for the petitioners and could not recommend any action thereon. Then came a petition from the residents of the San Andreas district and others in the western section of the valley protesting against the franchise and asking that it not be granted. This petition brought out the facts that Walker street was the main route of travel for the farmers and other residents of that section and that the railroad on Walker street would be an injury and detriment to their traffic on that street. The ordinance was then read by the city clerk in its entirety and without any debate or argument that matter was brought to a vote of the board. Horgan moved that the ordinance pass its first reading and Freiermuth seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor of the ordinance and for the track on Walker street were Freiermuth, Horgan and Palmtag. Those voting against it were Callaghan, Kane, King, Osborn and Uren.

“Alderman Kane then moved that Geo. Novacovich be granted a permit to build a spur track on Walker street to his property on that street. Horgan arose to debate this motion and declared that it would be a waste of time to pass that motion as it would do the petitioners no good. He said it would give the petitioners no understanding as to how long the track would be allowed on the street and he would not vote for the motion. Then Attorney George P. Burke, attorney for the petitioners, arose to make the speech of the evening. Burke said he was not speaking as

an individual and not as an attorney and he made a lengthy impassioned speech that fairly bristled with fiery eloquence. He said he was astonished that the ordinance had not passed and had received the consideration that it had. He declared that there was no reason why the application should not be granted and there was no justification for the action of the board. He called attention to the fact that the only petition read against the franchise was signed by a number of farmers, who were non-residents of the city and who paid no taxes into the city treasury. He said that the men presenting the application for the track needed the spur track. He declared that the board had not treated the petitioners fairly by laying the matter on the table and voting it down without advancing a reason why such action was taken. He said the petitioners deserved to know at least why the application had not been granted.

“Attorney Burke then entered into an extended eulogy of the Austrian race here in this city. He brought out the fact that without the assistance of the Slavonians here there would be no occasion for the spur nor would there be any occasion for the packing houses here. He said the Slavonians were today paying taxes that entitled them to some consideration and more respect than had been showed them. He remarked that the Southern Pacific was not before the board now and that when the other franchise on Lower Walker was before the board Attorney Gardner, who now represented the Hihn-Hammond company and other opponents of the franchise, was advancing the same arguments for the tracks that he (Burke) was now bringing out. Mr. Burke wanted to know where this city would be without the apple industry and where would the apple industry be were it not for the Slavonians. Burke called attention to the fact that Walker street is the center today of the apple industry. Yet the board in the estimation of Mr. Burke had thrown down these people without giving one reason for so doing. He demanded a public announcement of the reasons why the petitioners had been refused the application.

“Attorney Gardner arose to correct Mr. Burke by saying that he had always opposed the applications for tracks on the Walker street. He called the attention of Mr. Burke to the fact that he had represented the Hihn-Hammond company on both occasions and had always bitterly fought the franchise applications. Mr. Burke acknowledged the slip of the tongue.

“Alderman Callaghan said that he did not want any man in this city to misunderstand him. He had no intention of discriminating between races and all were good citizens in his estimation whether Slavonians or anything else. But he was on the same side, he said, now that he had been on the lower Walker street matter. He was against giving away franchises for nothing when the city could receive a sum of money for the same and he called attention to the fact that the city could have received at least \$50,000 for that grant. He favored relief on upper

Walker street for the packers but did not favor a 50-year franchise. He also stated that he was in favor of an industrial spur on Walker street provided it was under city supervision and city control for no longer term than 20 years.

“Attorney E. J. Kelly, representing the petitioners of the San Andreas district, said that there were two objections to the spur track on Walker street. There was danger to the teams from locomotives and cars and also the tracks made hard hauling for the wagons passing over them.

“Attorney Burke spoke again and said that there would be no harm if the tracks only went to Ford street. Attorney Kelly called attention to the fact that there would be danger as the depot was the objective point. He said that while he had high regard for the Slavonians yet they were entitled to no more consideration than the farmers. He stated that if anyone was to receive consideration the farmers should have it as they were the ones back of the community and they contributed as much if not more than anyone else.

“Attorney Burke answered this argument in another fiery talk and said that the apple industry here was but in its infancy. He said the petitioners would be fools therefore to accept a 20 year franchise.

“Stephen Scurich said he owned property on Sixth and Ford streets and he was in favor of the track on Walker street. He called attention to the fact that Lower Walker street was one of the best streets in the city since the railroad had macadamized it and that Upper Walker street would be the same.

“Alderman King said he did not want the petitioners to understand that he was against the ordinance because some of them were Slavonians for some of these were his best friends. He did not care whether a man was a Slavonian, an Irishman or German but he was against a 50 year franchise and furthermore he did not favor running the spur to the slough. Besides he thought Walker street too narrow for a railroad track.

“Alderman Kane thought the matter could be adjusted and said he was perfectly willing to give the petitioners another hearing. Alderman Horgan then brought the matter to a crisis again by moving for a reconsideration of the former vote. This motion was seconded by Freiermuth.

“Uren said he was not in favor of a 50 year franchise although he favored industry spurs on Walker street and he wanted it understood that he, too, had the highest respect and regard for the Slavonians. Callaghan again argued that he did not favor giving away a franchise that would exclude competing lines over its route. Osborn said that it was not a question of race as insinuated by Attorney Burke. All were American citizens and one race was as good as the other and he was against the ordinance because he did not favor giving any steam railroad the right of way over a city street. He said it was useless to reconsider the matter and he could not be intimidated or encouraged to vote for anything against his conscience.

“Mr. Stephen Scurich said there was no reason why

his race should be classed as Slavonians when all were law abiding citizens, who were trying to do the right thing and who should be punished if they did not.

“Then came the vote on reconsidering the question. The same vote was cast as on the first occasion...Osborn said the board wanted to do the right thing by all the people and he suggested that an informal meeting be held some night soon when all interested parties should be present to informally discuss the matter. It was the sense of the board that such a meeting be held and it was decided that next Friday night would be the meeting night...”

Paj; 13 Jun 1912; item: “Mark N. Cosulich, manager of the Adriatic Publishing Co. of San Francisco, is in town today.”

Paj; 13 Jun 1912; item: “Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich have returned from the Gilroy Hot Springs.”

Paj; 13 Jun 1912; article: “**Capitalists Warring...**R. H. Pearson, the well known local capitalist, was arrested and brought before Judge Hawkins...on three charges that had been preferred against him by Stephen Scurich. One of the charges is that of disturbing the peace of Stephen Scurich, the second is for using abusive and profane language in the presence of Mrs. Scurich and the third charge is that of having a revolver in his possession for the purpose of assault...Pearson was released upon his own recognizance, the date of the preliminary hearing to be fixed later...The cause of the dispute is alleged to be the right of way through an alley which is claimed by both as their own property. It is expected that the case will be bitterly contested on both sides and a merry war is looked for.”

Paj; 13 Jun 1912; item: “Nicholas V. Lettunich has returned from a trip to Los Angeles.”

Paj; 13 Jun 1912; mar. license: “The following licenses were issued by County Clerk Miller on Thursday and Friday: ...Gligo Budalich, aged 27, and Luza Zes [Zec/Zetz], aged 20, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 14 Jun 1912; item: “Estate of Luke G. Sresovich, deceased—Decree of distribution.”

EP; 14 Jun 1912; article: “**AUTO HITS BUGGY AND TWO INJURED.** A man supposed to be Peter J. Kripp of Los Angeles is in the county jail at Salinas and Mrs. John Roncovich [Roncovich] and child of this city are suffering from serious and painful bruises as a result of the collision that occurred late yesterday afternoon on the San Juan road near Brooklyn between an automobile driven by the prisoner and the buggy occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Roncovich and their child and John Mortizia, a cousin of Mr. Mortizia of this city. After the collision, which

almost wrecked the buggy and threw the occupants out in the road, the automobilist speeded his car away, and was arrested last night in San Juan by Constable Zanetta. In default of \$200 cash bail or \$500 bond, which amounts were fixed by Judge Rohrback of Pajaro last night, the automobile driver and a lady friend, who was with him, were both locked up in the county jail at Salinas.

"Mr. and Mrs. Roncovich, their child and Mr. Mortizia were driving into Watsonville on the San Juan road from their ranch when the automobile came up from behind the vehicle and without warning crashed into the rear of the rig. The rear wheels were wrecked and the buggy was overturned, the occupants being thrown heavily into the road. Instead of stopping the automobilist kept on going at even a faster clip and was soon out of sight. The number of his machine, however, was caught as was also a fair description of the two in the car and Constable Cano notified the officers in all directions to watch out for the pair. Later a message was received from San Juan to the effect that they had been arrested there. Undersheriff Davis and Deputy Sheriff Nesbitt took the couple to Salinas and they are in the jail there today with charges of non-assistance to injured persons against them.

"Mrs. Roncovich and her child were seriously and painfully bruised (Mrs. Roncovich severely injured in the head) and the other occupants of the buggy badly shaken up. The automobilists will be brought over for trial in a day or so before Judge Rohrback.

"We learn that after the crash a demand was made upon the autoists to accompany the injured parties back to town and settle the damages. The man was willing to do so, but his female companion urged him to 'beat it' which he proceeded to do."

EP; 15 Jun 1912; article: "INFORMAL SESSION TO DISCUSS SPURS. Nearly twoscore men and women citizens appeared...at the informal session at the city hall to discuss the advisability of constructing a spur track on upper Walker street from Third street to the western city limits or even to Ford street and the session was controlled over 3 to 1 by the opponents of the spur. Alderman P. A. Callaghan called the meeting to order and briefly outlined the object of the session...

"Callaghan called first for those to speak that wanted the spur and after a long wait there was no one in the room that seemed willing to talk. Then Callaghan called for those that were against the spur and after a long wait there was still no argument forthcoming. Seeing that those present were evidently a bit bashful to talk Callaghan took the liberty to ask certain ones present for their views and Luke Scurich was the first one called. Mr. Scurich said the packers were entitled to a spur on Walker street as it would beautify the town to have the packing houses removed from the residence section to Walker street. Speaking for himself he said he would move his packing house onto Walker street if a spur was built as

would all the rest uptown. He called attention to the argument that Walker street is the only street for packing houses as the lower end of the street is already all built up with packing houses and so would the upper end if the spur was put in. He asked for a square deal in the matter.

"Julius Schanbacher said he represented his mother, Mrs. F. Kuchnis, who was one of the largest individual property owners on upper Walker and who favored the spur. He said that the property was worth nothing now as residence property as dryers and packing houses were being built on every side of the residence and the business interests were moving that way. Walker street was the only street for these interests in his estimation and unless the spur was built it would be no more advantageous for packing houses than for residences. He could see no reason why the spur application was not granted.

"Mr. Dickson of the San Andreas said that if the spur was built to the city limits it would be crowding the country people hard.

"Attorney E. J. Kelly made a strong plea for the farmers of the western end of the valley and called attention to three strong arguments against the granting of the spur. One of these was the danger to teams from having railroad trains on the street, another was the difficulty of hauling over tracks and the other was the danger to lives. He called attention to the fact that the government was looking into the availability of establishing a rural free delivery route in the San Andreas section and if a railroad track was constructed on upper Walker it would work against this plan and the chances of securing the rural route would be lessened. Mr. Kelly brought out the fact that the city is dependent for its revenue upon the farmers. The farmers should be shown the greatest consideration for without the farmers the packing houses would not exist...The objective point of the farmers was the depot and with a track on Walker street it would be a constant menace as well as a nuisance to farmers.

"Mr. Lancaster of the San Andreas district said he seriously objected to a railroad on Walker street because of its danger. He had children coming to school here as well as other neighbors of his and they came in town on Walker street on foot or in vehicles. He measured the street yesterday and found that it was but 34 feet wide. As a railroad track would take up at least 10 feet[,] that left but 12 feet on each side for a driveway, which he thought was not enough for safety. If a spur track was built it would necessitate the construction of auxiliary spurs to every packing house on the street and as a result the street would be blocked many times during the day by cars and engines. He finished by saying that if all the aldermen lived in his part of the valley none of them would favor the granting of the franchise.

"Mrs. E. J. Walters addressed the meeting in favor of the spur and said she owned property on Walker street, which she could neither sell or rent. The board had allowed packing houses and dryers to be built on the

street on all sides of her property and she thought the board should now provide some remedy. In speaking of the danger she said that she could get away from the trains and cars as easily as she could from the automobiles that speeded around her corner at Ford and Walker streets.

"Mrs. Fowler also addressed the meeting in favor of the spur and she pooh-poohed the danger argument. She said that the danger involved by having a track on Walker street was no argument against the granting of the franchise as nobody had ever been killed here yet by the trains...

"Mr. Luke Scurich spoke again and said that he would never have been in favor of asking for the spur if he thought there would be any danger but he could see no risk. He said the packers were moving in and out of that section all the day long with four and six horse teams and if there was no danger to them there would not be to anyone else. He declared that all the switching would be done at night anyhow and for only a few months of the year. He said the packers could not have everything all their own way all the time and neither could the farmers and he thought the two could get together. He felt sure that the tracks would not interfere and besides on lower Walker there were more tracks and nobody had been hurt there yet.

"Mr. Schanbacher said that the street would be better with the track for it would then be macadamized. The street today was very poor and in a bad condition.

"Attorney Kelly, who knows a thing or two about horses, said that there was a lot of difference between the horses that the farmers drove and those used by the packers. He said that many of the farmers broke their own horses and that these young animals could not go along a street with a train. Besides a young horse is hard to get over tracks as anyone knows that has been on a ranch with horses. He then took up the statements of those that had spoken in favor of the spur and ripped them up and down in clear and clean-cut style. He called attention to the fact that all those that had spoken for the franchise had frankly admitted that the construction of the spur would enhance the value of their property...He was of the opinion that the objections to the franchise on lower Walker street were not one half as strong as those advanced against the spur on the upper end and that if the lower end was worth \$50,000 why not the upper end? Besides it was not fair for the rest of the city to pay for the benefit of a few on one part of one street and if the people on the upper Walker wanted the spur they ought to pay all the cost themselves. Attorney Kelly laid down these arguments in convincing style and at times injected fiery eloquence into his remarks that went straight home and to the point...

"The feature of the evening and the closing address of the session was the brilliant argument of Attorney J. E. Gardner against the spur as the legal representative of the

Hihn-Hammond Lumber Company. Mr. Gardner delivered an address that was one of the finest ever heard in the council chambers and it went home with the power of conviction that silenced all those present and made the arguments of those in favor of the spur most woefully weak. He did not indulge in any pyrotechnic eloquence nor did he indulge in any ranting or oratorical flourishes but delivered his address in a calm, deliberate manner that made everybody listen attentively whether they wanted to or not...

"First he attacked the argument that Walker street was the logical street for packing houses and that a spur track was necessary there. He said that there were only 11 packing houses on the upper Walker street from Third to the city limits, which was a distance and length of between 2500 and 3000 feet. Very little fruit is packed by any of these establishments and there is only one large packing house on the street, which is the house of Novacovich & Stolich. The rest are but small concerns. If the city should allow a railroad on upper Walker for the purpose of obliging the few small packers there why not have the city also put spurs on other streets...that had packing houses, which were even larger and of more importance than those on upper Walker. On West Lake avenue there are seven packing houses between Walker and Main streets, two lumber yards and one bottling works, all of which call for the service of a railroad. On Kearney street there are four packing houses, on Fifth there are two, on Sixth there are five and on Ford there are four, making 29 in all off Walker street...

"In answer to the argument that Walker street was the logical street for the packing houses Mr. Gardner said that if such was the case one should expect to see all the packing houses on that street when such is not the case. There are packing houses all over the town on the residence streets. On West Lake avenue alone there are more packing houses on more valuable property than on all of upper Walker. A frontage on a railroad is a natural location for a packing house. Those packers on upper Walker had the opportunity to buy on lower Walker by paying more but they bought cheap sites and erected packing houses and now they ask the city to increase the value of their property for nothing. If there is any discrimination as alleged by the packers...it would be shown by granting the upper Walker street franchise according to Mr. Gardner.

"After Mr. Gardner had concluded there was nothing more to be said. His argument had been so convincing and his address so forcible that none of the spur advocates felt equal to the occasion of responding so there was nothing left to do but for Alderman Callaghan to declare the meeting adjourned."

EP; 17 Jun 1912; promotions: From High 7th to Low 8th; Antonio Scurich; Low 7th to High 7th; Willie Marinovich, Katie Dubreta; High 5th to Low 6th: George Duj-

movich, Tony Grizich; Low 5th to High 5th: Tony Arbulich, John Vrcan, Michel Miscovich, Chris Rilovich; Low 4th to High 3rd: Nick Dujmovich, Mike Glage, George Glage, Charley Sambrailo; High 3rd to Low 4th: Louise Matson; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Tony Boscovich, John Castropelli, Frank Uvodich, Nicholas Miscovich, Joe Rodimer, Larus Matson, Paul Dubretta, Peter Batninch, Louis Arbanas; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Nellie Puhiera; Low 2nd to High 2nd: John Kulish, Stephen Nemanich; High 1st to Low 2nd: Mary Glage, John Batninch, Nicholas Kulich; High 1st to Low 2nd: Mary Castropelli, Nickie Dubretta; Low 1st to High 1st: Nick Radimer [Radimir], Mary Srezovich [Sresovich].

EP; 19 Jun 1912; article: "IMPROVING RESTAURANT. Messrs. Hrepich & Wells of the California Restaurant are improving the appearance of their popular eating place by entirely repainting the place on the interior and by putting in an imitation granite front on the street side. The inside will be painted a light green while the woodwork will be grained. The restaurant will be one of the prettiest places in town when it is completed..."

Paj; 20 Jun 1912; item: "Nicholas M. Lettunich and Nicholas V. Lettunich are at Tassajara Springs for a few days."

Paj; 20 Jun 1912; item: "Mrs. J. Vukich...won her case against the Eilers Music Company when Superior Judge Conley of San Francisco held...that the court had no jurisdiction. The case was the result of a suit brought by the music company for the recovery of money alleged to be due on a piano that had been bought on the installment plan. Attorney George W. Smith...who appeared for Mrs. Vukich maintained that the jurisdiction belonged in Monterey county where the defendant and her property...were located. Judge Conley sustained the argument of Attorney Smith...This is the second time that this case has been dismissed on the same grounds."

Paj; 20 Jun 1912; ALL: Mitchell Buich, M. Buntrich, Mike Cherovich.

EP; 21 Jun 1912; item: "The liquor license of Frank Farlin on Walker street was transferred to Mateo Lettunich."

EP; 21 Jun 1912; married: "At Watsonville, June 19, 1912, by Rev. Fr. Cawley, Gligo Budalich and Luza Zes [Zetz/Zec], both of Watsonville."

EP; 21 Jun 1912; article: "...Otto D. Stoesser, president of the Apple Annual and a special representative and committeeman for the Development Board at San Jose tomorrow, has issued the following announcement to the automobile owners of the valley:

"A very important meeting of the California Development Board will be held in San Jose, ending Saturday,

June 22, with a great automobile parade. Much of the time of this meeting will be given to the consideration of good roads. All automobile owners are earnestly requested to go to San Jose on Saturday morning and be prepared to take part in the great automobile parade at 2 p.m. This is a splendid opportunity to do effective work in behalf of the good road movement, and also to advertise the coming apple show. We want 100 automobiles in the parade. Call at the Commercial League rooms immediately and get pennants for your machine. This is a golden opportunity to do something worth while for Watsonville and the Pajaro valley."

"Among the local people that have announced that they will attend the celebration in San Jose tomorrow are: ...Stephen Scurich, Luke Scurich...Paul Alaga...Mateo Lettunich..."

EP; 22 Jun 1912; article: "The police are looking for seven young men in an automobile, who last night made off with three menu books at the California Restaurant. The last heard of these men they were at Santa Cruz. The menu books cost about \$2 apiece and the owners of the restaurant, Messrs. Hrepich & Wells, would like to apprehend the guilty parties."

EP; 22 Jun 1912; article: "The fixtures in the saloon of Frank Farlin on Walker street were sold yesterday afternoon at constable's sale and were bid in for the sum of \$500 by attorney George Smith, who represented Mateo Lettunich. The liquor license held by Mr. Farlin was transferred last Thursday night by the aldermen to Mr. Lettunich."

EP; 24 Jun 1912; born: "At Watsonville, June 21, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Tomesovich [Tomasevich], a son." [John]

EP; 25 Jun 1912; item: "George Hrepich, of the California Restaurant, leaves this evening for Tassajara Springs, where he will rusticate for two or three weeks."

EP; 26 Jun 1912; item: "Notice of sale—Peter H. Rudebeck to B. Giurich [Gurich]—Personal property."

EP; 26 Jun 1912; article: "HAS SOLD OUT. P. H. Rudebeck has sold his 'Railroad Saloon,' corner of Walker and Third streets to B. Giurich [Gurich], and will take a vacation from business cares. 'Pete' has been in business at the 'old corner' for a long time past, and has not made up his mind yet what he will do in the future."

Paj; 27 Jun 1912; ALL: Tom Nolor [Slav?], Ruby Vegar. Foreign: Nick Borina.

EP; 29 Jun 1912; ALL: J. Butrica, Mathias Kraj [Kralj], Helen Mortizia. Foreign: Antun Bautonic, Louis Brajkovich; K. Segedin.

EP; 29 Jun 1912; article: **“The S.S.I. Denies Statements Published in this Morning’s Register.**

“Ed. Pajaronian:—Under the heading ‘S.S.I. Society case settled out of court’ this morning’s Watsonville Register makes the following misstatement:

“‘Demand was made in February on Mrs. Scurich for certain money, badges, books, etc., by certain members of the Society but as the photograph of the Pope was claimed as the private property of Mrs. Scurich, Mr. Scurich later placed all the disputed property in the hands of Father Judenich and Rev. Father Hassett. The settlement included the return of the disputed photograph to Mrs. Scurich, the petitioners paying the costs of the suit.’

“The real facts are as stated in ‘The Pajaronian’ of last evening. A demand was made by the Society, through its duly elected officers, for the return of the articles in question, and the demand being refused, a law suit became necessary and was instituted in the Superior Court of this County, against several of the former officers and Mr. Luke Scurich, and yesterday the case was settled, the defendants paying all the costs and returning to the Society all the property demanded except a small picture of the Pope which Mrs. Scurich claimed was a present to her individually by Father Cattini.

“Respectfully, KATIE STRAZICICH, President S.S.I. Society. MRS. L. SIMUNOVICH, Secy.”

EP; 29 Jun 1912; item: “Chris Milanovich reports a good crop of cherries on the Cornett orchard in Monterey county. He also reports a lively demand for this fruit for canning.”

EP; 1 Jul 1912; item: “B. Pista left this morning for San Francisco on a business trip.”

EP; 1 Jul 1912; item: “Mrs. Steve Strazicich left yesterday to visit San Francisco and Oakland for a week.”

EP; 1 Jul 1912; item: “Mateo Lettunich and Master Lewis Lettunich left last night for a trip to Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 2 Jul 1912; board of aldermen, payments: “...Supplies: ...Hrepich & Wells \$7.25...”

EP; 2 Jul 1912; item: “Paul Gospodnetich has returned from an extended visit at Los Angeles.”

EP; 3 Jul 1912; item: “Lease—Luke Scurich to John P. Knudsen—Lot on Main St., Watsonville.”

EP; 3 Jul 1912; item: “Estate of Martin Kolendich, deceased—Order of publication of notice to creditors.”

EP; 3 Jul 1912; article: “Paul Cambiano, the popular manager of the Independent Lumber yard here, left at noon today for San Jose where tomorrow morning...he

will marry Miss Dora Slavich of the Garden City. The wedding will take place at the St. Joseph’s cathedral... Only the immediate relatives and the most intimate friends of the contracting parties will be present. After the ceremony the couple will leave for Lake Tahoe for their honeymoon. They will return here in two weeks to reside in the new residence on the Heights that the groom has prepared for his bride.

“The groom-elect is well known here as one of the most successful and rising young business men of the city. He is the manager here of the Independent Lumber Company and is a popular young man in every way. His parents reside in San Jose. He has a host of friends here that will rejoice to hear of his new step in life and all will wish him success and happiness. The bride-elect is the daughter of George Slavich of San Jose and Sutter Creek, a prominent mining man, and she is a social favorite in the Garden City where she has a host of friends.”

EP; 3 Jul 1912; item: “Attorney George W. Smith and Julius Hippell left last night in the latter’s automobile for Fresno on business.”

Paj; 4 Jul 1912; item: “The suit of the S.S.I. Society vs. Luke Scurich, May [Mary] Scurich and Katie Stolich was settled out of court yesterday. The ladies’ society got all they claimed in the first place, namely the bank book and monies and badges belonging to the society. The suit grew out of the refusal of the defendants to turn over to the recently newly elected officers of the society the above goods owing to some technicalities, and a suit was brought to recover them. The society’s claims were recognized and everything was settled satisfactorily, without recourse to a trial which was scheduled to be heard before a jury in the superior court yesterday.”

Paj; 4 Jul 1912; item: “Estate of Martin Kolendich, deceased—Letters of administration issued to Annie Kolendich; bond given for \$5000; order appointing John Collins, Frank Clivey and C. W. Hammer, appraisers.”

EP; 5 Jul 1912; item: “Estate of Martin Kolendich, deceased—Petition for family allowance; inventory and appraisal, \$2691.33.”

EP; 5 Jul 1912; ALL: Tony Elicinovich, Andrijo Trikla [Trklja]. Foreign: Petar Spirto.

EP; 8 Jul 1912; item: “Tony Gidich tanked up a wee too much last night and was jailed by Officer Hays for taking up too much of the street as well as for making a noise that resembled the interior of a boiler factory. He put up six bones to appear before Police Judge Bridgewater this morning but forgot to show up so the mazuma was forfeited.”

EP; 8 Jul 1912; item: "M. N. Lettunich returned last night from San Francisco."

EP; 8 Jul 1912; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Cambiano returned last night from their honeymoon."

EP; 8 Jul 1912; item: "Mrs. Steve Strazicich returned yesterday after visiting San Francisco and Oakland for a week."

EP; 9 Jul 1912; item: "Peter Gospodnetich, who is employed on the C. G. Redman ranch in the Salsipuedes district, paid a fine of \$10 to Judge Hawkins in the justice court yesterday for slapping Jakon Jasic, a boy on the ranch. Jaksic had Gospodnetich arrested yesterday afternoon by Constable Corr and he was hauled into court late yesterday. The charge was that he had slapped the boy with his hand on the breast. He did not deny the charge and paid his ten bones willingly."

EP; 9 Jul 1912; item: "Maggie J. Thompson to B. Pista—Lot in Cassin Park tract, Watsonville."

EP; 10 Jul 1912; article: "The Companions of the Forest had a merry time last night in the Foresters' hall and the principal business of the evening was the installation of the new officers...The new officers were Past Chief Companion, Miss K. A. Balovich...Sub-Chief Companion, Mrs. Bakich...Right Guide, Mrs. Nerich [Nirich]... Inside Guard, Mrs. Strazicich..."

EP; 10 Jul 1912; article: "...[T]he Apple Annual Association...held their first real big meeting of the year..."

"Secretary C. G. Redman was granted a vacation of 20 days and in his absence Manager Perkins and Assistant Secretary Miss Anna Farlin will look after the business affairs of the big show..."

Paj; 11 Jul 1912; item: "Yesterday whilst a party by the name of Gospodnetich, was cleaning a 22-rifle at his residence on Locust street, the gun was accidentally discharged. The bullet went through the wall of the house and struck a 16-year-old girl, (whose name we are unable to get), at the base of the big toe on the left foot, from which it was easily extracted. The youngster was playing on the sidewalk when hit. It was a narrow escape from what might have been a very serious accident."

EP; 11 Jul 1912; item: "M. J. Rohr, P. A. Callaghan, George W. Smith, Garret Baker and Al Turner were the new arrivals today at the Port Watsonville-Calpaco camp. The population at the beach is steadily increasing these days."

Paj; 11 Jul 1912; item: "All the charges against R. H. Pearson brought by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Scurich were

dismissed in the justice court...by Judge Hawkins upon the suggestion of District Attorney...No reason for the dismissals of these cases could be learned but likely the prosecution adjusted the cases out of court."

EP; 13 Jul 1912; article: "Yesterday afternoon Nick Bovich of this city had a narrow escape from serious injury when his motorcycle collided on the Green Valley road with Harry Cornell's automobile but while the motorcycle was badly smashed Bovich saved himself by jumping and was unhurt. Bovich had just purchased the machine a few days ago and was riding out the road at a fair rate of speed. He met the automobile on a turn and seeing that a collision was unavoidable he jumped off his machine while the automobile passed over the motorcycle."

EP; 13 Jul 1912; item: "J. E. Poole, commissioner, to Jasper Simmunovich [Simunovich]—13,504 acres Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro, also right of way, \$6654."

EP; 13 Jul 1912; article: "If the gypsy fortune-tellers, who have been operating here recently had as clear a knowledge of the future as they claim, they would have known that their activities would result in their arrest and banishment from the limits of this city.

"But Dame Fortune is reputed to be blind, and how could her professional interpreters be expected to have good eyesight in the matter of foreseeing coming events.

"Their finish came about this way. Mate Vezerac, whose name suggests the kind of mark fortune tellers are looking for[,] visited last Saturday one of the loudly attired females, who had her stand in the old Star Theater building to have his fortune told. She demanded that he hand over to her all the money he had with him and Vezerac obeyed by handing her over \$50, which he had drawn to send to his wife in Austria.

"The gypsy took the money and placed it in her hair after making some mystic passes and mumbling an incantation asked the man whether he preferred money or health. He chose health and the Gypsy promptly handed him a green powder, which she declared represented health and told him his money had vanished. Her client complained at [the] disappearance of his wealth and the only consolation she gave him was to rub his head in oil and gave him a drink which made his head dizzy.

"Vezerac returned to Davenport with all the health, but none of the money he brought to town and told his troubles to a friend, who advised him to get the help of Andy Balich to recover his coin. Mr. Balich, who speaks the gypsy language came to aid and calling on the woman accompanied by Officer Plum, compelled the fortune-teller to return the man his money.

"Later Commissioner Howe and Chief Jones arrested the entire band of fakers, whose case was disposed of in the police court this morning.

"The woman, Mary Stevenson was placed in jail with

her bail fixed at \$250, but was released Friday evening on the pleadings of Attorney Harry Rhys Davids.

“The woman is the mother of a five-months-old child, and the little thing was hungry for lack of nourishment. It was purely from a humanitarian standpoint that Judge Stanley suspended sentence, and ordered the woman released that the tribe might leave town immediately... — Santa Cruz Surf.”

EP; 13 Jul 1912; item: “George Pulich has returned from an extended trip to San Francisco, Sacramento, Stockton, Los Angeles, San Diego, Arizona, New Mexico, old Mexico and other points. He intends to remain here through the fruit season.”

EP; 13 Jul 1912; class. ad: “WANTED—Apricots for drying purposes. Apply at M. N. Lettunich & Co., office Watsonville, or to the foreman on Del Monte Fruit Farm at Aromas.”

EP; 13 Jul 1912; ALL: Foreign: P. Andriovich.



Fig. 21.
Ad in
Watsonville Register
of 14 July 1912.

WReg; 14 Jul 1912; disp. ad:

Whiskey
Direct from distillery, 100 proof
double stamp whisky at \$4.00
per gallon at
City Grocery Co.

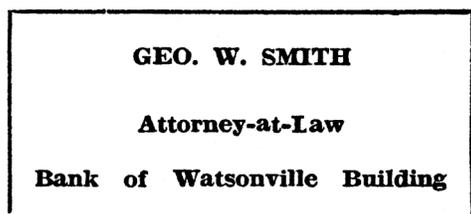


Fig. 4-22. Ad in *Watsonville Register* of 14 July 1912.

WReg; 14 Jul 1912; disp. ad:

ELECTRICAL WIRING
and supplies. Estimates cheerfully given.
STANOVICH
269 Main St. Phone 327 R.

WReg, 14 Jul 1912; class. ad: “JUST WHAT YOU WANT—Apricot land in good section, 6 miles from Watsonville, 1½ miles from Aromas railroad station. All land faces county road. Will sell in 25 acre tracts or more; \$75 and \$100 per acre. M. Cordich, R.F.D. No. 4, or Phone 16 J 11.”

EP; 16 Jul 1912; article: “‘The Apple Show Different’ is the slogan for the 1912 Apple Annual. Last night the directors of the Apple Annual Association met in the auditorium for the first big important meeting of the year and the above slogan was unanimously adopted as the battle cry and the boosting yell of the 1912 exposition...”

“President Stoesser appointed his new 1912 Apple Annual committees...and these are as follows...”

“Finance: ...Luke Scurich [of 7]...”

“Awards: ...Stephen Scurich...E. B. Lettunich, P. Mengol [of 5]...”

“Building: ...L. P. Cikuth [of 7]...”

“Exhibits: ...Luke Scurich...Mateo Lettunich...Frank Radovan [of 13]...”

“Entertainment: ...G. W. Smith [of 7]...”

“...[T]here will be no carload exhibits at the coming show...The carload display was found too expensive and too cumbersome to handle and the new arrangement will no doubt meet with greater success. The exhibits this year will be in 100, 50, 25, 15, 10, 5 and 1 box lots...”

EP; 16 Jul 1912; item: “President R. H. Hudson of the Commercial League today appointed the following committee from the league to look into the books and affairs of the Watsonville Railway & Navigation Company preliminary to the appointment of another committee to assist in the selling of the bonds for the road: E. L. Andrews, chairman; A. W. Cox, Luke Scurich, P. A. Callaghan, J. W. Tullock, C. O. Silliman and Peter Mengol.”

EP; 17 Jul 1912; item: “Estate of Martin Kolendich, deceased—Order of court fixing time for beginning payment of family allowance as March 14, 1912.”

EP; 18 Jul 1912; item: “Mateo Lettunich, Nicholas Lettunich, Lewis Lettunich and N. V. Lettunich have returned from a visit to Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 19 Jul 1912; item: “SOCIAL DANCE. There will be a social dance given by the Croato-Servian club in Rappé’s hall Saturday night, July 20th. Every one welcome. Good music. A good time assured to all who attend.”

EP; 19 Jul 1912; item: “Mrs. M. N. Lettunich, daughter Lucille, and son Prosper, are registered at McCray’s Summer resort on Russian river near Cloverdale.”

EP; 20 Jul 1912; item: "James Hrepich has returned from a vacation at Tassajara Springs."

EP; 20 Jul 1912; ALL: Geo. Butler, L. A. Perasich.

EP; 20 Jul 1912; article: "All morning and early this afternoon gaily bedecked automobiles swept out of this city towards the common mecca of Pacific Grove where this afternoon the Watsonville folks are participating in an auto parade and where tonight they will take part in or witness the 'Feast of Lanterns'..."

"A partial list of the Watsonvilleans in Pacific Grove today are...Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich...Paul Alaga...Mateo Lettunich, Miss Anna M. Farlin, Lewis Lettunich, Nicholas N. [M.] Lettunich..."

EP; 23 Jul 1912; article: "Today is 'Ticket Day' for 'Watsonville Day' at the Santa Cruz Water Carnival tomorrow[,] and all day...today the Apple Annual Association directors, committees and helpers have been selling tickets to the county seat on the special train of 11 cars that is to bear the local community to the City of the Holy Cross..."

"Besides the above [businesses] the tickets can be bought from the following individuals, who are making the rounds today: ...Paul Alaga, E. B. Lettunich, L. Cikuth..."

EP; 24 Jul 1912; item: "McDonald vs. Pulisevich—reset for trial July 31st."

EP; 24 Jul 1912; article: "**Fourteen Foreigners Become Citizens at Santa Cruz.**...Those examined were: Joseph Secono [Secondo], native of Austria, witnesses George W. Smith and Luke Scurich; admitted..."

"Michael V. Pista, native of Austria, witnesses George W. Smith and T. J. Gaffey; continued to next hearing.

"Nick Plich [Pulich], native of Austria. At request of petitioner the petition is dismissed without prejudice to the filing of a new petition..."

"Blas Barovinich [Borovinich], native of Austria; witnesses, T. J. McGrath and Luke Scurich: continued to next hearing for further examination of petitioner..."

"Vitt Lister, native of Hungary; witnesses Luke Scurich and Thomas J. McGrath, admitted..."

EP; 24 Jul 1912; board of aldermen meeting: "...The retail liquor license of P. H. Rudebeck on Third and Walker streets was transferred to B. Garich [Gurich], who has bought out the business.

"The following building permits were issued: ...F. P. Marinovich, cottage on Alexander street, \$1800...Stolich Brothers, cottage on West Fifth street, \$1000."

EP; 25 Jul 1912; item: "The California Restaurant calls attention, in its new ad. today, of its 'Club Breakfast,' in

which is set forth the various 'clubs' and prices thereon. The California puts up nice cleanly-cooked viands, and its prices are very reasonable."

EP; 25 Jul 1912; disp. ad:

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT

Telephone 36. 255-259 Main St.

Club Breakfast from 6 to 11:30 a.m.

No. 1 —Shredded Wheat with choice of Fruit and Cream.....	15c
No. 2 —Shredded Wheat, one Baked Apple and Cream....	20c
No. 3 —Shredded Wheat, Hot Cakes and Coffee...	20c
No. 4 —Shredded Wheat with one Poached Egg on Toast and Fruit.....	25c
No. 5 —One Strip Bacon, one Fried Egg, Hot Cakes, Rolls, Butter, and Coffee.....	25c
No. 6 —Sausage, one Egg, Hot Cakes, Rolls, Butter and Coffee.....	25c
No. 7 —Country Sausage, Buckwheat Cakes, Rolls, Butter and Coffee.....	25c
No. 8 —One Lamb or Pork Chop, one Egg, Hot Cakes, Rolls, Butter and Coffee.....	25c
No. 9 —Stewed Prunes, Oatmeal, Fried Liver and Bacon, Rolls, Butter and Coffee.....	30c
No. 10 —Breakfast Steak, one Egg, Hot Cakes, Rolls, Butter and Coffee.....	30c
No. 11 —Ham, two Eggs Fried, Hot Cakes, Butter and Coffee.....	30c
No. 12 —Salt Mackerel, Hot Cakes, Rolls, Butter and Coffee.....	40c

EP; 25 Jul 1912; class ad: "FOUND—A sheep in M. Rilovich's place at 159 West Lake avenue. Owner please call for same, pay for notice and take away."

EP; 26 Jul 1912; article: "At a meeting held last night of the local packers and shippers at the auditorium[,] plans were laid for a visit early next week of a committee of twenty local shippers to President William Sproule of the Southern Pacific in San Francisco in an effort to secure emergency rates from this valley so that this section can better compete with the northwest, which has secured a big reduction in rates from that section to this State. This committee will leave for the metropolis probably next Monday and it will lay all the facts in the case before President Sproule so that this valley can secure the lowered rates that it is entitled to. Rates of 75c to Missouri valley points and 85c to Mississippi valley and Atlantic seaboard points will be requested.

"The committee from Watsonville that will interview President Sproule consists of Messrs. James Holohan, Luke Scurich, T. J. Horgan, Otto D. Stoesser, Nick Alaga, M. N. Lettunich, G. W. Sill, W. H. Benteen, F. L. W. McDonald, C. H. Baker, Peter Resetar, Otto Raphael, L. P. Cikuth, Peter Stolich, Steve Scurich, F. P. Marinovich,

Andrew Zar, James Sheehy, George Novacovich, E. B. Lettunich, J. G. Piratsky and E. H. Haack.”

EP; 26 Jul 1912; article: “The committee from the Apple Annual Association to arrange for Watsonville Day next Thursday at the Salinas Big Week celebration will meet...tonight in the offices of O. D. Stoesser. Those on this committee are J. A. Linscott, Luke Scurich, T. J. Horgan, George W. Smith, C. M. Neal and S. H. Higgins.”

EP; 27 Jul 1912; article: “ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT. Says the Salinas Journal: ‘Yesterday a laborer in an orchard out near Spence Switch came in and swore out a complaint against Cosmos Gospodnetich, his employer, charging him with battery. The laborer had labored as long as he wanted to for Mr. Gospodnetich, but not as long as Mr. Gospodnetich wanted him. He needed laborers but this man thought he knew when he had enough. He said when he told his employer he was going to quit the man got mad, grabbed him by his clothes and slung him contemptuously and violently to the ground. Mr. Gospodnetich is a 240-pounder and the other man is rather small and his feeling and dignity were hurt as well as his physical body. A warrant was issued for Mr. Gospodnetich’s arrest.’”

EP; 27 Jul 1912; ALL: Rosa Carevich, Mrs. D. Domich, Joe Matich, T. J. Zenich. Foreign: Mr. Nikola Borina, Duro Mijanovic.

EP; 29 Jul 1912; article: “I. H. Tuttle, Watsonville, Cal.,—I wish to thank the Occidental Life Insurance Company, and you, as its agent for the prompt settlement of my claim for accident insurance on account of the accident to my hand. The claim was paid in full and without delay. L. P. CIKUTH.”

EP; 29 Jul 1912; item: “A letter received here by F. P. Marinovich from J. P. Miovich, now living at Dubrobnik [Dubrovnik], Dalmatia, Austria, announces that himself and wife are well and hearty, and sends regards to friends here. Mr. Miovich recently bought a valuable piece of property at Dubrobnik which brings him in a handsome income.”

EP; 30 Jul 1912; item: “Miss Florence Smith has returned from a visit to the Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 30 Jul 1912; born: “Watsonville, July 29, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Radovan, a daughter.” [*Frances*]

EP; 31 Jul 1912; item: “Estate of Martin Kolendich, deceased—Printed copy of notice to creditors.”

EP; 1 Aug 1912; item: “Mrs. Steve Strazicich was called to San Jose today to be at the bedside of her niece, Miss

Katuran, formerly of Watsonville, who is seriously ill.”

EP; 1 Aug 1912; item: “Farm and Forest Realty Co. to Luke P. Cikuth—Lot 12, W. H. Weeks Subd. Watsonville.”

EP; 1 Aug 1912; article: “John N. Alaga, the well-known local packer and shipper, has just purchased a new 1913 Pathfinder automobile, the first in this city, and the new machine is certainly a beauty. It is of a granite color and is equipped with the latest wrinkles in automobile appliances. It is one of the best looking cars in this valley and it goes to show that Mr. Alaga is one man at least in the valley that is enjoying prosperity.”

EP; 1 Aug 1912; class. ad: “WANTED—Apricot pitters. 200 pitters to commence Tuesday morning, July 23rd. Apply to Copriviza and Gera, Pine and Second streets.”

EP; 2 Aug 1912; item: “Applications for citizenship have been made as follows: Nick Pulich, a native of Austria; witnesses George W. Smith, Joseph Secondo and George Pulich...”

EP; 2 Aug 1912; item: “Mrs. Stephen Scurich and family have returned from a month’s vacation at Capitola.”

EP; 3 Aug 1912; ALL: Lorence Hroncich, Mato Vorcan. Foreign—Pero Ucovich, Peter M. Chagal.

EP; 3 Aug 1912; article: “The first shipment...of the Apple Annual posters arrived this afternoon at the auditorium...They far exceed in beauty the posters for the past two shows and should be treasured as souvenirs by all that are fortunate enough to possess any...”

“The feature of the new poster is the facsimile of Miss Anna M. Farlin, the popular assistant secretary of the Apple Annual, which adorns the poster. It is a full length portrait of Miss Farlin and is wonderfully true to life. While the picture is almost a perfect likeness yet it does not do Miss Farlin full justice at that. To be thus honored is certainly a compliment that is well deserved by the charming and hard working assistant secretary of the past two apple shows and for her likeness to thus adorn these posters is an honor that any girl might desire. The picture shows Miss Farlin standing on a tree-studded hill in the midst of apples and as she holds a basket of beautiful looking apples in one hand she is pointing with the other hand to the beauties of the Pajaro Valley beneath her. Even the College lakes are to be seen in the distance and the poster is really a faithful reproduction and panoramic view of the Pajaro Valley.” [*see Fig. 4-1*]

EP; 3 Aug 1912; item: “Miss M. Lindner of San Francisco is the guest of Mrs. E. B. Lettunich.”

EP; 5 Aug 1912; item: "Estate of Antonio Radovich, deceased—Order appointing C. W. Hammer as inheritance tax appraiser."

EP; 5 Aug 1912; article: "To lose three good horses in as many months has been the bad luck of Peter Jokovich, the well known Pajaro resident, and his friends are in sympathy with him these days. Three months ago Mr. Jokovich bought two fine specimens of horse flesh at King City to add to the two other good animals that he had out on pasture. While coming home with the two horses he had the misfortune to arrive at Spence Switch below Salinas as a train approached. One of the horses shied and ran over a cattle guard. The fall broke the animal's leg and the horse was shot.

"A few weeks later he visited the pasture where he kept his horses and discovered that one of the horses had died in his absence. This left two horses and last Sunday one of these kicked the other in the leg and the injured horse had to be killed. To thus lose three horses in as many months is hard luck to say the least and now Mr. Jokovich is unable to determine whether he is the victim of a jinx or not."

EP; 5 Aug 1912; article: Freight Traffic Manager G. W. Luce of the Southern Pacific Railroad yesterday afternoon entertained the committee from the Pajaro Valley Packers' & Shippers' Association that came before him to request that the Southern Pacific grant this section emergency rates to the Mississippi and Missouri Valley points and to the Atlantic seaboard...

"Attorney J. E. Gardner was the spokesman for the local committee... Besides Mr. Gardner those present yesterday from Watsonville were M. N. Lettunich, George W. Sill, Stephen Scurich, T. J. Horgan, P. M. Resetar, C. H. Baker, Nicholas Alaga, F. P. Marinovich, Peter Stolich, Andrew Zar, Senator James B. Holohan, F. L. W. MacDonald, W. H. Benteen, O. D. Stoesser, Otto Raphael and E. H. Haack.

"In presenting his argument to Mr. Luce Mr. Gardner explained that the local packers desired a 75c rate to Mississippi and Missouri Valley points and 85c to the Atlantic seaboard and that these rates were necessary and essential in view of the recent sweeping reduction made by the Northern Pacific from Washington to California points. Mr. Gardner said that the rates from other sections were lower than the local rates and that therefore our markets in Texas, Montana and other points formerly shipped to were practically gone. Mr. Gardner pointed out that the reduction asked for would be a great benefit to the railroad as fruit now sent to the dryers and canneries or sold in the State at lower prices would be shipped to points all over the country if the new rates asked for were granted."

EP; 5 Aug 1912; item: "William S. Sanborn to May San-

born—Lot 10, Gospodnetich's subd., Watsonville, \$10."

EP; 7 Aug 1912; item: "George Strazicich was granted permission to erect a \$100 shed on Walker street between Third street and Lake Avenue."

EP; 7 Aug 1912; article: "The entertainment given at St. Patrick's Hall for the benefit of St. Patrick's church was largely attended and was a complete success.

"The following program was rendered: ...violin selection, Mrs. J. N. Alaga accompanied by Miss Marie Burin...vocal selection, Miss Anna Farlin...piano duet, Miss Marie Burin and Miss Isabel Donovan.

"The committee in charge was Mrs. J. J. Leddy, Mrs. Joe Aston, Mrs. Sepulveda, Mrs. C. E. Key, Miss Anna Farlin, Miss Anna McSherry, Miss May Cawley, Miss Catherine Leonard and others."

EP; 9 Aug 1912; notice: "**Notice of Dissolution.** Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between J. D. Perry and A. Vukich, under the firm name and style of Perry & Vukich has been this day dissolved. All obligations due from the firm, and incurred to this date, are payable by the said Vukich. Dated, August 6th, 1912. J. D. PERRY, A. VUKICH."

EP; 10 Aug 1912; board of supervisors, payments: "...Indigent Sick Fund: Central Grocery Co., mdse, \$8.00... Central Grocery Co., mdse, \$8.00...Pajaro Road Fund: Prodanovich, D., labor, \$17.00..."

EP; 10 Aug 1912; article: "Thomas K. Foley, one of the best known citizens in this city, is dead. His lifeless body was found late yesterday afternoon in his room in the rear of the Morning Star Restaurant on lower Main street and the first to know of the death was Mr. J. P. Zar, one of the owners of the eating house, who had stopped in at the room to speak a few words with Mr. Foley..."

EP; 10 Aug 1912; ALL: Tony Klicinovich, Joe Match, Paul Pierevich [Pierovich], O. Rorich, Mrs. Pauline Stalich [Stolich], A. Vajola. Foreign: B. T. Kovach, Mrs. Milan.

EP; 13 Aug 1912; article: "Paul Alaga, the well known local fruit packer and shipper, was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Officer J. P. Zimmer on a charge of exceeding the speed limit in his automobile on Sunday night last on Main street between Third street and Lake avenue and Alaga was in the police court this afternoon for his hearing. Attorney George W. Smith represented him and the defendant decided to plead not guilty and he demanded a jury trial. The case was set by Judge Bridgewater for 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. He was released upon his own recognizance until tomorrow."

EP; 14 Aug 1912; article: "F. P. Marinovich, the well-known local capitalist, late yesterday afternoon closed a deal for the purchase of the Joseph Juri property adjoining the Marinovich property on Main street opposite the city hall and it is the intention of the owner to soon start construction on a modern and large building where the present buildings are now located. The Juri property contained the saloon of Messrs. Petrinovoch [Petrinovich] & Lamat and the Silva barber shop while the other Marinovich property contains the Mocha cafe.

"Mr. Marinovich has shown himself to be one of the most progressive business men of the community by his determination to erect a modern structure on the old and newly acquired Main street holdings. The new building on that site will be a credit not alone to Mr. Marinovich and to lower Main street but to the entire city. It is to be hoped that the enterprise of Mr. Marinovich will be an incentive to the other lower Main street property owners to follow his example and make lower Main as up-to-date as is the other portion of this city's main thoroughfare."

EP; 14 Aug 1912; item: "Watsonville Realty Co. to Martin Radonich et al—Lot in Watsonville Heights."

EP; 14 Aug 1912; born: "In Watsonville, Aug. 13, 1912, to the wife of George Navacovich [Novacovich], a daughter." [Pauline; mar: Lewis; +2011]



Fig. 4-23. Pauline Novacovich.

EP; 14 Aug 1912; article: "Paul Alaga, the well known local fruit packer and shipper, was released this afternoon by Police Judge Bridgewater of the charge of exceeding the automobile speed limit after City Attorney Sans had moved that the case be dismissed. The reason for the dismissal was that there was no evidence to convict and it would have been a useless expense to the city to have prosecuted him."

EP; 14 Aug 1912; disp. ad:

CHEER UP! The C.S. Club is giving another up-to-date

Social Dance

Saturday Ev'n'g, Aug. 17

Rappe's Hall, Main St.

Main St., Opposite Central Hotel.

Continuous Good Time Guaranteed to all from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. when stepping to music by "Pippin Orchestra" playing all the latest popular pieces.

DON'T MISS IT.

Admission, Gents 60c. Ladies Free.

EP; 14 Aug 1912; item: "The Croato-Servian Social club will give another one of its pleasant social dances on next Saturday evening, August 17th, at Rappe's Hall. A great big enjoyable time assured to all who come. See ad."

EP; 16 Aug 1912; article: "With Jeffersonian simplicity and true Wilson conservatism the Democrats of the Pajaro Valley last night organized a Wilson-Marshall Club in this city at Freiermuth hall, a fair sized crowd being present and much business being transacted. E. J. Kelly officiated as temporary chairman and the election of permanent officers was the first business. Those chosen to head the club were George W. Smith, president; R. V. Bailey, vice president; Edward J. Kelly, secretary; W. A. Trafton, treasurer.

"After assuming his new duties President Smith appointed the following executive committee, which will conduct the local campaign: J. A. Hall, P. A. Callaghan, W. A. Trafton, E. J. Kelly, E. H. Haack, James King, A. B. Hawkins, C. W. Bridgewater, Edward White, J. B. Holohan, P. J. Casady, Henry Struve and Mateo Lettunich..."

EP; 17 Aug 1912; ALL: W. Luich, Tone Srsen, John Urlin.

EP; 17 Aug 1912; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich, daughter Lucille, and son, Prosper, came down in their automobile today from San Francisco on their way to Santa Cruz..."

EP; 17 Aug 1912; disp. ad:

15c

Get one of those **Big Feeds**

At the

3RD STREET RESTAURANT

Usovich & Stolich

EP; 19 Aug 1912; item: "B. Pista left this morning from Stockton from whence he returns to San Francisco."

EP; 20 Aug 1912; article: "**California Apple Show Directors Hear Arguments Against Dusters on the Booster Trip.** That the proposed booster dusters may yet lose out as far as the California Apple Show booster trip is concerned was brought out last night when the directors of the show heard arguments against the dusters from their own ranks as well as from the outside. George Bird was the chief opponent of the dusters and he delivered an impassioned address against their use, saying that by so doing the local boosters would look like a gang of minstrels and would lose their dignity. Directors Sill and Lettunich also opposed the dusters. The directors decided to lay the matter over until Manager Perkins returns..."

"Those present last night were O. D. Stoesser, J. E. Gardner, C. G. Redman, George W. Sill, J. H. Thomp-

son, Mateo Lettunich, Luke Scurich, J. F. Kane, R. H. McKaig, E. Steinhauer, E. L. Andrews, G. W. Bird and W. R. Porter.”

EP; 22 Aug 1912; article: [over 300 people attended the banquet at the official opening of the Hotel Appleton]

EP; 22 Aug 1912; article: “E. B. Zar of this city had a narrow escape from serious injury...today when he was struck while riding his bicycle by John Alaga’s automobile. The accident occurred at the corner of Main street and Maple avenue and was due to Zar’s carelessness in not looking where he was riding. The auto struck the bike, threw Zar to the ground and Alaga stopped the machine before Zar was touched by the car. The front wheel of the bicycle was twisted...”

EP; 22 Aug 1912; article: “NICK BANAZ WINS. Nick Banaz of the Glennbrook Apple Orchard near Templeton, who has been having a lawsuit for the past week in which Messrs. Jacobs et al were the plaintiffs, in the Superior Court, over a crop of apples which Banaz had raised and which were claimed by the commission men, was well satisfied last Monday evening when the jury returned a verdict in favor of Banaz for \$4500 at a late hour. Nick Banaz is the man, who, a few years ago, when he shipped two carloads of apples to the Los Angeles market, could find no purchasers for them through commission merchants and went there himself, rented a store room and disposed of the crop at remunerative figures.—San Luis Obispo Tribune.”

EP; 22 Aug 1912; item: “Since the Giants [a local baseball team] have announced that they will take their nine days’ trip to the San Joaquin Valley there are a number of automobilists here that are also considering going along with the boys and have a good time. It will certainly be a jolly vacation for anybody to take and among those that are seriously considering the matter and who may yet take the trip are Mayor James A. Hall, Alderman P. A. Callaghan, Attorney George W. Smith, George W. Sill, R. H. McKaig and others. Anybody with an automobile is welcome to come along for the more on the trip the merrier.”

EP; 22 Aug 1912; article: “General Manager Harry Perkins of the California Apple Show returned this morning from the Sebastopol Gravenstein Show where he officiated as exhibit judge along with F. L. W. MacDonald and M. N. Lettunich of this city...”

EP; 22 Aug 1912; article: “The auditorium is without doubt the busiest place in the city these days. Day after day the office staff of the California Apple Show is busily engaged in getting things ready for the third apple show that will open here on the 7th of October and there

is no time wasted around the pavilion during the day. General Manager Harry Perkins, Secretary C. G. Redman, Assistant Secretary Miss Anna Farlin, Harry Burgess and Beverly Maloney compose the present office staff and they are all busy every minute in the day from 8 o’clock until past 5 o’clock in the evening. For the past week the mail out of the office has been so large that the post office has loaned one of its largest mail pouches for the correspondence, one day the record being over 709 different pieces of correspondence. Each day sees the mail pouch filled and Secretary Redman has been forced to utilize his automobile as a mail carrier between the pavilion and the post office...”

EP; 23 Aug 1912; item: “M. Resetar has returned from a business trip through central California.”

EP; 24 Aug 1912; article: “Peter Fetich of this city, who is employed by one of the Scurichs in the fruit business here, was held up about 11 o’clock last night on the Monterey county end of the Pajaro river bridge by two unknown men and robbed of the sum of \$12 in cash. The robbers touched nothing else. Mr. Fetich was walking across the bridge towards this city from Brooklyn and had entered that portion of the bridge where the light is very dim. Suddenly two men stepped in front of him and one of them pointed a revolver at his head with the order ‘throw up your hands!’ It is needless to say that Fetich complied with the request and while one of the men kept the revolver pointed at Fetich the other man cleaned out their victim’s pockets. The sum of \$12 in cash was all that was taken and as soon as their work was completed the men ran away towards Chinatown after ordering Fetich to keep on walking to this city...”

EP; 24 Aug 1912; item: “Tomorrow one of the Giants has a chance to win a bottle of real champagne. The California Restaurant announces that it will give a bottle to the first Giant getting a home run in tomorrow’s game.”

EP; 24 Aug 1912; disp. ad:

**MANSION HOUSE
WATSONVILLE**

Three Meals and Room \$2 to \$2.50 Per Day.
Rooms 50c up.

Baths Free. Meals 50c each. 15 Meals for \$5.00.

—————
To meet local conditions, a special rate will be given for Board and Room by the week or month to a limited number of permanent guests.

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An advertising rate of 35 cents per meal to those considering engaging permanent board and room.

EP; 24 Aug 1912; obit: “Killed at Hollister, Aug. 23, 1912, Samuel Porovich [Borovich], son of Peter and

Terina Porovich, a native of California, aged 12 years and 6 months.”

EP; 24 Aug 1912; item: “George Pulich left last night for his home in Stockton.”

EP; 24 Aug 1912; ALL: Codich, John; Rotkovich, Novak. Foreign: Pernonch, Milan.

EP; 26 Aug 1912; article: “DRIVER EXONERATED. Hollister, Aug. 26—A coroner’s jury sitting in the inquest held over the remains of Samuel Borovitch, the Slavonian lad who was run over and killed by an automobile driven by Ray Hamilton last Friday, yesterday returned a verdict of accidental death from injuries received, and exonerated Hamilton.

“It is reported here that the child’s parents will institute an action for damages, the evidence given at the inquest having shown that Hamilton tried to pass a wagon in which the boy was riding on the wrong side of the road, and that he did not give warning of his approach by sounding his horn.”

EP; 28 Aug 1912; article: “The inevitable, necessary and much-needed union of the fruit men of the Pajaro Valley seems to be here at last. Last Monday night the local shippers and packers met and decided to route all shipments hereafter and show the Southern Pacific that they are independent and together here. Last night the fruit men held another enthusiastic meeting and after considerable discussion decided to quote an official minimum price on all Bellefleurs shipped out for the next thirty days. Tomorrow night the fruit men will meet again to take up the matter of the price of all culls for evaporating purposes. Closer and closer is the union growing among the local fruit men and the community should rejoice at last that the growers, the brokers, the shippers, the packers and the rest engaged in the fruit industry have united on a common basis for their own good and for mutual protection.

“The meeting held last night at the auditorium was a hummer and enthusiasm ran high. The rooms were packed to suffocation and fifty or more of the packers and fruit dealers being in attendance. President C. H. Baker of the Pajaro Valley Packers’ and Shippers’ Association presided over the meeting with James Sheehy officiating as secretary and the meeting was a lively one, lasting two hours. The question of establishing a minimum price on Bellefleurs between this date and September 31st was chiefly considered and a price was set. After the price had been set thirty-seven packers and shippers signed the agreement and signed to stick to each other in this hour of protection and need.

“From today on until September 31st no packer, broker or grower in the new association can sell Bellefleurs for less than 70c per box to any other member of the local association while none of the members of the asso-

ciation can sell for less than 75c per fancy, four-tier stock to outside brokers and dealers. This holds if 75 per cent of the [apple shippers] of this valley sign the agreement within three days and there is no question as to that number being secured. A committee composed of Messrs. Nicholas Alaga, F. L. W. MacDonald, James Sheehy, George A. Sill, Paul Melladin [Milladin] and A. Zar was appointed to personally visit all the rest of the packers and have them sign the agreement before the three days are up. The question of the minimum price on Bellefleurs was discussed at length and there was no opposition to it as all present last night realized that if the apples are to move this season there must be no cut throat policy in the matter and all the fruit men must stand together for their own protection. In addition to the minimum price as fixed last night a brokerage charge of 2½c per box was decided upon to be charged all foreign brokers not in the local association. Watsonville and Pajaro are not alone included in the new agreement but Aromas, Castroville, Prunedale, Aptos, Corralitos, San Andreas and other adjoining sections are liable under the new agreement, for which there is a fine of \$100 for any violation.

“The minimum price resolution was introduced by a committee that had been appointed at the Monday night meeting for that purpose. On this committee were Messrs. C. H. Baker, L. P. Cikuth, W. H. Benteen, F. L. W. MacDonald and Nicholas Alaga and their suggestions were unanimously adopted and their resolution adopted with but few changes.

“The question of having a car sold for a less price than the agreement calls for on consignment was covered by the members when they arranged last night with the Los Angeles Produce Exchange to have an arbitration board appointed in the southland, the chief market for Bellefleurs, which board will handle all such cases. The commission and produce men of Los Angeles have pledged themselves to heartily aid the local shippers on every occasion and the interests of the people here will be fostered whenever necessary.

“Tonight the packers and shippers will meet again to fix a scale on culls. A price is desired that will be satisfactory to both the seller and the evaporating people and a committee was appointed to look into the matter, to see the evaporating people and get together on a just price. On this committee are Nicholas Alaga, Stephen Scurich, B. Pista, E. B. Lettunich, L. Pulich and C. H. Baker.

“It was decided that the packers and shippers and all other parties interested in the local fruit industry would meet hereafter on every Saturday night in the auditorium to talk over matters that arise from time to time...”

EP; 29 Aug 1912; obit: “Says the Hollister Free Lance:

“The funeral of Samuel Borovich was held Monday and was largely attended. Many of the countrymen of the dead boy’s parents were present from Watsonville and also several were here from Santa Cruz, to render what

aid and sympathy they might in the hour of bereavement.

"There were fully seventy-five carriages in the procession, which extended over two blocks.

"The services were conducted by Father Brady of this parish and his brother from San Bernardino parish, and the body was interred in the Catholic cemetery.

"Anton Gospodnetich of Watsonville addressed the mourners in their own language, deploring the horror of the tragedy, but pointing out that it was an unavoidable occurrence and advising them to forgive its unfortunate author whom, he said, 'is present and weeping with us.'

"The pallbearers were N. Matulich, M. Gutunich, J. Matulich, P. Gospodnetich, A. Matulich and T. Matulich of this city and Watsonville."

EP; 29 Aug 1912; article: "[photo of team] Tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock the Watsonville Giants baseball team and party will leave in five automobiles for their nine-day tour of the San Joaquin valley. The party will assemble at 7:30 o'clock at W.R. & N. office and will go out Main street to Bridge street and on to San Jose through Gilroy. Modesto will be the first stopping place on Friday night, Bakersfield will be the stopping place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights, Hanford will be the resting place on Tuesday night, Fresno on Wednesday night, Los Banos or Newman on Thursday night and Modesto on Friday night. Saturday night the boys will be home in their own beds.

"Apples will be expressed on to all the towns visited, 30 boxes in all to be used, and these will be picked up a town ahead so that the fruit can be thrown to the crowds in the next town from the automobiles. Besides the apples there will be loads of posters, stickers, advance information booklets, cutout apples, boosting cards and other stuff sent ahead to throw all over the towns visited in boosting the California Apple Show. In every town the press representative with the baseball crowd will visit each newspaper office and tell the papers all about the trip and all about the apple show so that the Pajaro valley will be known from one end of the valley to the other before the trip is over..."

EP; 29 Aug 1912; article: "At a crowded meeting of the Packers' and Shippers' Association held in the auditorium last evening the Southern Pacific[,] through vice president and general freight agent, C. W. Luce[,] definitely refused to grant the emergency rates on apple shipments, sought by the Association. He withheld information regarding the reason for this decision on the part of the railroad company and stated that he and his associates had given the most liberal terms possible.

"After the transaction of routine business President Baker called on the representative of the railroad for an expression of his views on the subject and he responded as follows:

"I am here at the invitation of your president. I am

here single handed except with the assistance of our local agent, Mr. Davis, and am not fortified with 21 members of our company as your committee was on a recent visit to my office in San Francisco. However, we will do the best we can. I believe the get-together spirit displayed by the members of your organization is a good one. There is no doubt that the organization of this association to govern the handling of apples will work to an immense advantage of the industry in this district. In the north many thousands of cars of fruit are handled to a greater advantage than ever before under a system similar to the one now being advanced here. I am glad to learn that all the packers and shippers here are getting together and so that you will stick together and I recommend the adoption of the resolution of providing for the appointment of a transportation committee as offered by Mr. Benteen.

"I have taken up the matter of cars and have ordered a large number from the east shipped empty by special train for the opening of the season September 1. Since your committee visited me recently I have made a trip through the north to investigate conditions there. I find that in that section a large part of the crop will be marketed at home this year as the shippers do not feel like confronting the difficulties of marketing their crop in the east and for this reason we expect better car service this year. We will keep in close touch with the situation and exert every effort to prevent a shortage of cars.

"I find that Watsonville is shipping a larger percentage of its output east every year. In 1910 about 50% was shipped east of Chicago, while last year nearly 66.6% went to eastern markets.

"Regarding freight rates, we have done the best we could, except to give you what you wanted. The rates you have had have put the industry where it is today and have encouraged land owners to plant an increased acreage of apples until this year we expect the total output, including bi-products to reach nearly 7500 cars. When we have done the best we can we do not want any bad feeling, but we can give no other rate. We do not want the people to kick us when we are down.'

"...At the conclusion of Mr. Luce's speech President Baker called on J. E. Gardner, who characterized the appointment of the transportation committee to attend to the routing of all cars as the best step ever taken toward advancing the interests of the apple industry, and expressed the hope that it would develop in a still more extensive system in the future.

"Following is the resolution concerning the contract to be signed by shippers in regard to the routing of cars, introduced by Mr. Benteen and adopted unanimously:

"Whereas, the shippers of apples from this section have in past years been unable at different times during the shipping season to secure a sufficient number of cars from the Southern Pacific Company to move the crop in a satisfactory manner and

"Whereas, at different times during the shipping season

the railroads transporting the crop of this section to the various markets have not given the expedited service which the perishable fruit industry demands, therefore be it

“Resolved, That the Shippers’ and Packers’ Association of Watsonville does hereby recommend that the shippers and packers of the Pajaro valley at once enter into a binding contract whereby each of them shall agree that the routing of each car of apples shipped by him for the season of 1912 be in accord with the instructions and advice of the transportation committee of this association, consisting of five members appointed by the president, and be it further

“Resolved that in order to properly attend to this matter the said committee be authorized to employ a suitable person whose duties shall be to interview each shipper weekly or as more frequently as may be necessary in order to ascertain the number of cars required for the movement of the fruit so that the railroad companies may be advised early enough for them to supply the necessary equipment...”

“A clause providing for a penalty of \$100 for violation of the shippers’ agreement proposed by Attorney Gardner was adopted unanimously and inserted in the agreement.

“The question whether an emergency car of apples, sold at auction for less than the minimum price fixed by the agreement[,] would be considered a violation of the rules was brought up by L. Cikuth. Discussion of the matter resulted in the passage of a resolution proposed by Mr. Benteen providing for the appointment of a committee to handle such cases. President Baker appointed George Martin, H. P. Kane and T. H. Horgan to consider the question and render a report at the meeting to be held Friday evening; also to report on the matter of the Association obtaining a membership in the Produce Reporter Company of Chicago for the benefit of small local shippers who are not subscribers to that organization.

“Mr. Cikuth illustrated his point by citing a case of two cars of apples shipped to a Chicago dealer, who might find after the arrival of the first car that the market would not stand a second car at that time, and therefore desired the second car auctioned at St. Louis, to prevent a reduction of price in Chicago. It was agreed that all such cases would properly come within the province of the adjustment committee.

“Nick Alaga, chairman of the committee obtaining signatures of packers to the minimum price agreement reported that about 90% had already signed and that the list would be completed in another day...”

EP; 30 Aug 1912; item: “Meetings of the transportation committee of the Packers’ and Shippers’ Association, of which W. H. Benteen is chairman, and George W. Sill, M. N. Lettunich and Steve Scurich are members were held at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. today to perfect the terms of the agreement drawn up by Attorney Gardner for signing by members of the Association. It is expected that the matter

will be ready for submission at the meeting which has been called for 8 p.m. tonight.”

EP; 30 Aug 1912; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Andy Balich motored over from Santa Cruz yesterday and were the guests of the former’s brother.”

EP; 30 Aug 1912; article: “In four touring cars gaily decked with banners and pennants of many colors bearing the names of Watsonville and Calpaco, Snowden’s Boosters and the Giants’ base ball team started...today on their triumphal progress through the San Joaquin valley.

“All the members of the party looked fit and ready for the fray, so that it is a safe bet that a number of victories on the diamond will be added to the Giants’ record and increased fame secured for the Pajaro valley before their return home...

“The roster of the ball team was as follows:

“Clinton Milford, Sid Hatch, Luke Glavenich, Sidney Jehl, Frank Guigni, Chauncey Tramutolo, Art Ramage, James Riordan, Lynn Marsh, George Bustard, Sidney Smith and George Dye.”

EP; 30 Aug 1912; born: “In Watsonville, Aug. 30, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Jakocovich [Yakovovich], of Salinas, a nine pound son.” [*Peter*; +1990]

EP; 31 Aug 1912; article: “PACKERS AND SHIPPERS DRAW UP AGREEMENT. The meeting held by the Packers’ and Shippers’ Association, last evening, drew a large attendance to the auditorium and a spirit of harmony and enthusiasm was evident among the members present in regard to the work of completing their organization. The fact appeared to be generally realized that the agreement relating to the routing drawn up by the transportation committee of which W. H. Benteen is chairman and G. W. Sill, M. N. Lettunich and Steve Scurich are the members[,] which has been signed by virtually all the members of the association, will mark a new era in the local apple shipping business, since hereafter transportation companies will have to deal with a strong organization instead of, as hitherto, with a number of individuals. The change of heart that has already been shown by the officials of the Southern Pacific is considered to furnish sufficient proof of the desirable effect to be expected from the new arrangement in the future. The only objection that arose to signing was voiced by F. L. W. MacDonald on the part of the renters of Southern Pacific land who inquired if the routing of cars by the transportation committee would not conflict with a clause in the leases requiring preferences for the Southern Pacific in the matter of shipments. This was met by an opinion expressed by Attorney Gardner, the Association’s legal adviser, to the effect that such a provision in a lease would be illegal and could not be enforced, besides rendering the railroad company liable to be heavily fined by the Interstate Com-

merce Commission. Mr. Gardner remarked that he did not believe that the Southern Pacific people, who were well-informed on such points[,] would wish to stir up serious trouble for themselves by attempting to enforce such a clause...

"...W. H. Benteen, the chairman, read the following agreement...

"That whereas, the undersigned packers and shippers of apples, doing business in the Pajaro Valley have in past years been unable to obtain a sufficient number of cars for the expeditious handling of their product; and

"Whereas, it appears to them that it will be for their mutual benefit and profit that the matter of arranging for the obtaining of cars and other means of transportation and the routing of cars shipped be handled by them through a central organization or committee; and

"Whereas, it will also be to their mutual benefit that accurate statistics be accumulated for their use showing the quantities and varieties of apples shipped from day to day into the various markets; and

"Whereas, a transportation committee, now consisting of W. H. Benteen, M. N. Lettunich, James Sheehy, Stephen Scurich and George W. Sill, has been appointed by the president of the Shippers' and Packers' Association of Watsonville;

"Now therefore, the undersigned do severally promise and agree, one with another and each with all of the others:

"1. That each carload of apples of the crop of 1912, shipped by them shall be routed over such line or lines as may be specified by the said transportation committee and in accordance with the instructions and advice of said committee; and for the purpose of routing the carloads of apples of the 1912 crop that may be shipped by the undersigned, said committee and the successors in office of the present members thereof who may be appointed by the president of the said Shippers' and Packers' Association, and any officer of said committee whom the other members of the committee may appoint for the purpose, are hereby constituted and appointed attorneys in fact of each of the undersigned, with full power and authority to route such cars as directed by said committee.

"2. That said committee is hereby authorized to employ an assistant or assistants for the purpose of obtaining from the undersigned, weekly or more frequently, information as to their requirements of cars, to inspect all bills of lading prior to shipment of cars, for the purpose of ascertaining that the routing is in accordance with the committee's instructions, and to obtain from each bill of lading the destination and contents of each car shipped, such information to be compiled by said committee and reported weekly at the regular meetings of said association.

"3. That the undersigned will promptly, and as early as practicable, furnish to said committee or its assistants, information as to cars required with dates, and having or-

dered a car or cars will be responsible for such order.

"4. That the undersigned will each pay to the said committee or its assistants the sum of 25 cents for each carload of apples shipped, payment to be made at time bill of lading is inspected; that said committee shall pay all such funds to the treasurer of the Shippers' and Packers' Association and they shall be used for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred by the committee for assistance, stationery, postage, etc.; and that if said sum be not sufficient to meet such expenses, the amount may be increased from time to time, not to exceed \$1 per car, by a majority vote of those present at a regular meeting of said Association.

"5. That if any one of the undersigned shall at any time fail, neglect or refuse to route any carload of fruit over the lines directed by and in accordance with the instructions and advice of said committee, as herein agreed, or shall fail, neglect or refuse to keep or perform any other of his or its promises or agreements herein contained, then on demand such party shall pay to the secretary of said Shippers' and Packers' Association the sum of \$100 for each such breach of this contract; and any moneys so received by said secretary shall be placed in the treasury of said association and be available for the payment of the expenses incurred by said committee or any other obligation of the association.

"6. That the members of said committee agree to devote such time as may be necessary properly to attend to the duties imposed upon them, making no charge for their services, and that they will report shipments weekly at the regular meetings of said association.

"Dated, August 29, 1912."

"Attorney Gardner and Chairman Benteen explained that the transportation committee would study the interests of members in every way in regard to routing; and that the funds provided by the assessment of a small sum on each car would be used to protect the shipper in every way. Mr. Benteen explained in reply to a case submitted by Mr. Zar, where he had occasion to ship two cars to a point in Texas; that where only one railroad touched a city that there was no choice of routes; but in other cases that the committee would select the route most advantageous for the shipper.

"L. Pulich, chairman of a committee appointed to investigate the alleged evaporator trust reported that it has been found that the Chinese dryer operators are organized and have an agreement to pay no more than \$5 per ton for apples. Mr. Pulich recommended that the association take measures for self protection against this combination by demanding that the Chinese dissolve their trust and buy culls as individuals. He urged after some discussion that if the Chinese refused to disorganize, no apples should hereafter be sold to them. The matter was referred back to the committee, which was directed to submit a further report at tonight's meeting..."

EP; 31 Aug 1912; list: "POLLING PLACES FOR PRIMARY ELECTION. Following is a list of polling places fixed and election officers appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Monterey and Santa Cruz counties on both sides of the river:

"Calabaras precinct—Polling place—Fruitvale schoolhouse...Judge—N. Skocko...

"Watsonville precinct No. 1—Polling place—Hoffman House, 239 Main street. Inspectors—A. Bardmess, M. Secondo...

"Watsonville precinct No. 5—Polling place—King's Paint shop, Fourth street...Clerks—G. W. Smith..."

EP; 31 Aug 1912; item: "Attorney Geo. W. Smith has returned from San Francisco where he was called by the Pajaro Chinese cases."

EP; 31 Aug 1912; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich, daughter Lucille, and son, Prosper, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gilbert, arrived today from San Francisco in their automobile."

EP; 31 Aug 1912; ALL: Andro Arculin [Arkulin], B. S. Kovach, Orick N. Marasovich. Foreign: M. Milich, Andro Svicsrovic.

EP; 1 Sep 1916; item: "Nick Lamat's Saloon will open in its new quarters, Marinovich building, 265 Main street, on Saturday, September 2d. Grand barbecue. All friends and patrons invited to call."

EP; 2 Sep 1912; article: "**Fresno, Saturday Night.** Today was a hard luck day for the Giant crew from start to finish. Shortly after leaving Modesto this morning Gabriel's auto blew out a tire and that caused a delay near Turlock. Then Dave Graves' machine broke a gearing sleeve at Merced and he was forced to lay over there for repairs until Sunday afternoon when he joins the rest of us at Bakersfield. The players in his machine were bundled into a rented car at Merced and dumped in Madera. At Berenda this machine blew a tire and that meant more delay. Then to top off the agony Watsonville lost to Madera.

"The score was 5 to 3 and was all the fault of Luke Glavenich. In the first inning he walked four men, made three wild pitches, one balk and allowed four runs before Sid Hatch could be called to the rescue..."

"...The boys put up a scrappy game even if they were all in from the rough 70 mile ride today from Modesto. The boys were tired from the long ride, but full of pep at that. They deserve praise for the showing they made.

"The ride today from Modesto was of the bumpety bump variety nearly all of the way over the poorest roads yet traveled. In Modesto and Madera apples were thrown to the townspeople by the gang and the Watsonville crowd made a big hit in both cities. The trip has been a

big boost for Watsonville and the apple show and all over the valley folks are talking about us.

"Today we are laying over at Fresno. At 5 in the morning we hit the 120 mile trail for far off Bakersfield in three of the autos. Hatch, Snowden, Milford and Glavenich going by train. E. H. LORENSON."

EP; 3 Sep 1912; article: "MANY NOVEL FEATURES FOR APPLE ANNUAL. President Stoesser, J. A. Linscott, C. H. Baker, Luke Scurich, George W. Sill, J. S. Gardner, M. N. Lettunich, H. C. Peckham, General Manager Perkins and Secretary Redman were present and took part in last night's meeting of the directors of the Apple Annual, at which much business of importance toward assuring the success of the show was transacted. A number of new and valuable features, calculated to add materially to its attractiveness were proposed, discussed and planned for. President Stoesser appointed the following committee for 'Button Day,' which will be held on Saturday, September 7th: Roscoe Taylor, chairman; E. L. Andrews, E. E. Lewis, R. W. Cooper, Fred Wilson, Mrs. Mary Zmudowski, Mrs. R. H. Hudson, Mrs. E. H. Nohrden, Mrs. E. B. Lettunich, Mrs. R. W. Cooper and Miss Frances Thompson.

"The committee will select 20 girls to sell Apple Annual buttons and will offer four prizes of \$10, \$7.50, \$5 and \$2.50 for those selling the largest number. All the sales ladies will also be served with lunch.

"The question of providing bands for show week received close consideration. Bids have been submitted by the Watsonville City band, the Croatian band, the College band, Gregory's Royal Marine band, and the band of the 12th U.S. Infantry. The prices asked range from a nominal sum to \$1050, the figure asked by the Royal Marine band for its services. A decision may be made today after a committee consisting of President Stoesser, Mayor Hall, Luke Scurich, W. H. Benteen and H. C. Peckham have conferred with Colonel Bowen of the 12th U.S. Infantry stationed at Monterey in regard to the sending of a battalion of his regiment and the band to this city for show week. An effort will be made to have the City band on call during the day show week and also accompany the San Francisco booster trip, while the Royal Marine band will be engaged for concert work during the evenings of the show. Besides providing music for all occasions, the directors will arrange for a band to meet all trains during the annual. Henry Pearson will have charge of all the cider booths at the show, and sweet cider will be sold. General Manager Perkins is designing an original working model of an old fashioned cider mill, which will make cider in plain sight of the spectators.

"An aerial experience will be provided for such as desire to make an ascension in a captive balloon, and during the week four parachute descents will be made by the aeronaut from a height of 1800 feet. The balloon will be anchored in the Porter lot behind the post office and

on the last day of the show will carry four passengers to Salinas...

"The date for the San Francisco booster trip was set on Wednesday, October 2, and the committee will make arrangements and secure the special train for that day..."

EP; 3 Sep 1912; notice: "SUMMONS. In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California.

"John Rajla [Relja], Plaintiff, vs. Lucy Rajla, Defendant.

"Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, and the Complaint filed in said county of Santa Cruz, in the office of the clerk of said Superior Court.

"Geo. W. Smith, Attorney for Plaintiff.

"The People of the State of California send Greetings to Lucy Rajla, Defendant.

"You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

"And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or he will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint..."

EP; 3 Sep 1912; item: "Geo. Pulich, a former well known business man of this valley, returned to his home in Stockton today after a two days' business visit here."

EP; 4 Sep 1912; article: "At a conference last evening at the office of Stephen Scurich between Messrs. Geo. W. Sill, M. N. Lettunich and Mr. Scurich, and G. W. Luce, general freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, the matter of fixing a switching rate for carloads of fruit from Vega, Aromas and Castroville to the new cold storage plant was taken up and Mr. Luce said that just as soon as he returned from Los Angeles he would take the matter up with his company and see if a \$5.00 rate for each car could not be settled upon."

EP; 4 Sep 1912; item: "W. E. H. Marsh, proprietor of the Mansion House, accompanied by Nick Lettunich motored to San Jose over the Los Gatos grade returning yesterday. They had an agreeable trip as the rain had laid the dust and the road was in fine condition."

EP; 4 Sep 1912; article: "Bakersfield, Sept. 2, 1912. Here we all are at last in the very lowest end of the San Joaquin valley and we stay here until Tuesday morning when we depart for Hanford, Lemoore, Porterville, Visalia and other towns in that section. We all stayed in Fres-

no on Saturday night except Dave Graves, who was laid up at Merced with his busted machine. Yesterday (Sunday) we started out bright and early for Bakersfield...The average time on the long road was 35 miles per hour.

"The boys won the first game against Bakersfield yesterday before a good sized crowd. The score was 8 to 2 with Luke Glavenich in the 'come back' role. Luke was all tired out the day before and lost the game for us at Madera in the first inning by his awful wildness but he pitched one of the best games I have seen this year against Bakersfield yesterday...Glavenich twirled wonderful ball, wonderful for one reason because he was so wild the day before. In the eight innings that he pitched he struck out 17 Bakersfield men, allowed five scattered hits, walked four and allowed only one run..."

"Last night while all the rest of us were at the show Dave Graves came in in his machine from Merced. He left Merced, 170 miles north of here at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and arrived here at 8 last night..."

"Tonight the boys are invited out to a social function here in town somewhere, which they one and all expect to attend. The Watsonville bunch is having the time of their lives and they miss nothing that looks like a good time. Bakersfield is the best town in the valley that we have struck outside of Fresno and while it is hotter than blazes here yet we always keep the ball rolling. ED. LORENSON."

EP; 5 Sep 1912; item: "The Porterville Recorder of last Tuesday, has the following:

"Four [autos] of Watsonville boosters including a baseball team, real estate men, newspaper men and others, today visited Porterville in the interests of the Watsonville Apple fair October 7-12 and the new harbor of Calpaco, which is being opened five miles from Watsonville.

"The baseball team played Bakersfield Sunday and Monday, winning both games by scores of 8-2 and 5-4. Among the players well known here were Guigni, Rioridan and Glavenich.

"After distributing apples on the streets of Porterville the party will leave this evening for Visalia, Tulare and Hanford. Tomorrow they will play ball at Lemoore against the Lemoore Cubs. The party is on a nine days' trip and will arrive home Saturday."

EP; 5 Sep 1912; article: "Marco Skarich [maybe Skurich] was arrested by Constable Corr...yesterday on a warrant issued by Judge Hawkins and sworn to by Anton Klinovich, charging Skarich with threatening to kill him.

"Skarich, who was formerly in partnership with Klinovich in a ranch in the Carleton district and for a long time has been at feud with the latter, called at his former partner's house yesterday and warned his wife that he intended to slay her husband on sight. The woman reported this threat to her husband, who promptly swore out the warrant and Skarich's arrest followed.

“The trouble between the men started concerning money matters, and the feeling is so bitter that even after his arrest yesterday, ‘I’ll fix you yet,’ was Skarich’s remark to Klinovich...”

“Marco Skarich, arrested on a warrant yesterday for threatening with grievous bodily harm Anton Klinovich, had a hearing in Judge Hawkins’ court this morning. He was not represented by counsel and pleaded guilty to the charge, expressing repentance for his conduct and promising not to repeat his offense. Having exacted a promise from Skarich to refrain from molesting Klinovich or his family under pain of immediate re-arrest, Judge Hawkins dismissed the prisoner under suspended sentence.”

EP; 6 Sep 1912; article: “Glavanich [Glavenich]] was the hero of the game yesterday with Los Banos. He twirled superb ball, holding the Alfalfa League champions to four hits and no runs. The game was a pretty contest from start to finish, the Giants hitting when hits meant runs [score: 4 to 0]...”

“September 4, 1912. Lemoore beat the Giants today in the prettiest game of the trip, the score being 4 to 3...”

“Tonight at 7 o’clock we leave for Fresno with Los Banos ahead tomorrow. Gabriel broke down at Porterville last night and so far has not arrived. The boys are getting closer to home and while they are having a lively time and are enjoying the trip for all they are worth, yet old Watsonville town will look mighty good when we get there. Regards to all from all. LORENSON.”

EP; 7 Sep 1912; article: “To meet and cope with a situation which seriously menaces the trade interests if not the business existence of local apple handlers, the packers and shippers at their meeting in the auditorium last evening decided to send a committee of eight to Los Angeles to combat the trouble and take measures to avert damaging results. C. H. Baker, president of the association, James Sheehy, Stephen Scurich, F. L. W. MacDonald, W. H. Benteen, George W. Sill, T. J. Horgan and M. N. Lettunich will form the committee to represent Watsonville’s interests in the southern trade centre.

“The double-headed difficulty which has to be dealt with is this: It has developed that the Los Angeles wholesale dealers are discriminating against Pajaro Valley fruit, and that the Salt Lake route, which is controlled by the Southern Pacific company has reduced its freight rate on fruit between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles from 65c to 56 cents per hundred pounds, the same to go into effect September 26. The hostile combination now apparent is particularly injurious to local apple interests from the fact Salt Lake City apples are a strong factor in competition with Watsonville fruit in Los Angeles, which is one of the principal markets for the local crop. The action of the Salt Lake railroad lowering freight rates on apples at this time has the appearance of retaliation on

the part of the Southern Pacific for the recent organization of the local shippers, and it is considered probable that the Los Angeles middlemen, are acting in concert with the railroad company in the matter. In any case the fact that the city attorney of Los Angeles has started an investigation concerning the existence of a combination of wholesalers to control prices will strengthen the position and facilitate the work of this city’s representatives.

“If the local representation fails to obtain a satisfactory understanding and fair treatment from the Los Angeles wholesalers, an agency will be established in the southern city to sell the entire local Bellefleur crop direct to the retailers. Funds will be provided by the Packers’ and Shippers’ Association to make an effective fight and it was officially announced last night that the local apple handlers were financially able to meet all their current expenses for several weeks. Whatever may be the outcome of the contest now on[,] in other respects it is considered certain that the packers’ and shippers’ expedition to Los Angeles will have the effect of extending the fame of Watsonville and the Pajaro valley to a remarkable extent.

“...A resolution favoring the use of ventilator cars instead of refrigerator cars for State shipments to prevent a shortage of the last named cars was adopted at the recommendation of the transportation committee...”

EP; 7 Sep 1912; ALL: T. Kovacevich, A. Vajola.

EP; 7 Sep 1912; item: “Pete Carstulovich, one of the proprietors of the Saddle Rock Restaurant, arrived from New York Friday after an absence of nearly five years at his old home in Dalmatia, Austria, says the Santa Cruz Sentinel. He brings back with him a wife. Mr. Carstulovich is glad to get back to Santa Cruz to greet all of his old friends.”

EP; 7 Sep 1912; item: “Andy Balich of Santa Cruz was in the city yesterday.”

EP; 10 Sep 1912; item: “The Giants celebrated their home coming from the San Joaquin by trimming the crack team from the Yerba Buena training school on Goat Island twice at Beach Park before big crowds on both occasions...”

EP; 10 Sep 1912; article: “The Watsonville Driving Club held a successful harness meet last Sunday afternoon at the Beach Road Park...The results of the races on Sunday were as follows:

“...Second race: 1 mile: time 2.33—J. H. Covell’s Little Pete...”

“Third race: ½ mile: time 1:25½—Horace Smith’s Nick S; J. Nunes’ Charley N.; N. Mortizia’s Red Pointer.”

EP; 10 Sep 1912; article: “The committee from the Pajaro Valley Packers’ and Shippers’ Association that is to

investigate the alleged discrimination against this valley by the produce men of Los Angeles, left last night on the Lark for the metropolis of the south. Before they return they expect to either show the southern people where they are wrong in boycotting this valley or else establish a salesroom for Pajaro Valley apples in Los Angeles to handle their own fruit. Those that left for the south last night were C. H. Baker, T. J. Horgan, George W. Sill, George W. Smith, J. L. Hippell, James Sheehy, M. N. Lettunich, W. H. Benteen and O. J. Holohan."

EP; 10 Sep 1912; article: "Mike Zafarin and Andrew Karich were arrested last Saturday night on Main street opposite the city hall on charges of disturbing the peace, the men being mixed up in a general row that was in progress when Officers Zimmer, Whalen and Sandberg arrived on the scene. The men were released upon payment of \$10 bail each and their cases set for this morning but the absence of Attorney George W. Smith in the south delayed the cases..."

EP; 10 Sep 1912; article: "Mayor Hall has appointed the following committee of citizens to take charge of the reception and entertainment of the officers and troops from the Monterey Presidio during Apple Annual week: ...Geo. W. Smith...[of 11]"

EP; 10 Sep 1912; born: "Watsonville, Sept. 9, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. John Capitanich, a daughter." [*Ann; married Carey and Scurich*]



Fig. 4-24. Ann Capitanich.

EP; 10 Sep 1912; item: "Miss Louise Tuttle left yesterday for a visit to San Francisco. She was accompanied by Miss Anita Burin, who has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. John Alaga."

EP; 11 Sep 1912; article: "...The following bills were ordered paid last night [by the Apple Show directors]: ...M. N. Lettunich, apples, \$24.25; Peter Mengol, apples, \$6; S. Scurich, apples, \$2."

EP; 11 Sep 1912; article: "A Booster Club is being formed among the packers, shippers, growers, and merchants of this city to give Pajaro Valley and its apples some wider publicity than it has ever had. The plan as outlined is a very good one and is being taken hold of very readily by those who have been approached upon the subject.

"Some idea of what is being done will be had from the following:

"We, the undersigned, being vitally interested in the prosperity of the Pajaro Valley Apple Industry and being in hearty accord with any movement on the part of the

growers, packers and shippers of Pajaro Valley apples which will protect and benefit this great home industry and

"Whereas certain wholesale dealers who in the past have been heavy users of Pajaro Valley apples now see fit to offer prices which will not permit the industry to live, and

"Whereas in the face of a large crop of apples throughout the United States and considering the fact that nearby markets are disposed to offer reasonable prices for our product, it is deemed necessary and of vital importance to the apple industry that the Pajaro Valley Packers' and Shippers' Association, every business man, grower and citizen of the community act in unison and contribute to a publicity campaign to help secure buyers for Pajaro Valley apples thereby benefiting the apple industry in general and every resident of the valley in particular,...

"Those who have contributed to this fund in the first day of its existence are M. P. Butier, John Scurich...O. D. Stoesser...[of 20]"

EP; 11 Sep 1912; article: "The Watsonville Giants seem to be looked upon by the big league scouts as likely timber for the tall brush if indications are any criterion. No sooner have the fans here been really acquainted with one of the boys than along comes some scout from the big league and grabs him with the result that the Giant lineup is being continually filled with new men all the time..."

"So far the Watsonville club has sent a batch of Giants to faster company...Luke Glavenich goes to the Chicago White Sox next spring..."

EP; 12 Sep 1912; item: "Nicholas Lettunich, John Sheehy, Gerald Sheehy, Arthur Ramage, Edward White and Stephen White have returned to Santa Clara College, which opens tomorrow."

EP; 12 Sep 1912; item: "James Sheehy, M. N. Lettunich and W. H. Benteen have returned from Los Angeles."

EP; 12 Sep 1912; disp. ad:

Apples
by the Box a Specialty
Gravensteins and
Skinner Seedlings
Send a Box to Your Friends.
CITY GROCERY CO.
307 MAIN STREET PHONE 63

EP; 13 Sep 1912; obit: "John Castrapelli, a resident of this city for the past twenty-five years, passed away... after an illness of over two weeks. He was afflicted with paralysis..."

"The deceased was a native of Dalmacia, Austria, and was aged 55 years. He came to this State thirty-five years

ago and settled first at San Jose. After being in the fruit business there for ten years he removed to the Pajaro Valley. He had been a packer here in his early local life but of late was a laborer in the fruit industry until his health failed him. He is survived by a brother, George Castrapelli of this city, and a brother and sister in Austria. He was a member of the Druids and was highly regarded by all that knew him..."

EP; 13 Sep 1912; obit: "At Watsonville, Sept. 13, 1912, John Castrapelli, a native of Dalmacia, Austria, aged 55 years. Funeral from his brother's residence, 32 Carr street...Interment in Valley cemetery."

EP; 14 Sep 1912; article: "The Democratic county convention is in session today as this paper goes to press..."

"The following committees were appointed by Temporary Chairman Kelly this morning: ...Credentials... George W. Smith..."

EP; 14 Sep 1912; article: "**Many Plans Taken up Last Night and Acted Upon by the Board of Directors...**"

"George W. Smith was again placed in charge of the show concessions and will fulfill the arduous duties of that unpleasant job as successfully as he did last year."

EP; 14 Sep 1912; ALL: M. Bilich, John Golemac, Joe Matich, Joseph Theidich.

EP; 14 Sep 1912; article: "Today is Button Day and if you have not bought at least one of the apple show booster buttons already you will probably be caught by some fair damsel before you retire tonight..."

"All the girls are working for the cash prizes of \$10, \$7.50, \$5 and \$2.50 that are offered for the four girls selling the most buttons today. Not only are the girls working for the four cash prizes but they are working for the dinner that is to be given them tomorrow night by the Hotel Appleton, the winners of the cash prizes to be the guests of honor at the feast. The girls that are selling the buttons today are the Misses Pearl Mundhenk, Ellen Zar, Josephine Perry, Esther Gordon, Lena Strazicich, Margaret Linder, Hazel Stow, Matilda Redman, Vesta Delholm, Adele Tuttle, Mabel O'Brien, Mona Uren, Sadie Shelby, Kathryn Thompson, Jennie Kumle, Grace Jennings, Ione Tuttle, Gertrude Cowles, Gladys Tuttle, Ethel Rohrback, Antoinette Balovich and Wilma Kane.

"The committee in charge of Button Day consists of the following: C. R. Taylor, Miss Frances Thompson, Mrs. E. H. Nohrden, Mrs. E. B. Lettunich, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cooper, E. E. Lewis, E. L. Andrews, F. S. Wilson and Miss Mary Zmudowski."

EP; 16 Sep 1912; article: "YOSEMITES UNABLE TO HIT GLAVENICH. The Giants made six errors yesterday, Luke Glavenich walked twelve men and yet the

'hum' guard walked right off with another game to the tune of 6 to 3, the Yosemite of San Francisco being the unfortunates that were executed..."

EP; 20 Sep 1912; item: "Luke Glavenich and Frank Guigni of the Giants have returned from Oakland and San Francisco."

EP; 21 Sep 1912; article: "The wedding invitations are out announcing the nuptials on Wednesday morning next...of Miss Catharine Balovich and Mr. Nicholas P. Stolich of this city. Both are well known young people here and the news of their approaching marriage will be received with felicitation by their many friends. Miss Balovich is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Balovich of this city while the groom is a member of the packing firm of Stolich brothers."

EP; 21 Sep 1912; ALL: G. Memed.

EP; 21 Sep 1912; honor roll: Low 8th: Lewis Lettunich, Antonio Scurich; Low 7th: Lena Strazicich; Low 6th: Helen Strazicich; Low 5th: Michael Mescovich; High 4th: Charley Sambrailo, Nick Dujmovich, Mike Glage; Low 4th: Anna Knego, Katie Strazicich; High 3rd: Matthew Dergnac [Derganc], Katie Arbanas; Low 3rd: Tone Dubretta.

EP; 21 Sep 1912; article: "**Los Angeles Cold Storage Plant Suffers Loss of \$500,000.** Fire, supposed to have been caused by the overloading of the new \$50,000 electric motor on the top floor of the Merchants' Ice and Cold Storage plant at Seaton and Palmetto streets, last Friday night damaged the building and perishable contents to an amount estimated by officers of the company to be \$500,000, says the Los Angeles Express..."

"The plant is the third largest in Los Angeles and covers nearly two and a half acres of ground."

"We understand that several of our loads of apples stored therein, amongst which, we learn, were Scurich Bros., 3 carloads. Novacovich & Stolich had some apples stored therein, but their loss was not learned.—Ed. Pajaronian."

EP; 21 Sep 1912; article: "Miss Kathryn Iverson last night entertained a few friends at her home at 356 Ford street and the evening was pleasantly spent by all... Those present were the Misses Lillian Ruggles, Alice Krausgrill, Juanita Speckens and Kathryn Iverson, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Turner, Luke Glavenich, Frank Guigni, Monte Pfyl and Edward Lorenson."

EP; 21 Sep 1912; item: "Paul Alaga has returned from a trip to Los Angeles."

EP; 21 Sep 1912; item: Luke Glavenich and Frank Guigni left today for St. Mary's College, which they have entered for the new term."

EP; 25 Sep 1912; married: "At 8 o'clock this morning in St. Patrick's church...Miss Catherine Balovich and Mr. Nicholas P. Stolich [were wed]...Miss Helen Balovich, a sister of the bride, charmingly officiated as bridesmaid, while Peter Stolich, a brother of the groom, attended the groom. During the ceremony Miss Anna M. Farlin beautifully rendered a vocal solo, 'O Promise Me'...This morning after the ceremony the happy newlyweds departed for a few days' honeymoon in northern California and upon their return here they will reside on West Fifth street in the handsome new home that the groom has prepared for his bride.

"Both of the newlyweds are well known here. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Balovich of this city and is a charming and accomplished young lady. She has lived here nearly all of her life and was educated in the local schools. For the past few years she has been in charge of the office for the City Grocery Company and Copriviza & Alaga. The groom is the son of Mrs. Kate Stolich of this city and is the youngest member of the well-known packing and fruit-shipping firm of Stolich Brothers..."

EP; 25 Sep 1912; married: "Watsonville, Sept. 25, 1912, by Rev. Father P. D. Hassett, at St. Patrick's church, Miss Catharine Balovich and Mr. Nicholas P. Stolich, both of Watsonville."



Fig. 4-25. Catherine Balovich (1891-1918) and Nick Stolich (1882-1966).

EP; 26 Sep 1912; item: "Two autos collided last evening about five o'clock, at Sanford's Corners, on the Santa Cruz road. One was occupied by Mr. Mateo Lettunich, the other by a gentleman and two ladies from San Jose. Both autos were injured—the San Jose machine faring the worse. Considerable argument was indulged in as to who was to blame for the collision by the gathering."

EP; 28 Sep 1912; item: "Antone Katovich was arrested

yesterday afternoon by Special Park Officer Fred Falkenberg, for riding a bicycle in the plaza. Katovich was taken before Judge Bridgewater and deposited five dollars for his appearance in court this morning. He did not appear and the judge declared his bail forfeited."

EP; 28 Sep 1912; article: "M. N. Lettunich tied his horse to a pole in front of the Oregon saloon yesterday morning with the animal heading north and the left side of the rig to the curb. Officer Hays noted the fact and kept a lookout for the owner. No one came to claim the outfit, so at three o'clock the officer took the same to a livery stable, where Mr. Lettunich called for it about six o'clock. A complaint was sworn to under the new traffic ordinance and Mr. Lettunich appeared before Judge Bridgewater this morning. He pleaded ignorance of the law, and also stated that he was unable to tie his rig in the legal way as it would have been in the way of the Tuttle Meat Co.'s wagons, and that he had left orders with an employee to take the horse to his barn. Judge Bridgewater thought a five dollar fine would fix the matter and the same was paid."

EP; 28 Sep 1912; item: "John Hrepich and Nich Moncovich vs. J. J. Coyle and John Doe Martinelli—Complaint in suit to recover \$562.30 balance due on stock of goods."

EP; 28 Sep 1912; ALL: Miol Boskovich, Pit Joenich, George Spremich. Foreign: Nikola Bogdanovich, Bozo Gokich, John Komovich.

EP; 30 Sep 1912; article: "HORSE RACES FOR APPLE SHOW WEEK. With horses entered from Salinas, Santa Cruz, Hollister and Watsonville the local horsemen have arranged an attractive program of races for the week of the apple show...The program for the two days is as follows: ...

[1st day:] "Fourth Race—half mile trot, best two in three...Arlie D., P. Alaga, Watsonville..."

[2nd day:] "Third race—...one mile pace, best two out of three... Arlie D., P. Alaga, Watsonville.

"Fourth race—...half mile heats, best two out of three...Red Pointer, R. [N.?] Mortizia, Watsonville..."

EP; 30 Sep 1912; article: "The Watsonville Giants came through with another victory yesterday at Beach Park and the beauty of the victory was that it was won despite all that the majority of the home fans could do to cheer the other team on. The other team in this case was the club representing Brown Brothers of the metropolis..."

"...The whole trouble with the Browns was that they could not hit Luke McGlucke Glavenich..."

EP; 1 Oct 1912; article: "A. J. Viscovich, the proprietor of the Postal Studio in the Hoffman House block, was arrested...yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police Whitsitt

and Officer J. P. Zimmer on a charge of selling obscene and indecent pictures to minors and immediately after the arrest he was haled before Judge Hawkins and fined \$50. Chief Whitsitt had the evidence dead to rights on the defendant as two boys had entered the place a few minutes before the arrest and had bought some of the obscure pictures. Chief Whitsitt then made the arrest and more pictures were found in the place. He was warned to sell no more of the pictures and all the objectionable pictures found in the house were confiscated by the police."

EP; 1 Oct 1912; item: "Joseph Juri et ux. to F. P. Marinovich—Lot on S.W. side of Main St., Watsonville."

EP; 2 Oct 1912; item: "John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et al.—Order extending time to Coast Counties Light and Power Co., to October 20th, within which to present and file its engrossed bill of exceptions on its motion for a new trial."

Paj; 3 Oct 1912; born: "Watsonville, Sept. 28, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. I. Arbanasin, a son." [Martin; +1935]

EP; 4 Oct 1912; article: "That certain local shippers and packers are violating the minimum rate agreement passed by the Packers' & Shippers' Association of the Pajaro Valley by selling their Bellefleur apples in Los Angeles for less than 75c per box and that the packers selling according to the agreement are losing out in the southern markets as a result of the cut-throat policy followed by the few local packers that are violating the agreement are facts alleged by Nicholas V. Lettunich, the well-known local grower, shipper and packer, who returned this morning from Los Angeles...Mr. Lettunich states that some of the Watsonville packers are laying themselves open to a \$100 fine for violating the minimum rate clause of the packer's agreement according to evidence seen with his own eyes while in the southern metropolis.

"In the first place if the minimum price of 75c was followed by all packers here and all commission men in the south the lowest price that would prevail for Bellefleurs in the south would be at least 90c[,] for the freight from Watsonville to Los Angeles is 11 ½ c, which added to the 75c worth make a total per box of 86 ½ c. Mr. Lettunich found instances while south where commission houses were selling Pajaro Valley Bellefleurs for not only 85c but for as low as 80c and 75c. Therefore if a commission man sells for 85c he must buy the apples here at Watsonville for at least 73 ½ c in order to be even with the freight or at less than 73 ½ c in order to get any profit at all. This conclusively shows that some packers in this city and members of the Packers' & Shippers' Association are violating the rules of the game and should be investigated.

"...Last night a San Diego man told Mr. Lettunich that he had bought five cars of Bellefleurs this week for 75c,

which means that the Watsonville packer sold the fruit at a figure in the 60's. Mr. Lettunich also saw 75 boxes sold this week by the South Pacific Fruit Company for 85c and he was present while S. M. Miloslavich sold 40 Watsonville Bellefleur boxes at 80c. In this case he also saw the bill in the peddler's hand...

"Mr. Lettunich reports that some of the Los Angeles commission men are indignant at the turn affairs have taken for while they are buying apples here in Watsonville at the minimum price of 75c from packers that are living up to the agreement they are being undersold by the commission men that are dealing with Watsonville packers who are violating the agreement.

"The Pajaro Valley Packers' & Shippers' Association should investigate the charges made by Mr. Lettunich immediately. If any members of the Association are violating the agreement they should be fined and held up as examples..."

EP; 5 Oct 1912; ALL: Danco Focich. Foreign: Javo Radaujic.

EP; 5 Oct 1912; item: "Luke Glavenich and Frank Guigni are in Salinas today boosting the game with the Seals for Monday."

EP; 7 Oct 1912; article: "**Luke McGlucke Glavenich Pitches No-Hit Ball for Seven Innings...**The Giants won another game yesterday due to the superb pitching of Luke McGlucke Glavenich, the husky heaver for the Calpaco wizards, and due also to the fact that the Giants hit the ball when hits were needed. For the first seven innings Glavenich did not allow one dinky hit..."

EP; 8 Oct 1912; article: "Last night the 1912 California Apple Show was officially and formally opened to the public after months of preparation and the opening was a grand success to say the least..."

"Shortly after 8 o'clock the program of speaking, which formally opened the apple show, was started and the speakers and other officials of the occasion filed upon the stage headed by President O. D. Stoesser and Lieutenant-Governor Albert J. Wallace. The others that were honored with seats upon the stage were Mayor James A. Hall, Commissioner W. Jefferson Davis of San Diego; A. W. Scott, Jr., of San Francisco, Mateo Lettunich, Alderman J. I. King, City Clerk S. W. Coffman, Alderman H. P. Kane, Colonel Bowen, E. Steinhauer, George W. Sill, J. A. Linscott, H. C. Peckham, A. W. Cox, G. E. Rowe, C. H. Baker, C. J. Sinsell, W. R. Porter, J. L. Dumas and E. J. Kelly..."

EP; 9 Oct 1912; article: "Miss Geneva West is the new world's champion lady apple packer and Peter Scurich holds the world's championship in the men's class as the result of the contests held last evening at the pavilion..."

Miss West...won a gold watch donated by the Zellerbach Paper Company of San Francisco...Scurich...won a gold watch, which had been donated by Blake, Moffit & Towne of San Francisco. Another watch was given to the second winner, Nick Katicich.

"The contest was to pack five boxes of apples in the shortest possible time with all regard to uniformity, pack and everything else that goes to make up a first class fruit pack. The highest number of points that could be made were 500..."

"Peter Scurich in the men's division had 496 points while Katicich had 495 points, Scurich finishing in 30 minutes and Katicich in 30 ¼ minutes. The other contestants were G. W. Leedman, Jay Whipple, John Jagich, Mike Scurich, Mitchell Maslick, M. L. Voorheis and George Schwan..."

EP; 9 Oct 1912; article: "The following program of horse races will be held at the Beach Road Park tomorrow... under the auspices of the Watsonville Driving club:

"...Third race:...one mile pace, best two in three... Arlie D., P. Alaga, Watsonville.

"Fourth race:...half mile heats, best two out of three... Red Pointer, R. Mortizia, Watsonville..."

EP; 10 Oct 1912; obit: "Lorena Bacich [Bakich], the infant daughter of Michael and Francis Bacich, passed away yesterday afternoon after a short illness at the family residence on East Lake avenue. The little child was but 4 months and 14 days old when it was called from life. The many friends of the family will hear the sad news with great sympathy for the parents...Interment in the Catholic cemetery."

EP; 10 Oct 1912; article: The races of the Watsonville Driving club at the Beach Road track yesterday afternoon drew the largest crowd ever seen at the park...

"...Following are the results:

"First race, half mile—P. Alaga's Rita A., first..."

"Third race, mile—P. Alaga's Arlie D., first..."

EP; 10 Oct 1912; obit: "At Watsonville, Oct. 8, 1912, Lorena, infant daughter of Michael and Frances Bacich [Bakich]."

EP; 10 Oct 1912; item: "William Pulisevich of Los Angeles is registered at the Appleton."

EP; 10 Oct 1912; article: "A number of the friends of Misses Mabel, Gladys, and Adelle Tuttle were entertained last night..."

"Those present were Misses Styletta and Wilma Kane, Florence Hughes, Ellen White, Elizabeth Burket, Louise, Mabel, Gladys and Adelle Tuttle, and Messrs. Marco Zarich, Steve White, Chauncy Tramutola, Luke Glavenich, Arthur Hughes, George Freiermuth, Guy Voight, Nicholas Lettunich, Sid Hatch."

EP; 11 Oct 1912; item: "Says last evening's Hollister Free Lance, 'Miss Sadie Garner of this city, was married in San Francisco Tuesday to George Carstulovich, proprietor of the Saddle Rock Restaurant, at Santa Cruz. Mrs. Carstulovich is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Santos Garner of Hollister, and was formerly the wife of Fred Majors of Watsonville, from whom she was divorced some time ago.'"

EP; 11 Oct 1912; list: "AWARDS ANNOUNCED LAST EVENING.

"Scores of Class 1, 100-Box Lots.

"Red Pearmain—First, Alaga Bros., Watsonville, 994 ½..."

"Bellefleurs—First, M. L. Kalich & Co., Watsonville, 992 ¼..."

"Newtowns—First, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, 985 ¼..."

"Sweepstakes—First, Red Pearmain, Alaga Bros., 994 ½."

"Scores of Class 2, 50-Box Lots, Mixed Varieties.

"First—A. Balich Fruit Co., Watsonville, 993..."

"Newtown Pippins—First, Stolich Bros., Watsonville, 994...third, Peter Mengol, 982 ⅔...fifth, Milladin & Moncovich, 935 ⅔..."

"Sweepstakes—First, mixed varieties, A. Balich Fruit Co., Watsonville, 998..."

"Scores of class 3, 25-Box Lots.

"White Pearmain—First, S. Scurich, Watsonville, 996; second, Stolich Bros., Watsonville, 992.

"Bellefleurs—...fifth, M. N. Lettunich Co, Watsonville, 951; sixth, E. B. Lettunich, 907.

"Red Pearmain—...second, P. M. Resetar, Watsonville, 964..."

"Mixed Varieties—First, B. Pista, Watsonville, 993..."

"Newtowns—...second, Stolich Bros., Watsonville, 984 ⅔; third, Copriviza & Gera, 963 ⅓...sixth, E. B. Lettunich, 925 ⅔; seventh, Hrepich & Moncovich, 908 ⅓..."

"Sweepstakes—First, White Pearmain, S. Scurich, Watsonville, 996..."

EP; 12 Oct 1912; article: "THE BALKAN WAR. M. N. Cosulich, publisher of the Croatian newspaper 'Jadran' came down with the railroad men's excursion from San Francisco on a special train today, and will remain until tomorrow morning. Our friend Cosulich informs us that the Southern Slavs (Serbs and Croats) of San Francisco, and bay cities, will hold a mass meeting at San Francisco next Tuesday evening with the intention of raising funds to assist the Balkan countries in their struggle to run the Turks out of Europe, which he says will be accomplished before the year is out."

EP; 12 Oct 1912; article: "BRAVO FOR OFFICIALS [of the Apple Annual]. To General Manager Harry Perkins, the head of the show, is due special mention..."

“To President Otto D. Stoesser, Secretary C. G. Redman, Financial Secretary T. M. Wright and Directors A. W. Cox, C. H. Baker, Mateo Lettunich, Luke Scurich, J. A. Linscott, George W. Sill, E. Steinhauser, H. C. Peckham, J. E. Gardner, E. A. Hall, R. H. Goodchild and J. H. Thompson is due praise of the most cordial kind...In mentioning those entitled to credit for the show two others should not be forgotten. Miss Anna M. Farlin, the efficient assistant secretary of the show, and Burton Burgess, Perkins’ private secretary...”

EP; 12 Oct 1912; list: “The following polling places and election officials in the Pajaro Valley have been selected by the county supervisors for the general election next month:

“Calabajas Precinct—Polling place, Fruitvale school house...Judge, N. Skocko...”

“Watsonville Precinct No. 5—Polling place, King Paint Shop, Fourth Street...Clerks, G. W. Smith...”

EP; 12 Oct 1912; list: [Apple Annual awards]

“Score of Class Four, 10-Box lots.

“Newtown Pippins—...Second, Stolich Bros., Watsonville, 995...fifth, J. Resetar & Co., Watsonville, 990...tenth, Hrepich & Moncovich, Watsonville, 982...twelfth, P. M. Resetar, Watsonville, 952; thirteenth, Peter Gukan & Co., Watsonville, 951...fifteenth, E. B. Rilovich & Sresovich, Watsonville, 940...seventeenth, M. Pecarovich, Watsonville, 910...”

“Bellefleurs—First, J. B. Braycovich & Co., Watsonville, 996; second, L. K. Secondo Fruit Co., Watsonville, 992; third, Hrepich & Moncovich, Watsonville, 993; fourth, Lucich & Gordon, Watsonville, 989...seventh, Scurich Bros., Watsonville, 954; eighth, M. Pecarovich, Watsonville, 952; ninth, N. Skocko & Son, Watsonville, 949...”

“Winesap—First, L. K. Secondo Fruit Co., Watsonville, 995.

“Jonathan—First, N. Banaz & Co., Templeton, 995; second, M. Pecarovich, Watsonville, 991...”

“White Pearmain—First, N. Ducich, Watsonville, 994; second, Stolich Bros., Watsonville, 985; third, A. Stolich & Co., Watsonville, 951...”

“Red Pearmain—First, E. B. Rilovich & Sresovich Co., Watsonville, 989; second, Battinich & Laptalo, Watsonville, 958; third, P. M. Resetar, Watsonville, 954; fourth, Peter Gukan & Co., Watsonville, 953...”

“Langford Seedling—...second, N. Skocko & Son, Watsonville, 946...”

“Lauver—...second, Mekis & Pekoch, Watsonville, 900...”

EP; 12 Oct 1912; board of supervisors, payments: “...Hrepich & Wells \$38.25...Pajaro Protection District: ...W. Boscovich \$12.60...John Fornatovich \$21.70...Mike Lucich \$2.80...Lozo Micich \$4.20...Obren Milich \$18.20...M. Petijevich \$2.80...”

EP; 12 Oct 1912; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, Oct. 11, 1912, to Jack Marinovich of Oakland and Idalene A. Littlejohn of Hollister.”

EP; 14 Oct 1912; born: “Watsonville, Oct. 12, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Blasich [Vlasich], a son.” [Luke; +1924]

EP; 15 Oct 1912; article: **“Ten Thousand May Answer Call to Battle—Talk of War is Getting Them Excited...**The European fear of international complications which might involve the whole of the continent in armed conflict is being fanned by the discovery that there recently has been organized in the western part of the United States a Croatian League, similar to the Irish League, in which 40,000 Croatsians, naturalized citizens of the United States or subjects of the Austro-Hungarian empire, have bound themselves to return to their native country at the opportune time and begin a war for independence from the Austrian throne. The opportune time, it has been declared by officers of the league in San Francisco, will be the minute war is declared between Turkey and the other Balkan provinces.

“The number of Croatsians in San Francisco is well above 10,000. They far outnumber the Servians, who differ from the Croatsians only in their allegiance to a king of their own and in their religion. The Croatsians, who come from the province of Croatia, in the heart of Hungary, are Roman Catholics, while the Servians usually are members of the Greek Catholic church. The difference of religion will be forgotten, it is said, when Serbia goes to arms against Turkey and Croatia against Austria.

“M. M. Cosulich, editor of Jadran, a Croatian paper published in San Francisco, is one of the moving spirits of the Croatian League. It is principally through his efforts that the league was able to recruit so extensively in San Francisco.

“It is stated in the foreign quarter today that fully 500 Servians, Greeks and Bulgarians will leave this port for home within the next few days unless the war clouds clear. There are 5000 Servians in the city and all of this number that are able-bodied men will leave. Of the 2000 Bulgarians in the city, fully half will answer their country’s call.

“It is hard to estimate how many Croatsians will return to take part in the contemplated revolt, as there are more than 40,000 in the State, and it is thought the majority will return.—San Francisco Post.”

EP; 15 Oct 1912; article: “The prizes offered by the Farm and Forest Realty Co., were won by the following persons:

“...Best 10 boxes Bellefleurs, won by J. B. Braycovich, prize \$25...”

EP; 15 Oct 1912; class. ad: “WANTED—At once girls

or women for sorting apples. Good wages paid. Apply Alaga Brothers' Packing House, 244 Walker street."

EP; 15 Oct 1912; class. ad: "WANTED—Sorters wanted at Peter Mengol's packing house on Beach road."

EP; 15 Oct 1912; class. ad: "WANTED—Women as apple sorters. Apply at once to M. N. Lettunich Company, West Third street."

EP; 15 Oct 1912; class. ad: "WANTED—Young girls to sort apples. Apply at once to Rilovich & Borkovich, 343 Locust street. Wages paid every Saturday night."

EP; 16 Oct 1912; disp. ad:

EAT
Nighttime, Daytime
at the
CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT
Special attention paid to transient parties.
Furnished rooms in connection.
No. 255-259 Main Street.

EP; 16 Oct 1912; Monterey Co. supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Protection District. For labor in above district the following claims were allowed:...Milo Lucich, \$1.20; Lazo Micich, \$1.80...John Fornatovich \$9.30; W. Basovich, \$5.40; O. Milinich, \$7.80; Nick Magazin, \$13.50; Chas. Blas, \$9.90...M. Petijevich, \$1.20..."

EP; 16 Oct 1912; article: "Next Sunday the Giants will take the first trip out of town that they have made since they returned from their tour of the San Joaquin Valley. On the road the Giants have always been strong and have been winners, for out of seven games that have been played out of town this year they have lost but two. The full strength of the Giants will go to the county seat Sunday but the battery has not yet been announced. Glavenich, Hatch and Sullivan are the pitchers to choose from..."

"Out of 35 games played so far by the home guard this season the boys have lost but six contests, which is certainly going some and is an average of .829. The only teams that have beaten the Giants this year are the Seals, Clarions, San Mateo, Madera, Lemoore and Fort McDowell. Of this list the Giants have since defeated the Clarions and San Mateo."

EP; 16 Oct 1912; list: "FINAL AWARDS OF SHOW... The judges of the Apple Annual show have completed their work and the compilation of the scores on the one and five-box lots is complete. Duplicates of the score-cards are on file at the office of the Apple Annual Association and may be had on request by the exhibitor. Following is the complete score on five-box lots:

"Newtowns—W. W. Sunbury, Watsonville, 1000; H. Forester, Watsonville, 999; L. A. Amidon, Watsonville, 999; M. L. Kalich & Co., Watsonville, 999; Stolich Bros., Watsonville, 998; MacDonald & Sons, Watsonville, 997; Stuart & Sons, & Rogers, Watsonville, 996; P. Gurash & Co., Watsonville, 996; B. Pista, Watsonville, 995; W. P. Hihchings [*sic*], Watsonville, 994; Owen Larkin, Watsonville, 994; S. Pekoch & Co., Watsonville, 993; J. Perasich & Co., Watsonville, 992; H. P. Madsen, Watsonville, 992; Peter Mengol, Watsonville, 992; N. S. Skocko & Son, Watsonville, 992; George Kroll Co., Watsonville, 992; A. P. Bakich & Co., Watsonville, 992; Kynlity, Watsonville, 991; P. M. Resetar, Watsonville, 990; L. P. Lauritzen, Watsonville, 990; Scurich Bros., Watsonville, 990...[9 non-Slav entries skipped]... Scampavia Bros., Watsonville, 983; Copriviza & Gera, Watsonville, 982..."

"Bellefleurs—F. L. Selleck, Watsonville, 999; J. H. Caudill, Watsonville, 998; S. Pekoch & Co., Watsonville, 998; H. C. Peckham, Watsonville, 996; N. M. Vuicich, Watsonville, 996; Rilovich & Borcovich, Watsonville, 995; E. A. Hall, Watsonville, 995; Scampavia Bros., Watsonville, 994; J. Scurich & Co., Watsonville, 994; J. Perasich and Co., Watsonville, 993; Peter Gukan & Co., Watsonville, 993; Susan R. Peckham, Watsonville, 993; C. H. Murphy, Watsonville, 993; W. E. Peckham, Watsonville, 992; A. P. Peterson, Watsonville, 992; L. G. Bachan & Co., Watsonville, 992; F. C. Burrell, San Jose, 992; H. C. Langerman, Watsonville, 991; Stephen Scurich, Watsonville, 990..."

"Lauver—Novakovich & Stolich, Watsonville, 999.

"Red Pearmain—H. T. Davis, Watsonville, 999; F. L. DeBack, Watsonville, 998; Fred Lobdell, Watsonville, 998; P. M. Resetar, Watsonville, 996; Scurich Bros., Watsonville, 994..."

"Langford—[1st 6 places skipped; no Slavs]...J. Scurich Co., Watsonville, 989..."

"Winesap—Scurich & Jerinich, Watsonville, 995; A. Stolich & Co., Watsonville, 992..."

"White Winter Pearmain—F. P. Marinovich, Watsonville, 994; Stolich Bros., Watsonville, 993; P. Lucich & Co., Watsonville, 992; Scurich Bros., Watsonville, 991..."

"Spitzenberg—Hrepich & Moncovich, Watsonville, 993; A. P. Bakich & Co., Watsonville, 992..."

"Smith Cider—J. W. Watters, Watsonville, 992; S. Pekoch, Watsonville, 991

"Baldwin—Scurich Bros., Watsonville, 991..."

"Single Entries, No Competition

"Northern Spy—M. L. Kalich & Co., Watsonville, 999..."

"Nonesuch—G. Baule & Co., Watsonville, 992..."

"Black Twig—N. Skocko & Son, Watsonville, 948..."

EP; 18 Oct 1912; list: "...ONE BOX LOTS. Following is the complete list of scores on the one-box lots exhibited at the Apple Annual last week:

“Newtown Pippins—Watsonville exhibitors—W. W. Sunbury 1000, S. N. Oyoshi 999, W. H. Berry 997, W. H. Cornell 997, Scurich Bros. 996...[13 entries left out]...Stolich Bros. 993...[8 entries left out]...Peter Mengol 991...[4 entries left out]...P. M. Resetar 990, Lucich & Gordon 990...[10 entries left out]...S. Pekoch & Co. 985...

“Jonathan—[5 entries left out]...Millanden [Milladin] & Moncovich, Watsonville, 988; N. Banaz, Paso Robles, 984...

“White Pearmain—Watsonville exhibitors—L. C. Dunlap 998, Mrs. E. Cornell 997, Mrs. Ella Martin 997, P. Lucich & Co. 995, M. L. Kalich & Co. 994, Stolich Bros. Watsonville 993, W. E. Mann 993, Skow Bros. 992, F. P. Marinovich 992...

“Red Pearmain—Watsonville exhibitors—Miss F. E. Peck 997, H. T. Davis 997, E. Pound 996, F. L. Selleck 996, J. H. Caudill 995, K. F. Redman 995, Scurich Bros. 993, Mrs. Ella Martin 993, C. H. Rowe 993, W. M. Angel 991, Mekis & Pekoch 990...

“Spitzenberg—[3 entries left out]...N. Banaz & Co., Paso Robles 991...

“Bellefleur—Watsonville exhibits, unless otherwise designated—A. A. Scurich & Co. 997...[6 entries left out]...N. M. Vuicich 993...[12 entries left out]...Stephen Scurich 991...[21 entries left out]...S. Pekoch & Co. 978...[3 entries left out]...Scurich Bros. 952...

“Smith Cider—H. Wilson, Sonora, 996; W. M. Angel, Watsonville, 993; F. L. Selleck, Watsonville, 993; S. Pekoch & Co., Watsonville 991; N. Skocko & Son, Watsonville 989...”

EP; 19 Oct 1912; born: “At Watsonville, Oct. 17, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Kralj, a daughter.” [*Ann; married Ferguson*]



EP; 19 Oct 1912; born: “At Watsonville, Oct. 19, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Resetar, a son.” [*Tony; +1971*]

Fig. 4-26.
Tony “T.J.” Resetar.

EP; 19 Oct 1912; list: “Following are the winners in the plate displays at the recent Apple Annual: [many winners from all over the state; many from Watsonville; but no Slavs are listed]”

EP; 19 Oct 1912; item: “Spiro S. Radoicich, a Servian journalist, made us a call this morning. Mr. Radoicich has been in town for the past two days for the purpose of getting his countrymen in this valley to help their com-

patriots in the present war against Turkey. He leaves tomorrow for San Francisco, and next week, in company with about 200 Servians, starts for Servia to take an active part in the war.”

EP; 21 Oct 1912; article: “The Giants hit Santa Cruz again for the fourth consecutive time where the old hen received the hatchet and the beauty of the wallop this trip was that the bloody deed took place in the Crabs’ home town before several hundred of their own town fans...The score of the battle was 11 to 6 and it was a wonder that it was not 1586 to 3 for those Giants sure did hit that ball some mighty wallops...Glavenich wobbled for three frames and then blew up all at once in the fourth. Life Saver Sid Hatch had to go into the box and he held the beach combers from the Casino down to almost nothing...”

EP; 21 Oct 1912; ALL: Jack Mustahinich, Nike Nikich, John Pivoc, Pauline Sresovich, M. Svago, Jovan Vidocich. Foreign: Georđe Peko, Lazo A. Perasich, Esq., Mate Sulvaliko.

EP; 21 Oct 1912; obit: “At Watsonville, Oct. 21, 1912, Miss Annie Gluhan, a native of Dalmacia, Austria, aged 18 years...”

EP; 21 Oct 1912; obit: “Annie Gluhan, a native of Dalmacia, Austria, aged 18 years, died this morning...at the Watsonville Hospital, from spinal meningitis.

“The death of the young woman is peculiarly sad. She arrived here, to rejoin her sisters, on October 9th, and leaving her mother, father and one brother and sister in far-off Austria, journeyed to California with pleasant anticipation of rejoining loved relatives, and beginning life anew in a land of golden promise. Last week she was taken ill, and her ailment not yielding readily to medical treatment, she was removed to the hospital where she passed away this morning.

“Her death comes as a great shock to relatives and friends. Besides the relatives (noted above) that she leaves in Austria, she leaves three sisters in this section, viz: Mrs. Mitchell Perovich of Watsonville, Mrs. Martin Perovich of Gilroy, and Mrs. Peter Kulish of San Jose...Interment at Catholic cemetery.”

EP; 21 Oct 1912; article: “Nearly a score of local Servians have departed for the war against Turkey and the army of native Servians, which is being recruited from California, will be augmented by many more from Watsonville before the war is over. Many of the Servians left last night and others followed today as a steamer load of California Servians will leave for the war front the latter part of this week.”

EP; 21 Oct 1912; article: “HIT BY AUTOMOBILE. George Vucinich, a local fruit laborer, had a narrow

escape from serious injury if not death...this morning as the result of being struck by an automobile, owner unknown, at the lower end of Main street. The automobile was proceeding the opposite way from Vucinich, who was on a bicycle, and the two vehicles collided head-on. Vucinich was hurled headfirst through the wind shield of the automobile, which was shattered, and he landed in the automobile. The bicycle was thrown to one side and badly dented. Vucinich dislocated one shoulder and suffered several severe contusions and cuts on the forehead and cheek but sustained nothing of a serious nature. He was given medical treatment and while suffering pain from the injuries yet he is still able to move about."

EP; 22 Oct 1912; married: "At Santa Cruz, Oct. 21, 1912, Anthony Milanovich and Miss Henriette Willey."

EP; 23 Oct 1912; honor roll: Low 8th: Lewis Lettunich, Antonio Scurich; Low 7th: John Strazacich; Low 6th: Jennie Dubreta; High 5th and Low 6th: Helen Strazicich; Low 5th: Michel Mescovich; High 4th: Nick Dujmovich, Mike Glage, George Glage, Charley Sambrailo; Low 4th: Anna Knego, Katie Strazicich, Mark Rilovich; High 3rd and Low 4th: John Eggea; High 3rd: Katie Arbanas, Mathew Derganc; High 2nd: Stephen Nemanich; Low 2nd: Mitchell Battinich.

EP; 23 Oct 1912; board of aldermen meeting: "...The Masonic Hall Association was given permission to erect its Masonic temple at the corner of Union street and Maple avenue. It will be a brick building and will cost \$23,000.

"J. F. Costa of the Bellwood saloon was given permission to transfer his liquor license to Messrs. Paul Mattos and Peter Gospodnetich. The transfer was not approved before the two new owners appeared before the board and were interrogated by the aldermen..."

EP; 23 Oct 1912; article: "WANTED FOR THIEVERY. The whereabouts of one Peter Nicich are desired by Constable Cano of Pajaro, on a charge of theft, the accusation against the man being that he stole three suits of clothes yesterday from Martin Sarich, Martin Mikulicich and Steve Sarich, all of Aromas, and that he also escaped with a 44 calibre revolver, a \$5 nickel wrench, a pair of shoes, a black hand grip and a bank book owned by Mikulicich. The property in all is valued at over \$50 so the charge against Nicich is grand larceny. Nicich had been employed on the Sarich ranch at Aromas and he departed yesterday morning for parts unknown while the owners were at work. The robbery was reported to Constable Cano yesterday afternoon. The missing man is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet, 10 inches in height, weighing about 140 pounds and smooth shaven."

EP; 26 Oct 1912; notice: "We have purchased the saloon business of J. L. Costa at 253 Main street, Watsonville. Any debts owing by said business prior to October 19th, 1912 will be paid by Mr. Costa.

"October 26th, 1912.

"P. GOSPODNETICH, P. MATULICH."

EP; 26 Oct 1912; born: "In Stockton, Oct. 23, 1912, to the wife of Jack Capatanich (nee Mabel Reed) a son." [Nicholas; +2000]

EP; 26 Oct 1912; ALL: Martha Lovich. Foreign: Yanko Bacanovich.

EP; 26 Oct 1912; article: "Tomorrow's game will be noteworthy for several reasons. In the first place it will be the crucial game in the contest for the championship of the county as the Giants have won the first two games of the five game series. If the Giants win tomorrow there will be no more games with Santa Cruz, but if the Giants lose[,] the next game will be played at the county seat..."

"Luke McGlucke Glavenich will go on the mound again tomorrow and will try to show Santa Cruz that he can fool them. Luke has been out of form in the last few games but he says he feels fine for tomorrow and when Luke is right[,] there are few clubs that can touch his curves and fast balls."

EP; 28 Oct 1912; article: "With the score 3 to 1 against them in the eighth inning with chances to win the game looking as slim as a toothpick the Giants came from behind yesterday afternoon at Beach Park, hammered Pitcher Walker almost to a pulp and drove in not only the runs needed to win the game but made on extra for good measure. The score was 5 to 3 when the hammering was over with and poor Santa Cruz was helpless before Sid Hatch after that. Five times this season has Santa Cruz tried to beat Watsonville and five times have they failed so it now begins to look as if the county seat ball team is far outclassed by this town.

"In the first place Luke Glavenich had another of his wild days...In the first inning Luke walked two men, made two wild pitches while Milford made two passed balls and the county seaters came across with two runs..."

"The Santa Cruz gang kept pecking away at Glavenich and in the seventh he had the bases filled and two down. He looked at the situation and one look was enough. He walked out of the box and Sid Hatch, the life-saver and chief of the rescue crew, came to the front. Hatch pulled out of the hole without damage and Santa Cruz lost a brilliant opportunity to put the game on ice.

"In the eighth the Giants came out in front with a rush that took away the breath of all present...[W]hen the inning was over the score was 5 to 3 with the locals on the long end..."

EP; 30 Oct 1912; item: “John J. Hrepich et al. vs. J. J. Coyle et als.—Demurrer; points and authorities; notice of motion to change place of trial.”

EP; 30 Oct 1912; item: “John Hrepich et al. vs. J. J. Coyle et al.—Affidavit of service.”

EP; 30 Oct 1912; item: “Miss Alice Krausgrill has returned to San Francisco after visiting here with Mrs. John Alaga.”

EP; 30 Oct 1912; article: “AN ODD DOCUMENT FILED IN DIVORCE CASE. All the way from Gruda, in the province of Dalmacia, Austria, has come to the county clerk’s office in Santa Cruz a document of much import in the future happiness of Lucy Rajla [Relja], the wife of John Rajla of Watsonville. With its advent in the clerk’s office points of fascinating interest to lawyer and layman bearing on divorce suits where the principals are thousands of miles apart, are introduced for the first time.

“John Rajla, through his attorney, George W. Smith of Watsonville, filed a divorce complaint in the superior court on August 26, alleging that his wife, Lucy, to whom he was married in Gruda, Dalmacia, in 1895, had deserted him in September, 1898, while they were living in New York city. It was further alleged that there was no living issue of their union and a legal separation was prayed for on the ground of desertion. The usual legal formalities of notification to the wife of the complaint were carried out and nothing was heard from the defendant wife until the early part of this week, when the mail-carrier deposited with County Clerk Miller an enormous envelope bearing the postmark of the Austrian town.

“It was the wife’s answer in cross-complaint in the suit and included also at its end a ‘proposition’ to the superior court here. The document is carefully written by an attorney in longhand on great lengths of heavy paper and contains several odd expressions never heard or used in the American courts.

“There is revealed on the pages to the husband now living in Watsonville that he can not hope for the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony for the reason that ‘the civil law of the Austrian monarchy in connection with the church law of the Roman Catholic church’ does not permit an absolute divorce. ‘Only such reasons as adultery, blows and improper conduct of one party toward the other’ is sufficient grounds ‘to ask a separation of table and bed’ the document goes on to state, although the parties are allowed to live apart, but forbidden to ever marry again. Objection is raised to the jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz county court on the ground of validity of the Austrian law under which the couple were married.

“The surprising revelation in the wife’s answer is the assertion that at the time she left New York she had hopes of becoming a mother and that in March, 1899, a tiny daughter blessed her loneliness. This child, now

fourteen years old, she named Marija. She alleges that her husband knew of the child’s birth and sent her money for the expenses attendant upon the birth.

“Allegations are also made accusing the husband of cruelty toward the defendant before her departure and that since her arrival in Austria she has been forced at times to depend ‘on relatives to keep from starving.’

“The document finally ends with the remarkable ‘proposition’ that the judge of the superior court here appoint a lawyer to defend her on account of her being poor and unable to provide for her legal defense. The appointment of attorneys to defend parties in civil suits is not practiced in the California courts.

“On account of the document not being in the proper form it will not be filed by County Clerk Miller.

“Attorney Smith for the husband told a News man today that he was inclined to allow the wife’s answer to be presented in court, but on account of the document not being technically correct as an answer or a cross-complaint he did not know what the attitude of the court toward it might be.—Santa Cruz Evening News.”

EP; 2 Nov 1912; ALL: Tenni Borvich, George Butman [maybe Budman], Peter Deko, Pivac Ivan.

EP; 4 Nov 1912; born: “In Watsonville, Nov. 1, 1912, to the wife of Jasper Simunovich, a daughter.” [*Florence Ann; married Marcus; +1986*]



Fig. 27. Florence Simunovich.

EP; 4 Nov 1912; item: “Prosper Lettunich of San Francisco is here visiting his father, M. N. Lettunich.”

EP; 5 Nov 1912; item: “Estate of Martin Kolendich, deceased—Affidavit of publication of notice to creditors.”

EP; 5 Nov 1912; board of aldermen, payments: “...Supplies—Hrepich & Wells: \$24.50...”

EP; 7 Nov 1912; obit: “Paul Matulich, the nine months old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matulich of this city, died yesterday afternoon after a brief illness. The little boy was buried...in the Catholic cemetery...”

EP; 7 Nov 1912; obit: “Watsonville, Nov, 6, 1912, Paul Matulich, aged 9 months, a native of California.”

EP; 8 Nov 1912; article: “...Frank Guigni and Luke Glavenich of the Giants have departed for St. Mary’s College to resume their studies but they will likely play with the Giants as long as baseball is played here...”

EP; 9 Nov 1912; ALL: Mice Gi Balijs, M. Jasprizza, Mike Metrovich. Foreign—Luka Matijasevich, Jovo Pribisich.

EP; 11 Nov 1912; board of supervisors, payments: "...Milinovich, Jasper, labor: \$2.80...Prodonovich, Dan, labor: \$13.30."

EP; 13 Nov 1912; obit: "Peter Miladin, a brother of Paul Miladin of the cold storage plant, and a cousin of Paul Miladin, the shipper and packer, died yesterday afternoon at the home of John Roncovich [Roncevich] on the San Juan road. The deceased had been in this valley only since the 29th of October and had been ill in New York for the past eight months. He was advised by his physician to remove to another climate and he had been in this valley with his wife for only a few days...The interment will be made in the Valley cemetery.

"The deceased was a native of Dalmacia, Austria, and was aged 38 years. He had resided in the United States for the past 22 years but had lived all that time in New York. He is survived by a father, brother and sister in Austria and his brother, cousin and wife here in the Pajaro Valley. Those that knew the deceased say that he was an estimable man and that he was at all times a sterling citizen."

EP; 13 Nov 1912; article: "F. W. Willett was last night awarded the contract for making 122 gold, silver and bronze medals by the apple show directors, who met at the auditorium in special session. The meeting was called for the purpose of opening bids on the medals and several bids were entered by local jewelers. President Stoesser was not present last night so Vice President A. W. Cox presided. Those present at the meeting were A. W. Cox, J. E. Gardner, G. W. Sill, Mateo Lettunich, E. Steinhauer, J. A. Linscott, T. M. Wright and Secretary C. G. Redman..."

EP; 13 Nov 1912; obit: "Watsonville, Nov. 12, 1912, Peter Miladin, a native of Dalmacia, Austria, aged 38 years."

EP; 14 Nov 1912; honor roll: Low 8th: Lewis Lettunich, Antonio Scurich; Low 7th: John Strazicich; High 6th: Helen Strazicich, Jenny Dubreta; Low 5th: Michael Misovich, Katie Rilovich; High 4th: Nick Dujmovich, Charley Sambrailo; Low 4th: Anna Knego, Kathryn Strazicich, Mark Rilovich; High 3rd: John Eggea, Matthew Derganc, John Castropelli; Low 3rd: Tone Dubreta; High 2nd: Stephen Nemaich; Low 2nd: John Battinich.

EP; 16 Nov 1912; article: "The Slavonian colony of this city will give a grand ball on next Saturday evening, Nov. 23d, at the auditorium, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the Servians and Montenegrins who have

fallen in the Balkan war. It is for a most worthy object, and whether you dance or not, all should buy a ticket and contribute to its success. The present war is a bloody struggle and thousands are being left homeless and destitute. Admission, gents 50c; ladies, complimentary. Buy a ticket and help the cause out."

EP; 16 Nov 1912; article: "...With the breaking up of the baseball season here next Sunday the Giants will scatter here and there until next season. Luke Glavenich has been signed by the Chicago White Sox and will be seen with them in spring training next year..."

EP; 16 Nov 1912; ALL: J. Pionvich, John Vicinich. Foreign: Nick Durkovic.

EP; 19 Nov 1912; item: "Nick Baule vs. N. V. Lettunich—Demurrer to complaint; demand for account."

EP; 20 Nov 1912; married: "Sunday morning at St. Patrick's Church Father Hassett performed the ceremony that made Anne Ucovich and Martin Podich man and wife. The bride was attended by Mrs. Mabel Gurash while the groom was assisted by George Novacovich.

"Following the wedding the bridal party took its way to the packing house of Rilovich and Borkovich on Locust street where the wedding breakfast was served to some 80 guests. The bride and groom then took the train to San Francisco where they are spending the week.

"The bride is a recent arrival from Austria having been here about a year. The groom is a prosperous farmer of Green Valley and has a large number of friends here. The couple will make their home in Green Valley upon their return from their honeymoon."

Paj; 21 Nov 1912; married: "In Watsonville, Nov. 17, 1912, by Rev. P. D. Hassett, Martin Podich and Anne Ucovich, both of Watsonville."

EP; 22 Nov 1912; article: "WARRANT OUT FOR DEFAULTING PACKER. It is rumored that a number of our orchardists are likely to lose large sums of money by the failure of orchard buyers to make good on their contracts. It is reported on the street this morning that one of our prominent growers got a \$200 check on a \$1400 contract; that the check when presented, was marked 'no funds,' and that the whereabouts of the apple buyer cannot now be ascertained.

"A warrant for petty larceny was sworn out in Judge Rohrback's court at Pajaro, by L. Panigot against J. Dujmovich, a packer at 832 Walker street, in this city, and the officers are now searching for him, his whereabouts being unknown for several days past. His packing house was found stripped clean, only a sick horse in the veterinary hospital of Dr. Ramsey belonging to him, being found, and against which Dr. Ramsey holds a claim of

\$40. Dujmovich's arrest is being sought for the theft of a small amount of hay alleged to have been stolen last July. Apparently the charge is merely lodged against him to get hold of him and bring him back here to answer certain transactions. It is alleged that his shortage to growers and laborers in this valley will total close to \$3000. He has been in the packing business here for the past three or four years, and had no trouble in getting credit for anything he wanted."

EP; 23 Nov 1912; ALL: P. M. Chagal, N. Klinovich, Johan Margaretich, Arso Stijpeich. Foreign: John Hroncich, Danicia Mestrovic, Micko Marka Miladin, N. Segedin.

EP; 26 Nov 1912; article: "TWO PACKERS SUED IN JUSTICE COURT. Through Attorney J. E. Gardner the transportation committee of the Pajaro Valley Packers and Shippers Association this afternoon filed civil suits in Judge A. B. Hawkins' justice court against Frank Radovan and E. B. Lettunich, two of the leading fruit packers and shippers of the city, the charge being that these two violated the signed agreement entered into several months ago by all the packers. The members of the transportation committee, who are bringing the suit, are W. H. Benteen (chairman), George W. Sill, M. N. Lettunich, Stephen Scurich and James Sheehy. The defendants are charged with not paying their share of the cost of conducting the transportation this season on a business-like and organized basis and they are but two out of a large number that are to be sued unless they pay up.

"In August of this year the shippers and packers of this valley took two steps distinctly in advance. They placed a minimum price of 75 cents per box on Bellefleur apples and they appointed a transportation committee to handle the business of rustling cars and routing shipments. The selling agreement bound the signers until October only. Up to that time the price of Bellefleurs was held up to a figure that gave a fair profit to packer and grower. The buyers were using every possible method to break the combination, and with the expiration of the term of the agreement it was not renewed.

"The next morning Bellefleurs dropped to 60 cents. Subsequent developments have demonstrated that had the shippers and packers had the wisdom to continue their agreement in force it would not have been necessary to sell a box of Bellefleurs for less than 75 cents.

"The purpose of the transportation committee was three-fold: By combination, to strengthen the shippers and packers in making demands of the transportation companies for service; to help out the association's members in the matter of obtaining cars for their shipments, and to accumulate a store of statistics for the use of the members in future years. Accurate information as to the number of boxes and the varieties of apples shipped into the several markets would enable the packers to handle

this fruit to a great deal better advantage. Also, in presenting their side of the question as to freight rates, it would give them an immense advantage. At present only the railroad company has this information and the shippers are at its mercy. This question of rates is sure to come before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the end, and unless the packers have these accurate statistics they will find themselves in a most awkward position.

"The agreement signed by each of the packers provided that the transportation committee should be furnished with a list of the cars shipped by each packer; its destination and the number of boxes and varieties of apples contained. To cover the expenses incurred for stationery, etc., and the salary of the traffic manager, each packer in writing agreed to pay the committee the sum of 25 cents per car for each carload of apples shipped by him.

"The committee has put in a lot of time on its work, without compensation, and has succeeded in bettering transportation conditions very materially, but has been hindered in its work by reason of the fact that very many of those who signed the contract have refused to furnish the information as agreed to or to pay the small sum of 25 cents per car.

"Expenses have been incurred on the faith of these promises to pay and the committee is determined not to allow anyone to shirk. Ample time has been given to each delinquent to make good. Those who have not done so will now be sued and will be held for not only the 25 cents per car, but for a \$100 penalty provided for in the contract and for the court costs.

"Suits were commenced today against Frank Radovan and E. B. Lettunich, and others will be filed as fast as the complaints can be prepared unless the required information is furnished and the payments are made.

"In connection with the freight service, which alone was worth the 25 cents per car charged, it would be timely here to say that the railroad this year furnished most excellent service and the accommodations all season were splendid. Agent Roy Davis of the local station deserves credit of the highest order for the part he played in securing such first-class service for the shippers and the railroad is to be complimented for its good work."

EP; 26 Nov 1912; article: "FRUIT PACKERS IN DANGER OF ARREST. With the police looking for John Dujmovich who is alleged to be a defaulter to the amount of several hundred dollars, and with the attachment yesterday evening of the plant and property of J. J. Voivodich, the developments in the local fruit scandals seem to be coming rather thick and fast if reports can be believed. No trace of Dujmovich has as yet been found although the police are looking high and low for the alleged defaulter. The technical charge against him is of stealing some hay, which charge has been filed against him in the court of Judge Rohrback at Pajaro, but if Dujmovich is ever returned here he is likely to be arrested on other

charges of a more serious nature. Among the charges that it is reported will be pressed against the missing fruit packer will be one of forgery and the passing of a bogus check for \$185 on the Tuttle Meat Company.

"Yesterday...another fruit packer, J. J. Voivodich, who has operated a packing house on Brennan street, had two attachments levied against his place of business. One claim was for \$1400, which is held by the City Savings Bank of Santa Cruz as an assigned claim of Edward White and Anna R. White. The other claim is for \$300 and is held by the Hihn-Hammond Lumber Company. Voivodich has also departed from his usual haunts and his packing house and residence on Brennan Street have been vacated for nearly a week. The police are looking for the missing man. We understand that a warrant for his arrest will be sworn out this afternoon..."

EP; 26 Nov 1912; item: "John Hrepich et als. vs. J. J. Coyle et als.—Order changing place of trial to San Francisco."

EP; 26 Nov 1912; item: "J. L. Simonovich [Simunovich], the fruit packer, has departed for a trip to Los Angeles on business."

EP; 26 Nov 1912; article: "Frederick N. Littleton, Deputy U.S. Naturalization officer, made his quarterly visit to Santa Cruz yesterday, says the Sentinel, to hear the petitions of applicants who wish to become citizens...Many failed to appear in court and their cases will be heard this morning, providing they are present, with their witnesses, otherwise the hearings will go over until March 25, 1913..."

"The following applicants, failing to appear, their cases were continued:

"...Blas Borovinich, native of Austria; Michael Villa Pista, native of Austria; Nick Pulich, native of Austria..."

EP; 30 Nov 1912; item: "Agreement— Kate Sonniken et al. with Tony Zenich et al."

EP; 2 Dec 1912; article: "**Stephen Kovacevich Enters Leu's Store, Examines Revolver and Cartridge, then Shoots Self Through Head.** The suicide was one of the coolest and most deliberate in the history of the city and was most dramatic..."

"...Kovacevich calmly strolled into the Leu store on Main street and quietly asked the clerk, Lee Johnston, to see some of the revolvers displayed in a case on the counter. One of the pistols, a 32 caliber Iver Johnson, seemed to please Kovacevich, who looked carefully at the gun and then ask for some cartridges, saying he wanted to see how the gun worked. While Kovacevich was turning the gun over in his hand and inserting the cartridges in the chambers, Johnston stepped into the rear

to attend to the wants of another customer and told Kovacevich to call him when he was ready to buy the weapon. Johnston had barely reached the small work room in the rear of the store when he heard a muffled report. He hastily opened the door and could see no trace of Kovacevich in the store. He walked out into the aisle and was horrified to see Kovacevich lying in a pool of blood on the floor with the revolver in his grasp. Passers-by on the street, who heard the shot, hastened into the store and the officers were notified. Kovacevich had committed the desperate deed in the front of the store at a spot perhaps 15 feet from the door leading into the street. He had placed the revolver to his right temple and had fired, the bullet entering one corner of the brain and lodging in his head..."

"Kovacevich was wanted by the police and the sheriff's office in connection with the sudden and mysterious disappearance several days ago of J. J. Voivodich, the Brennan street fruit packer and shipper, who unceremoniously left the city without paying his creditors and who is wanted on charges of embezzlement and other felony allegations. Kovacevich, who was Voivodich's confidential adviser and who was really a partner in several ventures, had been closely questioned for several days by the officers and only yesterday had been given the third degree in an endeavor to find where Voivodich was at present, Kovacevich knowing the whereabouts of the missing man. Investigation by the officers had disclosed the fact that Kovacevich was the last man in the city to see Voivodich, that he had accompanied the missing man to Pajaro on the night that he departed for parts unknown, that he had been given authority by Voivodich to draw his money from the banks here and that he had been in communication with the missing man all through the hunt that the police had made for him. When closely pressed by the officers Kovacevich had hotly denied that he knew anything about his partner but when confronted with evidence that contradicted his first story he admitted that he knew where the missing man was but further than that he knew nothing. Had he lived he would have been forced to confess all he knew or would have been arrested as an accomplice of the missing Voivodich.

"The supposition is that Kovacevich had brooded over the matter for several days and had been driven into temporary insanity by the trouble that he was plunged into. Rather than accept the alternative of going to jail or confessing all he decided to end his life and he chose this morning's dramatic method of killing himself. Kovacevich had lived here several years, was secretary of the local Croato-Servian society and for the season held the pruning contract on the J. H. Thompson ranch in the eastern end of the valley.

"Upon examining his effects this afternoon Deputy Coroner Dr. G. P. Tolman and Luke Scurich found a letter of explanation written by Kovacevich, which was a rambling and almost illegible statement of why he had

decided to commit suicide. He stated in this letter, which was so jumbled up the translation was difficult, that he was afraid he would be further mixed up in the Voivodich deal and he could not stand any further pressure..."

EP; 2 Dec 1912; ALL: Marinovich, Mitchell; Rnesovich, Nick; Zvone, Zozo [Jozo]. Foreign: Chagal, Peter M.; Cucalo, Ane Viaho.

EP; 2 Dec 1912; article: "J. L. Jolovica [Jalovica], the proprietor of the Railroad Exchange hotel on Walker Street opposite the Southern Pacific depot, has sold his interest in the establishment to George Strazicich, who has already taken possession. Mr. Jolovica has decided to adopt the rural life hereafter and will remove this week to his ranch in Green Valley. Mr. Strazicich, the present owner, formerly conducted the hotel alone."

EP; 3 Dec 1912; article: "**Jury in Kovacevich Case Renders Verdict of Suicide**...A verdict of suicide was rendered by the jury at the corner's inquest, which was held this morning at the funeral parlors of Aston & Neal..."

"There were only four witnesses to be heard, Dr. George P. Tolman, Luke Scurich, Lee Johnston and Milo Perovich. Dr. Tolman, who performed the autopsy yesterday afternoon, testified as to the nature of the wound, Mr. Scurich told of his relations with the deceased and acted as interpreter, Mr. Johnston told how the deceased met his death by shooting himself and Mr. Perovich, who is a cousin of the deceased, told something about the deceased and his life.

"Among the interesting matters brought out at the inquest was a letter written by Kovacevich before his death to his brother, who is expected here this afternoon from Taft, Kern county. The letter when literally translated by Mr. Scurich, read as follows: 'I herewith leave this step. I am doing for the reason brought on to me shame for which I am not guilty because John Voidodich in a fact said that he would in two days return. That is all I know of him but the way it looks for me turn I am unable to tell my rights because my misery. I am unable that the public may think that I whatever share had.'

"No funeral arrangements have as yet been made as the brother of the deceased will be here this afternoon to arrange those details."

EP; 3 Dec 1912; item: "The government printing office is swamped under a flood of orders for maps of Greece, Turkey, Montenegro and Austria-Hungary as a result of the Allies' attack upon the Turks. Letters from Congressmen, Senators and the public in general are pouring in with requests for maps of the European war district."

EP; 4 Dec 1912; item: "Joe and Tony Vukich have rented the premises at 250 Main street, and are fitting them up for a cigar store and billiard room."

EP; 4 Dec 1912; item: "The retail liquor license of Lazar Jalovica at the Railroad Exchange hotel on Walker street was transferred to George Strazicich, who has purchased the place."

EP; 4 Dec 1912; married: "...Miss Alice Krausgrill of San Francisco, a recent visitor to this city and a popular young society lady of the metropolis, became the bride of Paul Alaga, a well-known local fruit packer and shipper, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father Ryan in St. Joseph's Church in Berkeley...Nicholas Alaga of this city, a brother of the groom, officiated as best man while Miss Anita Burin of San Francisco, a sister of Mrs. John Alaga of this city, was the bridesmaid. Following the ceremony a delightful wedding supper was enjoyed by the newlyweds and their invited guests at one of the leading San Francisco grills and this evening the happy couple will depart upon their honeymoon. Their destination is unknown although it will either be to the Yosemite Valley or to the Sacramento Valley. They will, however, return to Watsonville in a few days to take up their future residence.

"...A few weeks ago the bride visited here for several weeks with Mrs. John Alaga on Bockius Street and at that time she was betrothed to Mr. Alaga although the fact was kept a secret from even the relatives of the pair..."

"The bride is the daughter of Philip Krausgrill, a retired capitalist of San Francisco, and is a talented and accomplished young woman. She is popular in the highest San Francisco society circles and while here in Watsonville made a host of friends through her charming personality. She is well educated, is a musician of much talent and is a young woman, whom the groom has just reason to feel proud to call his bride.

"The groom is too well known here to really need any introduction. He is a member of the well known fruit packing and shipping firm of Alaga Brothers, which has thrice won the sweepstakes at the California Apple Show, he is a member of the concern that owns and controls the City Grocery in this city, and is a partner in the retail liquor business with Paul Miladin on Walker street. He is recognized here as being a keen and rising young businessman, a successful fruit expert and a highly respected young citizen in every way."

EP; 4 Dec 1912; born: "Watsonville, Dec. 1, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Scurich, a son." [Peter; +2007]

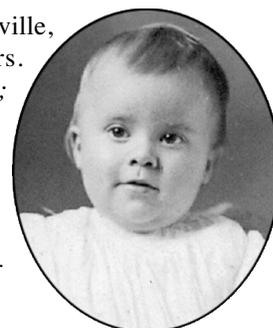


Fig. 4-28. Peter Scurich.

Fig. 4-29.

Right couple:
Mitchell Secondo
(1884-1946),
Katherine Shuliak
(1892-1979).
Left couple:
Peter Secondo
(1890-1976),
Eleanor Shuliak,
sister of bride.



Paj; 5 Dec 1912; married: "San Francisco, Dec. 1, 1912, at Church of the Nativity, by Fr. Turk, Mitchell Secondo of Watsonville and Miss Katherine Sugliack [Shuliak] of San Francisco."

EP; 5 Dec 1912; item: "Nicholas M. Lettunich is here from Santa Clara College for a few days to visit his father, Mateo Lettunich. Nick has been on the sick list for a week past."

EP; 5 Dec 1912; married: "Berkeley, Dec. 4, 1912, at St. Joseph's church, by Rev. Fr. Ryan, Paul Alaga of Watsonville and Miss Alice Krausgrill of San Francisco."

EP; 6 Dec 1912; item: "Peter Gospodnetich et al. vs. John Doe et al.—Request for dismissal."

EP; 7 Dec 1912; county supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Protection District: ...Steve Stanich \$8.40..."

EP; 7 Dec 1912; obit: "Peter N. Marinovich, a nephew of F. P. Marinovich of this city, passed away...yesterday afternoon at the Watsonville hospital after an illness of but one day, being stricken with pneumonia on Thursday afternoon. On Wednesday he complained of a chest pain and sought medical aid. He was told to be careful and was given some medicine. On Thursday morning he seemed to feel much better and continued his work in a local packing house. That afternoon he became rapidly worse and was removed to the hospital where all attention was given him in vain. The pneumonia had progressed so rapidly that there was no hope of saving his life and the young man peacefully passed away twenty-four hours after he had been stricken. The funeral will be held Monday morning...from the F. P. Marinovich residence at 22 Alexander street..."

"The deceased was a native of Austria and was aged 22 years, 3 months and 14 days. He came to this State five years ago and lived here with his uncle nearly all of that time. He was a young man of much promise and he leaves many friends behind him to mourn his loss...He is survived by his uncle and three cousins here."

EP; 7 Dec 1912; article: "The Foresters of America elected the following new officers: ...junior warden, Kris Moncovich..."

"...Knights of Pythias chose the following new officials: ...O. G.: A. Vukich..."

EP; 7 Dec 1912; obit: "At Watsonville, December 6, 1912, Peter N. Marinovich, a native of Austria, aged 22 years, 3 months and 14 days."

EP; 9 Dec 1912; notice: "I take this method of returning my grateful acknowledgments and sincere thanks to my friends for their evidences of good will, assistance and sympathy extended to me in my late bereavement. F. P. MARINOVICH."

EP; 9 Dec 1912; article: "The Gaumont Company has a corps of camera operators in the thick of the present Balkan war taking moving pictures of the various scenes attending the bloody conflict. The Opera House, in this city, has been notified that the first installment of these Balkan war pictures will be sent here for exhibition on next Thursday and Friday evenings. These pictures should be very interesting to the Servians living in this valley."

EP; 10 Dec 1912; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alaga have returned from their honeymoon trip. Mrs. Alaga was formerly Alice Krausgrill of the metropolis."

EP; 11 Dec 1912; item: "Frank Saverija et ux. to Peter Milat et al.—Lot in Quinn's addn."

EP; 11 Dec 1912; mar. license: "Santa Cruz, Dec. 10, 1912, Vicko Vukosovich [Vukasovich] of Watsonville, and Mary Vojvoda of Watsonville."

EP; 12 Dec 1912; born: "In Watsonville, December 12, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Pista, a son." [Louis; +1967]



Fig. 4-30. Louis Pista.

EP; 14 Dec 1912; item: Henry Dethlefsen vs. John Dujmovich and Dominick Dujmovich—Return of writ of attachment for \$500."

EP; 16 Dec 1912; ALL: Joe Borich, Btjcpo [Stjepo] Bulich, Pero Glasa, Niko Jagich, Nick Ratusic, B. Kopriviza, John S. Kosich, Miyo Kuklijika [Kukuljica], Mato Lusich, Miyo Lazarevich, M. K. Lazarevich, Niko W. Lazarevich, Gjuro Matusich, Mato Miljarich, Kosta Petkovich, B. Radovich, John Vulsovich.

EP; 17 Dec 1912; article: "Antonio Cello, who is wanted here for passing nearly a dozen bogus checks in the past few days, was arrested late yesterday afternoon at King City by Marshall Kerns of that city upon advice received from Constables Corr and Sandberg of this city..."

"Some of the local men victimized by Cello are J. P. Knudsen, Victor Turner, Sol Hildreth, Charles Ford Co., John Serpa, John Petrinovich, Joe Sousa, Charles Ceschi and others."

EP; 17 Dec 1912; item: "Notice of sale—Martin Herzo to Tony Dragich—O. K. Restaurant, Watsonville."

EP; 17 Dec 1912; article: "N. Bupich is confined at the Watsonville hospital with a severe knife wound in his right side and Tony Rosich, his assailant, is still at large, as a result of a cutting affray that took place last night about 9 o'clock in front of the Petronovich & Lamat saloon on Main street opposite the city hall. No effort has been made to arrest Rosich as no warrant for his arrest has been issued. The cutting took place as a result of a quarrel between Bupich and Rosich in the saloon and Rosich left the place with murder in his heart. He waited outside the saloon for Bupich and when the latter appeared the quarrel was started again. The two men had a rough and tumble fight in front of the saloon and when they disengaged Rosich fled down the street toward the river. Bupich was talking with a few friends when he felt a warm sensation on his right side and feeling that part of his body with his hand he was astonished to learn that he had been knifed.

"He was removed to the city hall where temporary medical aid was rendered him and later he was removed to the hospital. The wound in his right side was found to be two inches long and was pronounced quite serious. He is resting a bit more easily today and no serious results are feared."

EP; 17 Dec 1912; article: "MANSION HOUSE TO CHANGE MANAGEMENT. W. E. H. Marsh, who purchased the lease of the Mansion House from Drager & Fournier about a year ago, has given up the lease of the building to leave shortly for his old home in the east and in a few days Nicholas V. Lettunich of the firm of Lettunich Brothers, fruit shippers and packers, will take active charge of the hotel. The change in management of the hotel was not unexpected and has been hinted at for several days but it was not an assured fact until last night.

"Behind the change of management are rumors of great improvements to be made in the hotel building but these could not be confirmed today in interviews held with M. N. and Mateo Lettunich, the owners of the property. It is, however, believed that the improvements will be made in the spring for the property is too valuable to long remain in the shape it now is."

EP; 17 Dec 1912; honor roll: Low 8th: Lewis Lettunich, Antonio Scurich; Low 7th: John Strazicich; Low 6th: Lena Strazicich; High 6th: Jennie Dubreta, Helen Strazicich; Low 5th: Chris Rilovich; High 4th: Nick Dujmovich, Mike Glage, Charley Sambrailo; Low 4th: Anna Knego, Kathryn Strazicich, Mark Rilovich; High 3rd: Peter Battinich, John Eggea, Matthew Derganc, Katie Arbanas; Low 3rd: Nellie Puhiera, Martin Dujmovich, Tone Dubretta; High 2nd: Stephen Nemanich; Low 2nd: John Battinich, Mitchell Battinich.

EP; 19 Dec 1912; item: "Notice of sale—W. E. H. Marsh to M. N. Lettunich; personal property, Mansion House, Watsonville."

EP; 19 Dec 1912; item: "DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT. Under auspices of the Croato-Servian club at Rappe's hall. Good music and good time guaranteed all. Everybody welcome."

EP; 20 Dec 1912; article: "This morning the students of Moreland Notre Dame Academy rendered a beautiful program consisting of musical and literary selections..."

"A drama in four acts, entitled 'Dolores,' was...presented with the following cast of characters:

"...Scene II...piano solo, Anna Scurich..."

EP; 23 Dec 1912; ALL: Kolich, Martin; Urlin, Jan. Foreign: Brantsvich, Tony; Brantovich, Stijepo; Pupo, Ivi G.

EP; 24 Dec 1912; item: "Agreement for sale of real estate—Manuel Silva with Andrew N. Zufich et al.—3.05 acres."

EP; 26 Dec 1912; obit: "George Novakovich, one of the leading fruit shippers and packers of the city and a member of the firm of Novakovich & Stolich, died last night at his home at 339 Locust street after but a few days' illness. His death was due to lobar pneumonia and he was first seized last Saturday after he had suffered from a bad cold. He steadily grew worse and despite the best of care and medical attention he peacefully passed away last evening. The news of his death will come as a shock to the community in general for the deceased was well known and highly respected here.

"The deceased was a native of Dalmacia, Austria, and was aged 38 years. He came to America about 18 years ago and as a young man started in the fruit industry here. He worked hard and with success until a few years ago when he established himself with Mr. Stolich in the well known fruit firm that bears their names. The firm was prominent here and the quality of its pack made its business a good one in all the markets. Their fruit also won many prizes at the past three apple shows in this city. As the head of the firm Mr. Novakovich was largely responsible for the success and enviable reputation of the firm

and he was always regarded by all that knew him as an honest, upright businessman in all his dealings. He is survived by a wife and three children, a girl and two boys, as well as by two brothers, Antone and John Novakovich. All of the surviving relatives are residents of this city.

“The funeral services will be held next Saturday morning...from the residence of the family at 339 Locust street...The services will be conducted by the Austrian-American Benevolent Society of this city, of which order the deceased was a popular and prominent member, and which will meet at 9 o’clock at its hall, to attend the funeral in a body Saturday morning.”

EP; 26 Dec 1912; item: “Guests at the Mansion House had not only a fine Christmas dinner yesterday, with wine, but each patron received a bottle of wine with the compliments of the new owner, Mr. N. V. Lettunich.”

EP; 26 Dec 1912; married: “Thomas March [Marich] and Miss Mary Spito [Spirto], both residents of Pajaro, were quietly married this morning by Judge D. W. Rohrback at the home of the bride. The wedding was attended only by a few friends and relatives and at noon the couple departed for their honeymoon trip, after which they will reside at Stockton. The groom has been employed as a cook on a Pajaro ranch and has resided here quite a long time as has also the bride. The bride’s parents reside on the San Juan road on the Burland place and the young lady is well known in that section.”

EP; 26 Dec 1912; married: “Pajaro, Dec. 26, 1912, by Judge D. W. Rohrback, Thomas March [Marich] and Miss Mary Spito [Spirto], both of Pajaro.”

EP; 26 Dec 1912; obit: “Watsonville, Dec. 25, 1912, George Novakovich, a native of Austria, aged 38 years.”

EP; 27 Dec 1912; mar. license: “At Oakland, Dec. 26, 1912, Nicholas G. J. Strazicich of Watsonville, and Anna Cumbelich of Oakland.”

EP; 27 Dec 1912; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, Dec. 26, 1912, Jack Dicklich [Diklich] and Katie Stolich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 28 Dec 1912; ALL: Foreign—Andrija Spaich.

EP; 28 Dec 1912; mar. license: “Santa Cruz, Dec. 27—John Novakovich and Mary Samis [Semes/Šemeš], both of Watsonville.”

EP; 28 Dec 1912; item: “Miss Mary Zar is in San Francisco for a few days’ visit.”

EP; 28 Dec 1912; item: “M. N. Lettunich has returned from a business trip to San Francisco.”

EP; 28 Dec 1912; item: “Miss Marian Baum of San Francisco is here visiting Mrs. John Alaga and Miss Anita Burin. Miss Baum is the sister of President Allen T. Baum of the Pacific Coast Baseball League and Charles ‘Spider’ Baum, the noted pitcher for the Sacramento Coast League club.”

EP; 28 Dec 1912; obit: “The high esteem and respect in which the late George Novakovich was held was evidenced by the funeral procession that followed his remains to their last resting place at the Valley cemetery this morning. It was the largest procession seen in this city for years, taking over forty minutes to pass a given point. The floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful. The Austrian-American Benevolent Society of which deceased was a member, turned out in a body. The pallbearers were John Franich, Mike Franich, Antone Stolich, Pete Stolich, Joe Melies and Martin Drobaz.”

EP; 30 Dec 1912; item: “Mrs. Steve Strazicich departed this morning for San Francisco accompanied by Miss Marguerite Carstulovich of Santa Cruz, where they will spend New Year’s with friends.”

EP; 31 Dec 1912; article: “A grand farewell banquet to Charles M. Cassin of Santa Cruz, the annual election of officers and a general social time were the features of the annual session held here last night at the Hotel Appleton by the members of the Santa Cruz County Bar Association...”

“The new members elected were D. F. Maher, A. W. Sans, George W. Smith and R. H. Hudson, all of Watsonville...”

EP; 31 Dec 1912; item: “Guardianship and estate of Pauline Colendich and Geo. Colendich, minors—Annie Colendich appointed guardian with bonds fixed at \$500 each.”

EP; 31 Dec 1912; item: “George Pulich, deputy city auditor of Stockton, has returned to that city.”

EP; 31 Dec 1912; item: “Attorneys George W. Smith and J. E. Gardner have returned from Salinas.”

EP; 31 Dec 1912; item: “Mrs. Mary Smith and Miss Florence Smith have departed for a two weeks’ visit in San Francisco.”

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EP; 2 Jan 1913; article: “The announcement of the engagement of Miss Hazel Leddy of this city and George Pulich of Stockton was charmingly announced this afternoon at an announcement party held at the home of Miss Leontine Sheehy at 135 Maple Avenue. The party was attended by several of the intimate friends of Miss Leddy

and in the announcement of the engagement and in the office of hostess of the occasion Miss Sheehy showed much cleverness and success...Refreshments and cards were the main features of entertainment during the afternoon...

"The announcement of the engagement was made in a clever way. Each guest was presented with a small stocking from a Christmas tree, the stockings bearing a small card with the happy news thereon. Those present this afternoon were the Misses Styleta Kane, Anita Shea, Margaret McSherry, Anna McSherry, Leonore Kelly, Loretta Kelly, Kathryn Iverson, Eugenia Hughes, Kathryn Hughes, Florence Hughes, Hazel Leddy, Wilma Kane, Leontine Sheehy and Mrs. N. H. Lovering.

"Both Miss Leddy and Mr. Pulich are well known here and the news that they are soon to wed will be a happy intelligence to their many friends. The bride-elect is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Leddy of this city, with whom she resides on West Third street, and she has been employed for some time past at the Watsonville News Company. She is a charming, accomplished and talented young woman and her friends here are legion. Mr. Pulich is the deputy city auditor of Stockton and is a rising young man of the Slough City. He has resided here many times, alternating his stay between this city and Stockton. He is an estimable young man in every respect and is highly respected by all that knew him."

EP; 2 Jan 1913; professional card:

GEO. W. SMITH,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Offices over Bank of Watsonville
Building, Watsonville.

EP; 2 Jan 1913; class. ad: "LOST—Bay horse, about 3 years old, weighs about 1000 pounds, has white star on forehead. Return to JOHN STETTA, 123 Callahan street."

EP; 2 Jan 1913; born: "Watsonville, Jan. 1, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Horvat, a son." [*Martin*; +1984]

EP; 3 Jan 1913; article: "Kosmos Gospodnetich, the well-known local fruit shipper and packer, who has a ranch south of Salinas a few miles, has been sued in the superior court of Monterey county for \$2000 damages by one John Dubrich. The charge brought by Dubrich is that Gospodnetich used force and violence in ejecting Dubrich from the former's ranch near Salinas last year. The trial will be held on January 13."

EP; 4 Jan 1913; item: "Guardianship and estate of Pauline Colendich and George Colendich, minors—Letters of guardianship issued to Annie Colendich; bonds in the sum of \$500 each is given."

EP; 4 Jan 1913; marriage: "Martin Tovaraz [Tovaraz], a

prominent restaurant man of San Francisco, and his bride who was formerly Anna Bakich of the metropolis, departed yesterday evening for the southland after stopping here a week on their honeymoon. They were quartered at the Appleton. The bride was here to visit her brother, A. F. Bakich, and the following uncles, Luke, Stephen, Antone and Peter Scurich. Upon their return from the southland they will reside at 635 Lyon street, San Francisco."



Fig. 4-31.
Martin Tovaraz
(1883-1976),
Anna Bakich
(1892-1963).

EP; 4 Jan 1913; ALL: Mrs. Charles Krahl [maybe Kralj]. Fourth Class: S. Kovacich.

EP; 6 Jan 1913; item: "Frank Franich, a resident of the Blackburn subdivision, was taken to Santa Cruz this afternoon by Constable Sandberg and he will be examined as to his sanity. For some time past he has been acting queerly and it was thought best to commit him to an asylum before he became violent."

EP; 7 Jan 1913; article: "A clean up session was held last night by the directors of the Apple Annual at the auditorium in order that the books of the organization might be in readiness for the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on January 20th. The Apple Annual this year is \$1000 ahead of the mark registered last year at this time which goes to show that the 1912 show was the best ever held here. According to the report of Treasurer A. W. Cox there is a balance at present of \$5667.23 as against a balance last year at this time of \$4815.23..."

"Those present at the meeting were President O. D. Stoesser, Treasurer A. W. Cox, Directors Mateo Lettunich, H. C. Peckham, Luke Scurich and J. A. Linscott and M. M. Swisher, who acted as secretary in the absence of Secretary C. G. Redman..."

EP; 7 Jan 1913; item: John Sheehy, Philip Twohy, Nicholas Lettunich, Edward White and Stephen White have returned to Santa Clara University."

EP; 8 Jan 1913; item: "Claude Harlan was acquitted this afternoon by a jury in Judge Hawkins' court of a charge of disturbing the peace, which charge had been preferred against him by Mrs. Hattie Coles of 22 Brennan street. Harlan was defended by Attorney George W. Smith and Attorney D. F. Maher, while Attorney James A. Hall was the special prosecutor. The jury was out but a short while

before rendering its verdict. The charge brought against Harlan by Mrs. Coles was that he had battered in her front door with an ax although she did not deny that she had thrown all his possessions in the front yard while Harlan and his wife were at church.

“The jurors in the case were Luke Scurich, James Stowe, F. P. Marinovich, Samuel Silk., A. Watkinson, G. S. Uren, J. D. Rickard, Guy Bare Jr., A. N. Judd, John Royce and S. A. Earle.”

EP; 8 Jan 1913; article: “Suit was instituted in the superior court at Santa Cruz yesterday afternoon by Amos W. Condit, administrator of the estate of the late A. W. Condit, against E. B. Lettunich, the well known local fruit shipper and packer, for the sum of \$2583.33. The amount sued for is alleged to be the first payment on the contract that Lettunich is alleged to have entered into with the Condits, whereby he bought the fruit from their orchards during the years of 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916. The sum sued for yesterday is alleged to be the payment for 1913. It is alleged that Lettunich and the Condits entered into the four-year contract with \$34,000 as the consideration...”

EP; 9 Jan 1913; item: “Lease—B. L. Driscoll to T. M. Kissich—39½ acres, Driscoll estate.”

EP; 9 Jan 1913; item: “Lease—Johannah Driscoll et al., to T. M. Kissich—Lots 11 and 12, J. Driscoll estate.”

EP; 9 Jan 1913; item: “Writ of attachment—Amos W. Condit vs. E. B. Lettunich.”

EP; 9 Jan 1913; item: “Estate of Martin Babun, deceased—Petition for payment of money to distributees; order granting same.”

EP; 11 Jan 1913; item: “Watsonville Realty Co. to Edward Cikuth—Lots 143, 144, Watsonville Heights, subd. 1.”

EP; 11 Jan 1913; item: “Luke P. Cikuth et ux. to the City of Watsonville—Lot 12, W. H. Weeks’ subd.”

EP; 11 Jan 1913; item: “The case of John Dobrich vs. Kosmos Gospodnetich of this city comes up next Monday before a jury in the Superior Court at Salinas. This is a \$2000 damage case brought by Dobrich on the grounds that Gospodnetich roused him off the Gospodnetich ranch near Chualar. Attorneys P. E. Zabala and J. A. Bardin of Salinas and G. W. Smith of this city represent Dobrich while the defendant is represented by Attorneys Thomas Renison of Salinas and J. A. Hall of this city.”

EP; 11 Jan 1913; board of supervisors, payments: ...Pajaro Road Fund—The following claims are for labor...: ...Ivancovich, Geo., \$42...Kalich, Chris, \$8...Kulich,

Martin, \$62...Nudar, Nick, \$18...Novcich, Jack, \$18.25...Poletak [Paljetak], Geo., \$6.75...Skocko, N., \$28.50...”

EP; 11 Jan 1913; item: “The five-year-old daughter of Mr. Scurich, who resides on upper Rodriguez Street above Ford, was badly burned about the limbs this afternoon and as a result is in critical shape. The little girl and others had a fire burning in a tub on the sidewalk in front of the house when the flames leaped over to where the girl was standing and in an instant her clothes were afire. The flames were extinguished in a few moments but not before nearly all of the child’s clothes had been burned off and her legs severely burned.”

EP; 13 Jan 1913; item: “The little girl that was burned so severely last Saturday afternoon on upper Rodriguez Street was not the Scurich girl, our informant being mistaken in the name, but was the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Gluhan. She is the niece of Luke and Stephen Scurich, however. The little girl is at the Watsonville hospital where she is slowly recovering and while she will soon be able to return to her home yet the burns she received were most severe and painful.”

EP; 13 Jan 1913; obit: “Peter P. Moncovich, a young fruit laborer of this city, died yesterday morning...at the home of his brother at 142 Second street, which was also his home while he was here. The deceased had been ill for three or four weeks and death came after he had suffered greatly. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning...from the Second street home...”

“The deceased had been in California three years from Austria and has resided nearly all of that time here in Watsonville although he also lived in Los Angeles and Tehachapi. While here he was in the employ of his brothers in the fruit industry and was always regarded by all that knew him as an estimable young man, who made friends easily. All his friends will deeply mourn his untimely death. He is survived by three brothers in Austria, a brother, John Moncovich, in Reno, Nevada, and two brothers in this city, J. N. and Mitchell Moncovich.”

EP; 13 Jan 1913; obit: “Watsonville, Jan. 12, 1913, Peter P. Moncovich, a native of Dalmacia, Austria, aged 24 years.”

EP; 14 Jan 1913; item: “M. N. Lettunich is here from San Francisco on business.”

EP; 14 Jan 1913; item: “Miss Marian Zar left today for San Francisco to enter the training school for nurses at the St. Mary’s Hospital.”

EP; 14 Jan 1913; item: “Amos W. Condit, guardian vs. E. B. Lettunich—Request for dismissal on part of plaintiff.”

EP; 14 Jan 1913; item: **“Dobrich Took \$100 and Called the Damage Suit Off.** A compromise satisfactory to both parties was reached yesterday at Salinas in the suit of John Dobrich vs. Kosmos Gospodnetich [Gospodnetich], and when the matter came up for trial Judge Sargent granted a motion to dismiss. Dobrich was suing for \$2000 personal damages, alleged to have been sustained at Spence switch several months ago when Gospodnetich, his employer, got angry and gave him a beating. The attorneys in the case were George W. Smith of Watsonville and P. E. Zabala of Salinas for the plaintiff and Thomas Renison of Salinas for the defendant.

“The Salinas Journal says:

“The jury of 20 citizen taxpayers who had been summoned to the Superior Court yesterday to try the case of John Dobrich, a laborer, against Kosmos Gospodnetich, an apple grower operating in the vicinity of Spence switch, were discharged. Their services were not required. A settlement was reached outside of court. Dobrich took \$100 and quit.

“It appears that Dobrich had hired out to Gospodnetich early in the season to work at a certain stipend per month, during the time when work was light and when the apple harvest was on.

“Everything went on all right until the busy time came on and then Dobrich wanted to quit because he did not think he was getting all he was worth. Then there was trouble and Gospodnetich slammed him a few and drove him off the ranch. The result was a complaint for battery, a fine of \$25 in the justice court and this suit for \$2000 damages which was settled by payment of \$100.”

EP; 14 Jan 1913; item: “Owing to the fact that the case had been compromised by a settlement made outside of court, the case of Amos W. Condit for the Condit estate versus E. B. Lettunich of this city, was yesterday afternoon dismissed in the Superior Court at Santa Cruz. The suit was for the amount of \$2583.23 which was alleged to be the first payment and interest on a fruit contract...”

EP; 15 Jan 1913; item: “Elections of new boards of directors for the new year were made yesterday afternoon by the stockholders of the Pajaro Valley National Bank and the Pajaro Valley Savings Bank. The national bank chose the following officers and directors: W. R. Porter, president; N. A. Uren, vice president; C. F. Langley, vice-president; C. A. Palntag, cashier; L. H. Lopes, assistant cashier; W. R. Porter, N. A. Uren, C. F. Langley, Frank Mauk, W. T. Sesnon, J. E. Trafton, L. P. Cox, G. F. Silliman and F. P. Marinovich...”

EP; 15 Jan 1913; item: “Katherine Obradovich, a minor—Petition of Geo. and Carrie Obradovich for adoption; consent given.”

EP; 16 Jan 1913; item: “Edward Cikuth et ux., to Mary Arana—Lots 143 and 144 Watsonville Heights, subd. 1.”

EP; 16 Jan 1913; item: “Guardianship and estate of Peter Carstulovich, incompetent—Petition of Regina Carstulovich for appointment as guardian.”

EP; 17 Jan 1913; article: “Says last evening’s Salinas Index:

“Attorney George W. Smith came from Watsonville this afternoon armed with an order from Judge B. V. Sargent and obtained the release of Marin Sriensa, a young man who was adjudged insane last Monday, and ordered committed to the Agnews State hospital. Sriensa is the man who made a sensational exit from a third-story window of the Salinas hotel Sunday morning by sliding down a blanket rope. Since Sriensa’s cousin, Andro Setola, demanded a jury trial for his relative, Sriensa has occupied a cell in the insane ward of the county jail. He has appeared to be rational at times. At others he betrays symptoms of mental aberration.

“Setola furnished a \$500 bond to secure his cousin’s release and guarantee his appearance in court for trial, which must be held not later than Thursday next—if held at all. In this connection it is discretionary with Judge Sargent to order a trial or set aside the commitment and deliver Sriensa into the custody of his relatives to be cared for. It is thought possible he will take the latter course if satisfied it is best for the unfortunate man. Sriensa’s relatives are desirous of taking charge of him instead of having him sent to a State institution.”

EP; 17 Jan 1913; item: “Guardianship and estate of Peter Carstulovich, incompetent—Hearing of petition for appointment of guardian set for January 24th.”

EP; 18 Jan 1913; ALL: J. Dujmovich & Co., Chris Lybanko [Lubenko], John Pulsovich [Pulisevich], X. Resetae [Resetar] Co., J. E. Reseton [Resetar], John Vacavich, John Vokovich. Foreign: A. Kotiar, J. Leurich, Giorgio Moretich, Andria J. Raicevich.

EP; 18 Jan 1913; honorary promotions: 8th grade: Antonio Scurich, Lewis Lettunich; 7th grade: John Strazicich; 6th grade: Jennie Dubreta, Helen Strazicich; 5th grade: Mitchell Mescovich; 4th grade: Charley Sambrailo, Mike Glage, Nick Dujmovich, Anna Knego, Kathryn Strazicich; 3rd grade: Matthew Derganc, Tone Dubreta; 2nd grade: Stephen Nemanich.

EP; 18 Jan 1913; article: “Last night was a big night at the Pythian Castle in the Masonic Hall when the Uniform Rank, the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters joined in a joint installation and general good time...”

“District Deputy Grand Chancellor W. E. Lynam of Santa Cruz installed the following officers in Iolanthe

Lodge, K. of P.: ...A. Vukich, outside guard..."

EP; 20 Jan 1913; article: "Tonight the annual business meeting and banquet of the Apple Annual Association will be held and already about 300 invitations to be present have been accepted from far and near..."

"Among the noted people that have promised to be present tonight and who will arrive later in the day are... M. N. Cosulich, editor of *Jadran* of San Francisco..."

EP; 21 Jan 1913; article: "CO-OPERATION ASSURED FOR STATE APPLE SHOW...President Stoesser called the session to order and during the reading of this report he relinquished his presidential duties temporarily to Vice-President A. W. Cox. The meeting was united in sentiment and enthusiastic in spirit. The election of directors exemplified the united spirit of the occasion for without one dissenting voice the 1912 board was enthusiastically swept into office again and then after they had all been reelected were tendered a hearty vote of thanks for their arduous work for the show. Therefore the 1913 board will remain unchanged with the following as directors to serve for the ensuing year: Otto D. Stoesser, John E. Gardner, James A. Linscott, Arnold W. Cox, Warren R. Porter, Elliot Steinhauser, George W. Sill, Edward A. Hall, Carey H. Baker, Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich, R. H. Goodchild, Henry C. Peckham, F. A. Hihn and John H. Thompson..."

EP; 21 Jan 1913; article: "**HE WASN'T INSANE. If He Asked George for a Loan of Thirty Dollars.**"

"The Salinas Journal this morning publishes the following: ...

"Marin Sriensa, the Slavonian apple man of Watsonville whose exceedingly erratic conduct caused him to be arrested 10 days ago and ordered committed to a State hospital, but whose friends seemed to think that he was not getting a square deal and to suggest that there might be a motive for getting him put away, was returned to the custody of the sheriff on Sunday, by the friends who had taken him away.

"Sriensa's conduct at Watsonville after he got back there was fully as irresponsible as any of his acts had been here, and it culminated in his 'striking' his lawyer over there for a loan of \$30. That was conclusive both to his friends and to his lawyer, that it would be unwise further to attempt, outside of the State hospital, to restore his mental faculties to their natural intellectual equilibrium.

"This matter was taken up in the Superior Court yesterday by George W. Smith of Watsonville, who withdrew his demand for a trial of the charge of insanity against him and asked to have the previous order of commitment to the Agnew State hospital enforced. This will be done."

EP; 21 Jan 1913; article: "M. N. Cosulich, manager of

'The *Jadran*,' the Slavonian paper of San Francisco, arrived in town last evening to attend the apple annual banquet, also to arrange for a local agency for his paper which will commence daily publication next month.

"Last year Mr. Cosulich spoke at the apple annual banquet but this year he was not heard. He couldn't be—he wasn't there. Why?"

"Cosulich, a fellow who never overlooks an opportunity to boost Watsonville both with pen and word, came here last evening especially to attend the apple annual banquet. It appears that Mark is not governed by union hours. He often rises when San Francisco morning newspaper workers generally retire. Having gotten up 'with the birds' yesterday morning he felt a little tired on his arrival here last evening and concluded to steal forty winks before going to the 'big feed.' Upon retiring at the Appleton he left orders to be called at 7:45.

"He was called but didn't get up.

"So for once, the enterprising one slept on the job and will have to get his story of the banquet second-hand."

EP; 21 Jan 1913; article: "State Game Warden J. H. Hill arrested Jack Milhlinich [Mihlinich/Milinich?] yesterday for catching steelhead trout above tidewater. The man was fishing near the narrow gauge bridge and had landed a nice ten-pound trout. He was taken before Judge Rohrback at Pajaro, pled guilty to breaking the game law and was fined \$20, which he paid."



EP; 22 Jan 1913; born: "San Juan road, Jan. 21, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Mortiza [Mortizia], a daughter." [Pauline; +2000; married Stickney]

Fig. 4-32.
Pauline Mortizia.

EP; 22 Jan 1913; item: "Miss Marguerite Carstulovich, says the Santa Cruz Sentinel, has just returned from a local sanitarium after an operation on the foot for blood poison. She is a night operator at the local telephone office in Santa Cruz."

EP; 23 Jan 1913; article: "SUIT BROUGHT AGAIN... Says today's Santa Cruz Sentinel:

"In the Superior Court Wednesday a suit for \$2583.33 was filed against E. B. Lettunich by A. W. Condit Jr., the guardian of A. W. Condit, an incompetent person. The parties are Watsonville people.

"In the complaint it is set forth that on April 14th, 1911, a contract was entered into with the defendant for taking over the apple crop of the plaintiff for the years 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916, the total sum to be \$34,000.

"It is stated that \$250 was paid when the arrangement was executed, that the next payment was to be \$2583.33

on January 2d, 1913, and other payments to follow along in order during the period of the contract. The plaintiff set forth that the court on January 16, 1913, ratified the agreement and that when approached for the payment of \$2583.33 due on January 2d, the defendant refused to make good, according to the allegations.”

EP; 23 Jan 1913; promoted by exam: From High 7th to Low 8th: Katie Dubretta, Wm. Marinovich; Low 7th to High 7th: John Strazicich; Low 6th to High 6th: George Dujmovich, Tommy [Tony] Grizich; High 5th to Low 6th: Stephen Marinovich; Low 5th to High 5th: John Allegretti, Katie Rilovich, Chris Rilovich; High 4th to Low 5th: George Glage; Low 4th to High 4th: Mark Rilovich, Emma Grizich. The following [was] promoted on trial: Martin Rilovich; Low 4th to High 4th: Louise Matson; High 3rd to Low 4th: Peter Battinich, Lazarus Matson, Paul Dubretta, Nicholas Miscovich, John Eggea, Frank Uvodich (on trial), Katie Arbanas, John Castropelli, Nick Castropelli, Tony Boskovich; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Martin Dujmovich, Nelly Puhiera; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Lucy Tomasovich, John Battinich, Mitchell Battinich; High 1st to Low 2nd: Nick Eggea, Annie Matson; Low 1st to High 1st: Peter Tomasovich.

EP; 23 Jan 1913; mar. license: “At Salinas, Jan. 18, 1913, to Steve Cupich, of Watsonville, and Anne Gledge of Salinas.”

EP; 24 Jan 1913; article: “Thirty representatives of the local apple packing and shipping interests will visit San Francisco next Monday morning in an effort to induce the commission men, wholesalers, retailers and others in that city to use or sell Watsonville apples in preference to the Oregon and Washington stock that is at present causing the Watsonville fruit to stand still. In case the commission men will not or cannot aid Watsonville in the manner desired the Pajaro Valley Packers’ and Shippers’ Association will establish several apple depots in San Francisco and will sell direct to the retailer and consumer. This action was decided upon yesterday afternoon at a session of the Shippers’ & Packers’ Association at the auditorium, at which time the committee of thirty was appointed by President James Sheehy. This committee will meet tomorrow...in the auditorium to discuss plans, ways and means and other matters regarding the campaign that is to be waged here after to get rid of the Watsonville apples.

“James Sheehy, president of the Association, opened the meeting by stating that at the present time there were 1,230,000 boxes of California apples in storage and as the market stood[,] the chances of selling the fruit were slender. Mr. Sheehy said further that it would do no good to sell the apples in England or other foreign markets for the prices there were low. The apples should be sold in San Francisco and in the United States in general and

while some apples were being sold now in the metropolis at from \$1.65 to \$1.75 per box yet many of the Watsonville shippers would take \$1 per box for their fruit...

“The following committee of thirty was then appointed by President Sheehy, the committee to get together tomorrow afternoon and take up the question of the selling of the apples:

“George W. Sill, H. L. Kalich, F. P. Marinovich, George F. Martin, F. L. W. MacDonald, T. J. Horgan, O. D. Stoesser, H. P. Kane, H. C. Peckham, C. H. Baker, B. Pista, J. B. Braycovich, Peter Stolich, Antone Stolich, Frank Radovan, George Copriviza, Peter Resetar, M. N. Lettunich, James Sheehy, Paul Miladin, L. P. Cikuth, Antone Balich, J. B. Holohan, R. H. Goodchild, M. Mukuch [Mekis?], Oscar Holohan, Peter Mengol, Joseph Secondo, John Scurich, Antone Jerinich and Otto Rafael.”

EP; 25 Jan 1913; item: “Guardianship and estate of Peter Carstulovich, incompetent—Hearing of petition for appointment of guardian is continued to January 27th.”

EP; 25 Jan 1913; ALL: Nick G. Jancich, Marko Kroll [Kralj]. Foreign: Toni Nillclinovic.

EP; 25 Jan 1913; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alaga are in San Francisco for a few days.”

EP; 25 Jan 1913; mar. license: “At Salinas, Jan. 24, 1913, to Peter Secondo, of Watsonville and Nell King, of Castroville.”

EP; 27 Jan 1913; obit: “Watsonville, Jan 27, 1913, Katie Gluhan, a native of Watsonville, aged 4 years, 6 months and 3 days.”

EP; 27 Jan 1913; obit: “Katie Gluhan, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Gluhan of this city, died this morning as a result of burns she received several weeks ago at her home on upper Rodriguez street... The little girl was burned while playing in the street, the flames from a fire igniting her clothing.”

EP; 27 Jan 1913; article: “Mike Nirich, a well known young man of this city and an employee of the Watsonville Railway & Navigation Co., was painfully and seriously hurt this afternoon...at the company wharf at Calpaco by the accidental fall of a pile. Nirich was assisting other employees in loading short piles on the steamer Eureka from a car on the wharf and while stooped over lifting one pile from the wharf [.] was struck by another that accidentally fell from the car. He was rendered unconscious for a few moments and after being revived was removed to this city on the car.

“An examination of his injuries disclosed the fact that a rib on the left side had been fractured and that his shoulder had been bruised. While the injuries are painful

to the extreme yet Mr. Nirich will be able to be up and around in a few days although he will not be able to work for several weeks.”

EP; 28 Jan 1913; list: “Superior Judge Lucas F. Smith selected a list of grand jurors for the year, which was filed yesterday and placed in the grand jury box. From this list, will be drawn thirty names when the time comes and then from that thirty, 19 are finally selected. The names selected from the Pajaro valley are...M. Lettunich, Luke Scurich...”

EP; 28 Jan 1913; article: “Edward Devries of the Mocha Restaurant on lower Main Street opposite the city hall has sold his establishment to J. N. Moncovich and N. Lamat of this city.”

EP; 28 Jan 1913; mar. license: “Santa Cruz, Jan. 27, 1913, Nick Pulich and Stella Pulich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 28 Jan 1913; married: “Castroville, Jan. 27, 1913, by Rev. Fr. Sayers, Peter Secondo of Watsonville and Miss Nell King of Castroville.”

EP; 28 Jan 1913; obit: “At Hollister, Jan. 26, 1913, Miss Jakica Arnevich [Arnerich], a native of Austria.”

EP; 29 Jan 1913; item: “Alberta G. Pryor et ux. to Andrew Balich—Lot on Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz.”

EP; 31 Jan 1913; item: “A. W. Condit, guardian vs. E. B. Lettunich—Demurrer; notice of motion to strike out certain parts of complaint.”

EP; 31 Jan 1913; mar. license: “Santa Cruz, Jan. 30, 1913, Tony Subasich and Mary Iggia, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 3 Feb 1913; article: “FOUR PACKING HOUSES DESTROYED BY BLAZE...Four apple packing establishments, the property of the A. Balich Company, Resetar Brothers, Secondo Brothers and Makies [Mekis] & Pekoch, located on West Lake Avenue between Rodriguez and Walker streets and running through the entire block from Lake Avenue to Kearney street, were completely destroyed by fire this morning about 4 o'clock, the total loss amounting to over \$15,000 with less than \$4000 insurance to cover the loss. The fire is believed to be of incendiary origin but absolutely no clues as to the identity of the firebrands have been found by the police.

“The fire alarm was turned in at 3:55 o'clock this morning and when the fire department hurriedly reached the scene the four buildings were a mass of lurid flames that illuminated the skies over the entire city. That the fire was of incendiary origin is proven by the fact that those

first seeing the fire declare that the blaze had broken out in four different places in the building occupied by the Balich Company and Resetar Brothers. The buildings were all constructed of low grade lumber and burned like paper when once the fire had gained a headway and it was readily seen by the firemen that they could not hope to save any of the structures so they bent all their energy toward saving the surrounding buildings. The fact that there was barely any wind aided the firemen materially in their brave fight and they were thus fortunately able to keep the fire confined to the packing house only. Only in one packing house, the house occupied by Makies [Mekis] and Pekoch, were the men able to save any of the contents but the amount saved was nominal compared with the total. The buildings were soon all reduced to smoking ruins and the contents were one and all consumed by the fire, which was one of the fiercest that has been seen here in years. Great credit is due the firemen for their gallant work as the surrounding property was unsinged, unharmed as a result of their hard exertions.

“Andy Balich and Antone Balich, who comprise the A. Balich Company, will be the heaviest losers. Their loss will amount to nearly \$12,000. They lost about 20,000 empty fruit boxes as well as about 7500 packed boxes of apples besides a large number of tools and implements that were housed in the building. In the rear of the Balich property was the packing house of Resetar Brothers, which was conducted by J. Resetar. Here 8000 empty boxes, 160 packed boxes, several wagons, trucks, buckets, benches and other fruit tools and implements were consumed and nothing was saved. The other buildings lost in the fire were alongside the Balich property and were owned by the Secondo Brothers. The building nearest Kearney street was empty, hence nothing but the structure itself was lost. The other building, which fronted Lake Avenue, was leased by Mike Makies [Mekis] and G. Pekoch, as well suffer a loss of about \$700. About 4500 empty boxes and 1400 packed boxes were in the building but a greater part of the contents of the house was saved. The Balich Company had insurance amounting to \$2500, Makies [Mekis] & Pekoch had insurance amounting to \$450, while Resetar Brothers had \$1000 insurance, with a loss of over \$2000. The amount of insurance carried on the buildings could not be learned, the above insurance figures applying only to the contents of the structures.

“The building occupied by Balich Brothers was formerly the property of the late Percy Morse and had been conducted since his death by his brother until two years ago when B. Pista leased the structure. It was one of the largest packing houses in the city and had been used several years ago as a skating rink in the off fruit season.

“At first there was no fire pressure in the city water mains and this delayed the fire department for a short while until the full pressure could be turned in from the reservoir. After the full force was received the firemen

did not complain of the poor pressure although this morning the best pressure in the world would have had but little effect in stamping out the fire.”

EP; 3 Feb 1913; item: “John Achimovich vs. Coast Counties Light & Power Co.—Assignment of judgment to Luke Scurich; judgment rendered on March 14, 1912, for \$2750.”

EP; 3 Feb 1913; item: “A. W. Condit Jr., guardian of A. W. Condit, vs. E. B. Lettunich—Attorneys granted time in which to furnish authorities on demurrer to complaint, when the matter will be considered submitted and taken under advisement.”

EP; 3 Feb 1913; item: “John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et al.—Bill of exceptions approved; motion for new trial partially heard and continued to February 7.”

EP; 3 Feb 1913; married: “Watsonville, Feb. 2, 1913, by Rev. Fr. Hassett, Nick Pulich and Stella Pulich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 3 Feb 1913; married: “Stella Pulich and Nick Pulich were married yesterday afternoon...in the presence of a few friends and relatives. After the ceremony the happy couple departed for San Francisco to enjoy their honeymoon and upon their return in a few days will reside in this city. Anna Pulich officiated as bridesmaid while John Sapro was the best man. The bride is the niece of Luke Pulich of this city and is a well known member of the local Austrian colony while the groom is a rising young fruit packer of this city. Both have many friends in this city that will wish them all possible happiness and luck.”

EP; 3 Feb 1913; item: “Deputy City Auditor George Pulich of Stockton is here today on a visit.”

EP; 4 Feb 1913; item: “Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kalich are here for a few days from San Francisco.”

EP; 4 Feb 1913; item: Mrs. N. H. Lovering, Miss Mamie Smith and Mrs. G. A. Tuttle motored to Salinas today.”

EP; 4 Feb 1913; board of aldermen, payments: “...Labor: Mike Glage, \$66.75...Supplies: John Stojanovich, 65c...”

EP; 5 Feb 1913; item: “Estate of Peter Carstulovich, incompetent—Letters of guardianship issued to Stephen Scurich; bond given in the sum of \$3000.”

EP; 6 Feb 1913; married: “Last Sunday noon Miss Catherine Stolich and Jack Diklich were married at St. Patrick’s Church by Rev. Father Hassett in the presence of a few friends and relatives. Mitchell Stolich acted as groomsman and Mrs. Nicholas Stolich was the matron of

honor. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride and in the afternoon the happy couple departed for a honeymoon trip to the northern part of the state. They will reside at 162 West Fifth street upon their return. The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Kate Stolich and the niece of the well known Stolich Brothers. The groom has also resided here several years and is in the fruit business here. Both have many friends that wish them success and happiness.”



Fig. 4-33.
Jack Diklich (1884-?),
Kate Stolich
(1891-1939).
Jack returned to
Konavle in the 1950s
and died there.

EP; 6 Feb 1913; married: “Watsonville, Feb. 2, 1913, by Rev. Father Hassett, Nick [sic Jakob “Jack”] Diklich and Miss Catherine Stolich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 7 Feb 1913; article: “Watsonville, Cal., Feb. 6, 1913.
“Mr. I. H. Tuttle, Agent London Assurance Corporation, Watsonville, Cal.,

“I have received all that I claimed from your company on account of the fire in my dwelling and stable, February 3, 1913.

“Yours truly,

“(Signed) ANTON BALICH,

“The proofs of loss were sent to San Francisco Wednesday noon. Yesterday (Thursday) morning the check paying the claim was received.”

EP; 8 Feb 1913; item: “John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et al.—Continued to Feb. 10th.”

EP; 8 Feb 1913; board of supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: Kostich, K., labor: \$6.00...Kostich, M., labor: \$96.00...Novich [Novcich], Jack, labor: \$24.50...”

EP; 10 Feb 1913; ALL: Mrs. Matson, Obren Milinich, Tony Suliosich [prob. Subasich]. Foreign: Helen Memed, Duro Miljanovich.

EP; 10 Feb 1913; item: “GRAND OPENING. Tuesday night of the Vienna Cafe, formerly known as the Mocha Cafe, 263 Main street.”

EP; 10 Feb 1913; item: “Stephen Scurich has returned from a three days’ business visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 10 Feb 1913; item: "M. N. Lettunich and son, Prosper Lettunich, are at the Mansion House from San Francisco."

EP; 11 Feb 1913; item: "Nicholas Lettunich is here from Santa Clara University today visiting his father, Mateo Lettunich."

EP; 11 Feb 1913; born: "Watsonville, Feb. 9, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Blas Kelez, a daughter." [*Stella Helen; +2002; mar. Raguz*]

EP; 12 Feb 1913; item: "A. W. Condit Jr. vs. E. B. Lettunich—Continued to Feb. 14."

EP; 12 Feb 1913; item: "John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et al.—Continued to Feb 14."

EP; 12 Feb 1913; article: "Last night's San Francisco Bulletin with 'Scoop' Gleason as the writer, had the following to say about Luke Glavenich, the former pitcher for the Watsonville Giants, who has tangled himself up with two big league clubs and will have to sweat before he clears himself:

"Luke Glavenich, the big right-hander pitching for St. Mary's College, who is a complex picture of Walter Johnson, Joe Wood and Ed Walsh, and yet withal is as wild as a March hare, is the bone of contention between two big league teams.

"It is claimed that Cleveland and Chicago both have strings on the youngster and that a tangle will result should he attempt to play with either of them.

"A Cleveland scout is authority for the statement that the pitcher permitted him to sign his name to a telegram of acceptance of terms offered by the Nap management. He points to a copy of the telegram sent from Bakersfield, where Glavenich did some box work and threatens to make it hot for Luke if he tries to run out on him.

"On the heels of this, word has been received that Glavenich has signed with "Big Jim" Wiggs to try out with the White Sox at Paso Robles.

"These are the problems confronting the twirler off the field but on the diamond he is going great guns.

"A certain baseball authority claims that Glavenich has improved 75 per cent in his work since last year.

"Why, he's the finest looking pitcher I've seen in many a day. He now has fair control of the ball and in recent contests has only allowed a few bases on balls..."

EP; 12 Feb 1913; item: "Guy Voight of Santa Clara University, one of the best known athletes at the college is here today as the guest of Nicholas Lettunich of the college."

EP; 14 Feb 1913; article: "A number of local vocalists will participate next Sunday afternoon in the sacred con-

cert that is to be given at the San Carlos mission in Monterey under the direction of D. E. Nolan, formerly of this city. The concert will be given by a large chorus made up of people from Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Salinas and Watsonville. Among the local people to assist are Miss Anna M. Farlin, Earl Kuenster, C. E. Key, A. M. Earls and Mrs. W. L. Granger.

EP; 17 Feb 1913; item: "John Alaga has returned from a business visit to San Francisco."

EP; 17 Feb 1913; item: "A. M. Earls, Earl Kuenster, Miss Anna Farlin, Mrs. W. L. Granger and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Key returned today from Monterey where last night they took part in a big concert at the Carmel Mission."

EP; 18 Feb 1913; item: "Guardianship and estate of George Krilanovich, et als., minors—Order setting Feb. 28th as day of settlement of account."

EP; 18 Feb 1913; article: "Last night's Monterey American said the following in part about the concert Sunday, in which a number of local people took part.

"There are many descriptive adjectives to extol what is meritorious, but the sacred concert given last evening at the San Carlos church deserves every word of commendation and encouragement which our language affords us. The audience was held spellbound for nearly three hours and when the most beautiful program came to a close with solemn Benediction, the several hundred listeners seemed to be reluctantly awakened from a reverie too sweet for earth...

"O, Salutaris, that beautiful Benediction Hymn was sung devotionally by Mrs. Wm. Granger and Miss Anna Farlin of Watsonville, and their sweet sopranos lent a good touch to the program..."

EP; 21 Feb 1913; obit: "Watsonville, Feb. 21, 1913, Nick Uvodich, a native of Watsonville, aged 3 years, 5 months and 19 days."

EP; 21 Feb 1913; obit: LITTLE BOY DIES. Nick Uvodich, a nephew of George Copriviza of this city, died... after a short illness, at the family residence, 438 Main street. Spinal meningitis was the cause of death. The little fellow was a native of Watsonville and was aged 3 years, 5 months and 19 days. The funeral will be held from the family residence in the Rowe block..."

EP; 22 Feb 1913; item: "M. J. Lettunich of San Francisco is here visiting relatives."

EP; 22 Feb 1913; mar. license: "At Salinas, Feb. 20, 1913, to A. Kunich and Ane Gledg, both of Spreckels."

EP; 24 Feb 1913; item: "Miss Marian Zar, who is train-

ing to be a nurse at the St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco, is here for a few days."

EP; 24 Feb 1913; born: "In Watsonville, Feb. 23, 1913, to the wife of Bozo Zar, a daughter."
[Lucille; married Ragghianti]



Fig. 4-34. Lucille Zar.

EP; 25 Feb 1913; honor roll: High 8th: Lewis Lettunich, Antonio Scurich. High 7th: Lena Strazicich. High 6th: Helen Strazicich, Jenny Dubreta. Low 5th: Mike Glage, Nick Dujmovich, Charley Sambrailo. High 4th: Kathryn Strazicich, Anna Knego. Low 4th: Nicholas Miscovich. Low 3rd: Stephen Nemanich. High 2nd: John Battinich. Low 2nd: Mary Castropelli, Annie Matsen [Matson].

EP; 26 Feb 1913; disp. ad:
Eastern Shell Oysters
Oyster Loaves.
A SPECIALTY:
Squab in Loaf
Served Here, or Take Them Home
CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT
HREPICH & WELLS, Props.
No. 255-259 Main Street.
Phone 36

EP; 27 Feb 1913; list: "The Board of Supervisors has prepared the following list of men from Watsonville judicial township for jury duty during the year: ...L. P. Cikuth..."

EP; 27 Feb 1913; item: "Miss Marion Zar has returned to San Francisco to resume her studies at the St. Mary's hospital."

EP; 28 Feb 1913; item: "M. N. Lettunich is here for a few days from San Francisco on business."

EP; 1 Mar 1913; item: "Anica Anderson and estate of Krilanovich and Frank Anderson—Continued to March 7th."

EP; 1 Mar 1913; item: "A. W. Condit, etc., vs. E. B. Lettunich—Demurrer argued and taken under advisement."

EP; 1 Mar 1913; item: "Nich Baule et al. vs. N. B. Lettunich et al.—Trial set for March 26th."

EP; 1 Mar 1913; ALL: Martin Satatich [Salatich].

EP; 3 Mar 1913; article: "So much has been said and

heard lately of the poor apples shipped from this valley that it is an excellent and commendable thing once in a while to hear where good apples are being shipped. M. N. Lettunich & Company, who handle their own apples from the famous Del Monte Fruit farm at Aromas and who pack the well known Bear brand, have received a letter from a man named W. L. D. Cary in Victoria Road, Isle of Man, England, which is herewith published. This letter was written on the back of a Bear brand label and is as follows:

"My home is in San Jose, California, and I purchased some of your Newtown Pippins today. Very fine and perfect. I paid 4 pence per pound. That is 8 cents in American money. I got this paper out of the box."

EP; 3 Mar 1913; article: "John Miljeskovich was arrested in Corn Cob canyon yesterday by Game Commissioner J. H. Hill for hunting without a license. The offender was looking for anything from rabbits to grizzly bears when Hill got him. Miljeskovich was brought before Judge Rohrback of Pajaro this morning and after pleading guilty he was fined \$10. He paid the fine."

EP; 4 Mar 1913; article: "**HEAVY FINES. Paid by Violators of Hollister Liquor Ordinance.** Carsen Jensen, proprietor of the Western Hotel, and Nick Bencovich, owner of the Elite restaurant, have each paid \$150 to City Marshall Archibald, this being the amount assessed against them by the Board of Trustees on February 3d, when the report of the Burns' detectives who investigated conditions here, was read to that body.

"While the intentions of the other three restaurant men who had fines assessed against them are not definitely known, it is believed that Jno. Petrinovich, manager of Chargin's restaurant, will also pay the \$150 fine, but H. Carlson, the tamale parlor man, and Matulich & Hrepich, of the California restaurant, will allow their licenses to be forfeited and conduct their places without handling any beer or liquor.—Hollister Free Lance."

EP; 5 Mar 1913; article: "The F. P. Marinovich building opposite the city hall on Main street is being treated to a new coat of yellow paint and the structure will be greatly improved as a result. The paint has already enhanced the general appearance of the building...In the meantime there are not a few of the other buildings on Main street that need painting."

Paj; 6 Mar 1913; born: "Watsonville, March 1, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Resetar, a daughter." [Mary; +2008; married Irwin]



Fig. 4-35.
Mary Resetar.

EP; 8 Mar 1913; board of supervisors, payments: "County Fund: California Restaurant, meals, \$52.50...Pajaro Road Fund: The following claims are for labor...: ...M. Korich \$68, Martin Kulich \$44...Jack Novich [Novcich] \$38...M. Tumosivich [Tomasevich] \$16..."

EP; 8 Mar 1913; item: "Lovina Chukovich vs. Anton A. Scurich—Dismissal."

EP; 10 Mar 1913; item: "S. L. Svago is at Truckee to attend the funeral of a brother there."

EP; 10 Mar 1913; born: "In Watsonville, March 8, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jelinich, a daughter." [*Frances; +2002*]

EP; 11 Mar 1913; class. ad: "Fancy 4-tier Newtowns \$1 per box, delivered. Call at Central Grocery Co., or phone 243."

EP; 12 Mar 1913; item: "Watsonville Realty Co. to Tony Gurash et ux.—Lots 180 and 181, Watsonville Heights, No. 2."

EP; 15 Mar 1913; ALL: Mike Bovich, Tomo Gasich.

EP; 17 Mar 1913; item: "Mrs. May Lettunich of San Francisco is visiting Mrs. John Alaga here."

EP; 18 Mar 1913; item: "John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et al.—Undertaking on appeal by Coast Counties Light and Power Co. to Supreme Court from order denying a new trial."

EP; 18 Mar 1913; article: "Says last evening's Salinas Index: In the Superior Court at Salinas this morning Peter P. Capitanich of Watsonville commenced suit for divorce against Mrs. [Belle] Silva Capitanich, and with the filing of the complaint there was filed also the answer and a cross complaint by the defendant. This was due to the fact that the parties, who have been living apart for a long time, have adjusted their property interests and were ready to go to trial. The divorce was granted."

EP; 20 Mar 1913; item: "John Achimovich vs. M. L. Kalich et al.—Admission of service of notice of appeal from judgment."

EP; 20 Mar 1913; item: "Guardianship and estate of George Colendich and Pauline Colendich, minors—Order reducing bond to \$455 for each minor."

EP; 20 Mar 1913; item: "The trial of Martin Nielsen, who is accused of battery by John Gospodnetich, is on this afternoon in Judge Hawkins' court at press time. Gospodnetich accused Nielsen of hitting him after the

two had had an argument on the Frank Redman place in the Salsipuedes district several weeks ago. No jury is sitting in the case, the evidence being submitted solely to the court. George W. Smith appears as special prosecutor while the attorney for the defense is J. E. Gardner."

EP; 24 Mar 1913; married: "Watsonville, March 23, 1913, at St. Patrick's church, by Rev. Fr. Hassett, John Sapro and Mary Rase, both of Watsonville."



Fig. 4-36.
John Sapro (1890-1984),
Mary Raše (1889-1973).

EP; 24 Mar 1913; married: "An Easter Day wedding yesterday at noon united Miss Mary Rase and John Sapro of this city, both well known members of the local Austrian colony. The wedding was performed at St. Patrick's church with Rev. Father Hassett as the officiating clergyman. The best man was Antone Stolich, the well known local fruit shipper, while the bridesmaid was Mrs. Luke Scurich, the aunt of the bride. The guests and the newlyweds departed for the home of Luke Scurich on Alexander Street after the wedding and there a bountiful repast was enjoyed amid a jollification. Late in the afternoon the newlyweds departed for southern California to enjoy a brief honeymoon and upon their return they will reside in this city.

"The bride is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Scurich and is well known here. She has resided here about two years and is a charming young lady. The groom is the proprietor of the Third street restaurant, is well known here in business circles and is highly esteemed by all that know him. All the friends of the couple extend congratulations and best wishes."

EP; 24 Mar 1913; item: "George Pulich, deputy city auditor of Stockton was here for the weekend."

EP; 24 Mar 1913; item: "Nicholas Lettunich is here for the Easter holidays from Santa Clara University."

EP; 24 Mar 1913; item: "Marco Zarick, the popular local ballplayer, was here for Easter from Santa Clara University."

EP; 26 Mar 1913; article: "The following from the Jackson (Amador) Dispatch will be good news here to the many friends of Luke Glavenich, the former local baseball player, and the friends of Luke in Watsonville will echo the sentiments of his friends in Jackson as per the following:

“Luke Glavenich the Jackson boy who has been making a name for himself as a baseball pitcher came up from Oakland early in the week and spent a few days at the home of his parents in this city. He departed Wednesday for New Orleans to join the Cleveland, Ohio team which is training there and which has engaged young Glavenich the coming season. Luke is to be congratulated on his success and his friends in Jackson, where he was born and reared will be pleased to learn of his engagement and hope he will make good among the big leaguers.”

EP; 26 Mar 1913; born: “Watsonville, March 23, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs M. Perovich, a son.” [*Martin*; +1915]

EP; 27 Mar 1913; item: “A verdict for \$600 was rendered in favor of Nicholas Baule, Thomas Vlautin, Martin Sablich, Luke Llaga [Alaga] and John Komaich, who had sued N. V. and Thomas Lettunich for wages alleged to be due them yesterday afternoon in the Superior Court at Santa Cruz. The plaintiffs had sued originally for \$765.85 but the jury made it an even \$600. The defendants alleged that the five plaintiffs had not performed their work properly and that they were not entitled to the money. Attorney George W. Smith of this city represented the plaintiffs while Attorney C. B. Younger of Santa Cruz appeared for the defendants.”

EP; 28 Mar 1913; item: “Niles G. Hyatt to Nicholas Radovich, et al.—4 lots in Happyland Heights.”

EP; 28 Mar 1913; item: “M. Krilanovich is the complaining witness in a criminal charge filed by District Attorney Knight in Justice of the Peace Gardner’s court recently in which J. D. McIntyre and Bernice B. Brown are accused with unlawfully selling mortgaged property.

“The complaint states that McIntyre agreed to purchase \$547.50 worth of wood in the Blackburn gulch and gave as security a chattel mortgage last September on two draft horses, two wagons, a set of double harness, two cows and two calves.

“The defendants are accused of selling the cows and the calves without informing the buyer that they were mortgaged or without informing the mortgagee, Mr. Krilanovich, of the transaction.—Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 31 Mar 1913; article: “NAME MISS FARLIN. Now that Secretary Redman has resigned from the Commercial League the question of a successor is in the minds of the directors. We nominate Miss Anna M. Farlin, who for three years has been the popular and capable assistant secretary of that organization. Really this nomination is not original with us for several local people have already made the suggestion and it is with pleasure that we second the motion. Miss Farlin is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the work as secretary, she has a wide

aquaintance not only here but in the outside cities, she has had three years’ experience, she knows more about the work and the office than all the directors combined and if another successor to Mr. Redman was named it would be Miss Farlin that would give him the best insight into the affairs of the League and who would furnish all the details. We do not know whether Miss Farlin would accept the office as we have not interviewed her on the subject but it seems only justice that if she would accept that she be asked. Other Chambers of Commerce, particularly, in the East, have lady secretaries and none are more capable than Miss Farlin.”

EP; 2 Apr 1913; text ad: “Four-tier White Winter Pearmain and Newtowns, prize winners, \$1.10 per box, Central Grocery Co. Phone 243.”



EP; 4 Apr 1913; born: “Near Watsonville, April 3, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Palovich [Pavlovich], a daughter.” [*Katherine*; +1963]

Fig. 4-37.
Katherine Pavlovich.

EP; 5 Apr 1913; item: “Watsonville Realty Company to Martin Podich et ux.—Lots 183 and 184, Watsonville Heights, subdivision 2.”

EP; 5 Apr 1913; ALL: Mrs. A. Mukovich, Nick Zupan.

EP; 5 Apr 1913; honor roll: High 8th: Lewis Lettunich. High 7th: John Strazicich, Lena Strazicich. High 6th: Helen Strazicich, Jennie Dubreta. Low 5th: Charley Sambrailo, Mike Glage, Nick Dujmovich. High 4th: Anna Knego. High 3rd: Louis Arbanas, Martin Dujmovich. Low 3rd: Stephen Nemanich. Low 2nd: Annie Matsen [Matson], Mary Castropelli, Nick Dubreta.

EP; 7 Apr 1913; article: “The committee appointed at the mass meeting on March 15th, at the auditorium, to formulate some plan whereby a standard apple pack could be sent out of this valley, will meet for three days at the auditorium this week, commencing on next Wednesday, and listen to the views of the parties interested in the apple industry as to what should constitute a ‘standard pack.’

“The first day (Wednesday), will be given over to a consultation and hearings with the American packers; the second day (Thursday) will be devoted to the Slavonian packers, and on the third day (Friday) the Brokers and Growers are invited to be present.

“It is hoped that by this method of interchanging ideas, and setting forth the results of past experiences that the committee, after sifting down the ideas submitted may be

able to formulate some plan of standardizing the pack that will be acceptable to all packers.

"The committee to whom has been assigned this important duty consists of five members, viz: F. L. Sel-lack (chairman); W. E. Higman, (Secretary); and Messrs. Edw. A. Hall, Henry Peckham and one more member to be appointed.

"The committee solicits the cordial co-operation and aid of all concerned in the apple industry to make this undertaking a success. It is a very hard task and unless sympathetic interest[ed] assistance is given[,] must inevitably prove a failure.

"It is a vital matter in the future prosperity of this valley, and the entire community should back the committee up in every possible way."

EP; 8 Apr 1913; item: "Paul Matulich has made application for citizenship. He resides at Watsonville and entered this country at New York, Feb. 6th, 1913. His witnesses were Joseph Demichelli, George J. Carstulovich and John Gospodnetich of Santa Cruz and Geo. Wells of Watsonville.—Sentinel."

EP; 8 Apr 1913; obit: "Mrs. Lucy Capetanich [Capitanich], a well known resident of this city for three years past, died this morning...at the Watsonville hospital after an illness that lasted about one year. During the past few days her life had been despaired of and despite all that could be exerted in her behalf she passed away this morning...

"The deceased was born at Oleta [Fiddletown] in Amador county and was aged 24 years, 2 months and 12 days. She came here from Amador county three years ago and has resided here ever since that time. She was well known and highly respected in this city by many people, who will sincerely mourn her untimely demise. She is survived by her husband, M. Capetanich, her mother, Mrs. Radonich of Oleta, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Mary Skocko of Watsonville, Mrs. M. Jurash [Gurash] of Watsonville, Mrs. Lizzie Ylich of Sanger, Mrs. Katie Skocko of Sanger, Paul Germolis, Mitchell Germolis and Nick Germolis, all three of Oleta."

EP; 8 Apr 1913; obit: "Watsonville, April 8, 1913, Lucy Capitanich, a native of California, aged 24 years, 2 months and 12 days."

EP; 9 Apr 1913; item: "The apple inspection committee of the Commercial League is holding a conference this afternoon at the auditorium with the American packers of the city. A conference with the Austrian packers will be held tomorrow."

EP; 10 Apr 1913; item: "The apple inspection committee of the Commercial League is this afternoon in conference at the auditorium with the Austrian packers of the city

and valley. Yesterday afternoon the American packers met with the committee and tomorrow the brokers will meet with the committee..."

EP; 11 Apr 1913; article: "A meeting of the Pajaro Valley Packers' and Shippers' Association was held last night at the auditorium, the passage of resolutions regarding a standard apple pack being about the only business of importance transacted. The following committee was named to revise the resolution if the committee so deemed necessary: W. H. Benteen, Stephen Scurich, John Scurich, George Copriviza, T. J. Horgan, M. L. Kalich and Mateo Lettunich. There was good-sized attendance at the meeting..."

EP; 12 Apr 1913; article: "Mrs. M. S. Moreland, the founder of the Moreland Notre Dame Academy of this city and one of the most highly respected residents of the city and valley, is this afternoon the hostess to about one hundred friends at the Hotel Appleton in honor of her eighty-fourth birthday, which occurred last Saturday. While Mrs. Moreland arranged all the plans herself and is today officiating as hostess yet a number of her friends were made members of a reception committee to assist Mrs. Moreland and this afternoon as the Pajaronian goes to press the function is in progress at the hotel. The members of this committee are Mrs. Otto D. Stoesser (chairman), Mrs. O. J. Holohan, Miss Julia Stoesser, Miss Alexander, Mrs. Clyde Wayland, Mrs. Louisa C. Diggins, Mrs. E. H. Phillips, Miss Anna Farlin, Mrs. Hugh Judd, Mrs. L. S. Alexander, Miss Anna Kelly and Miss Helen Phelan of Berkeley..."

"The numbers as rendered during the feast today were excellent in every respect. Each number as rendered by the Academy girls showed careful training and natural ability and Mrs. Moreland had just reason to be proud of the work of the students in the school, which she founded. Miss Anna Farlin rendered a vocal selection in beautiful voice and was the recipient of many compliments upon her high-class rendition of the selection she made..."

"The following guests were invited to today's function: Mesdames Nicolas Alaga, Teresa Farlin, L. R. Farlin, Stephen Scurich, Misses Mamie Farlin and Anna Farlin."

EP; 12 Apr 1913; ALL: Foreign: Petru Tvelich.

EP; 14 Apr 1913; item: "The E. C. White family at Dunbarton last Saturday night entertained a number of its friends at their Dunbarton home and all present had a jolly time...Those present were...Martin Bocovich..."

EP; 14 Apr 1913; article: "Luke Glavenich has busted into the big league at last. Last Saturday after two Cleveland pitchers had been hammered all over the lot by the Chicago White Sox the Clevelands put Luke in the box

in the ninth inning and he finished the game. He allowed 3 hits, 5 runs, 3 walks and struck out one man in one inning. Luke evidently was wild but anyhow he must have looked good to the Cleveland manager else he would not have been sent into the box at all. Luke will probably go to some Eastern farm to get control."

EP; 16 Apr 1913; article: "J. Dujmovich, who is wanted here in Watsonville for the alleged embezzlement of about \$2500 from various creditors about town, was arrested late yesterday afternoon in San Francisco by Detective O'Neal of the San Francisco police department just after Dujmovich had returned on a steamer from Portland. Dujmovich had been in the north and also in Europe since his sudden departure from this city one night several months ago and no trace of him was found until a few days ago when it was learned that he was coming to San Francisco by boat. He was preparing to invest some of his money in a San Francisco motion picture house when arrested. He will arrive from San Francisco tonight in the custody of Constable G. R. Cano of Pajaro and Attorney George W. Smith and Luke Scurich of this city.

"Dujmovich and 'Gipsy John' Voivodich were both wanted here by the police on embezzlement charges but so far Voivodich has not been found. After the disappearance of both men the police in all the California cities were given descriptions of the men but no trace whatever could be found of either. Dujmovich was engaged in the fruit business here and he met with failure. He left one night in a hurried fashion and left no word here as to his whereabouts. His creditors, whom he owes something like \$2500, searched the State for him to no avail. To bring him back under another charge[,] a misdemeanor charge of petit larceny, the theft of some hay was sworn out against him before Judge Rohrback in the Pajaro court. He is coming back to answer this charge while the officers get evidence against him on the alleged embezzlement charges.

"According to telegraphic reports from San Francisco Dujmovich was greatly surprised when arrested yesterday afternoon in the metropolis. He thought that the trouble had blown over by this time and that he could return to the State in safety. Constable Cano, Attorney Smith and Mr. Scurich hastened to San Francisco last night immediately upon receipt of the news of the arrest. According to reports from there this morning Dujmovich admits his deeds and is reported to be willing to turn over the money he has to his creditors here. Further particulars will not be known until tonight when he arrives from the north."

EP; 16 Apr 1913; article: "At a meeting held last night to select the local thespians to take part in the production here in about two months of 'The Village Squire,' under the direction of the Commercial League, the following

people were chosen to take the speaking parts...Miss Anna Farlin..."

EP; 16 Apr 1913; item: "Mrs. Caroline Learned to Nick Matulich—SE 50 feet of lot 16, block 2, Watsonville homestead association map No. 1, Watsonville."

EP; 16 Apr 1913; item: "Attorney George W. Smith, Constable G. R. Cano of Pajaro and Luke Scurich are in San Francisco today."

EP; 16 Apr 1913; article: "J. Dujmovich, the alleged local embezzler, arrived last night from the metropolis in the custody of Constable G. R. Cano of Pajaro, Attorney George W. Smith of this city and Luke Scurich. Judge Rohrback released him upon the payment of \$100 bail. Petit larceny is the charge against him at present but the officers are looking for evidence on a more serious charge. The date of his trial on the minor charge before Judge Rohrback has not yet been fixed. It is thought, by those interested, that Dujmovich has a lot of money hid away, and efforts are being made to learn its whereabouts."

EP; 19 Apr 1913; article: "The 1913 apple show was officially and formally launched last night when the directors of the Apple Annual Association and a number of other leading men in the valley met at the auditorium to take action upon the show. A greater, grander, bigger, more elaborate and better apple show will be held this year than ever before, the exhibits will not be limited to apples in this valley but any product of the Pajaro valley can be exhibited although only apples will probably be entered from the outside sections. There was much enthusiasm manifested last night over the prospect of holding another apple show and everyone present was a booster for the fourth local affair..."

"Those present last night were: President Stoesser, Directors G. W. Sill, H. C. Peckham, Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich, C. H. Baker, E. Steinhauer, R. H. Goodchild, J. A. Linscott, J. E. Gardner and H. T. Davis, D. J. Daly, E. E. Lewis, Roy T. Eaton, Dr. S. Jewett, S. Alexander and George P. Martin."

EP; 21 Apr 1913; article: "WHY HE CAME BACK. The real reason why Dujmovich, the absconder, came back to this country, after fleeing to Ragusa [Dubrovnik], Austria, has now come to light. It appears that Austria exacts military service from all its subjects, and Dujmovich who was sporting around Ragusa as a wealthy man, becoming cognizant of the fact that the government was making inquiries about him, concluded to beat it and come back to this country, which he did. It is rumored that Voivodich ('Gypsy John') was not so fortunate, but was taken up by the military authorities, and is now serving out his time in the army. As Austrians who have

evaded military duty by skipping to foreign countries are treated more severely in the Austrian army than those who have stood by the law and served a required time, it is probable that ere this 'Gypsy John' would much rather face his creditors in Watsonville than to undergo the rigorous treatment he is now receiving.

"Dujmovich, who can neither read or write, got the first jar to his self-complacency when he arrived at Ragusa and meeting an old-time countryman friend (formerly of this valley) now residing at Ragusa, and a subscriber to the Weekly Pajaronian, was told of the excitement in the city consequent upon his flight. His friend was conversant with all the facts in the case as published in the Pajaronian, and Dujmovich was dumbfounded that news of his wrong-doing had preceded him to the place where he was raised.

"It now develops that Dujmovich after coming back from Austria, deposited all the money he had left of his ill-gotten gains, some \$2400, in an Oregon bank. He was recognized in San Francisco by an Austrian who knew him, who told a friend, an ex-detective of the Pinkerton Detective agency, who Dujmovich was, and that he was wanted down here, there being a reward of \$100 offered for him. The ex-detective asked to be introduced to Dujmovich, and after the acquaintance ripened sufficiently, sprang the project of purchasing a moving picture show upon Dujmovich. Had Dujmovich any money? queried the new-found friend. Dujmovich pulled his bank book from his pocket showing the deposit in the Oregon bank. The matter see-sawed to and fro for several days when a quarrel between the pair arose, and then the ex-detective called up Cano by phone and told him he knew where Dujmovich was, and claimed the reward. Dujmovich now claims that the ex-detective was trying a bunko game upon him, about the moving picture show and trying to rob him of his money.

"There was a mixup over the reward. The ex-detective claimed it, and said the original informer was in on half of it. The officer who made the arrest also claimed it and said that another officer was in on half of the reward. The matter was finally compromised.

"Dujmovich, whose right name is Reich (he was an orphan and was raised by a family named Dujmovich in Austria) gave the name of John Zeilich when he deposited the money in the Oregon bank."

EP; 21 Apr 1913; article: "Says yesterday's Santa Cruz Sentinel:

"The Watsonville Register seems disturbed over the idea that the "Sentinel" should infer that local merchants find it easier to buy Watsonville apples in San Francisco than they do in Watsonville and even doubts our authority for making such a statement.

"We therefore cite the specific instances. The local grocery firm of Stikeman & Pierce wrote to the Loma Fruit Co., Watsonville, for ten boxes of apples, and

received a reply that the company could not fill the order. No suggestion was made as to any place in Watsonville where such an order could be filled. Mr. Stikeman then wrote to a San Francisco commission house, giving the same order, and not only did the apples promptly arrive, but they were, by chance, Watsonville apples..."

EP; 22 Apr 1913; item: "B. Pista, the fruit packer, left for San Francisco this morning on business."

EP; 23 Apr 1913; item: "Mrs. George Slavich is here from San Jose visiting her daughter, Mrs. Paul D. Cambiano."

EP; 24 Apr 1913; article: "**John Dujmovich Gives His Side of the Matter...**Ed. Pajaronian—I feel that I have been somewhat wronged by the article that appeared in your paper recently, with reference to my return to Watsonville. I do not criticize you in any manner, feeling that the enmity that some of my avaricious countrymen feel toward me was the cause of the article appearing as it did.

"I was engaged in business in Watsonville for more than four years prior to my departure for a trip to my old home. I have worked in this valley for 14 years and no one can accuse me of ever having wronged anyone. The public is well aware of the disastrous year that we have just passed through. The intense worry that I underwent undermined my health to such an extent, that I was compelled to seek rest elsewhere. I did not dispose of my horses, wagons and boxes nor did I collect all the moneys due me.

"I left Watsonville in the month of November for Los Angeles and remained there for some time; I made no secret of this matter and met many people who knew me; from Los Angeles I went to New York City and took the steamer La Lorraine for the Port of Havre from which I departed to my own home in Spallato [Split], Austria. I remained in New York City, however, before leaving, for a period of one month and a half and arrived in my old hometown in January. I spent two months at my home and departed from Port Trieste for New York after completely recovering my health. I did not leave Austria for the purpose of evading military duty, but for the simple reason that I am an honest man and wanted to come back to Watsonville, continue my business and rectify with my creditors. It would have been easy for me had I not wanted to come back of my own free will, to have gone to Italy, France or Germany where I had numerous offers to go into business.

"I came from New York to Portland and then to San Francisco where I was arrested ten days after my arrival as I was just about to come to Watsonville. I have turned over all the money that I have and everything I own in the world to my creditors, and am now absolutely penniless, but I feel satisfied that I have done what is right and not buried my money in a can like some of my country-

men are doing, begging ranchers to release them from their contracts and beating their grocery bills. Those are the kind of men that are accusing John Dujmovich and the men who have helped me in this trouble.

“To illustrate what some of my countrymen have been doing I will give you the following instance. I was indebted to a certain farmer for some few dollars before I left, and when a packer learned that I was back in Watsonville he took the pains to go to this ranch, some fifteen miles, and state to the farmer that if he would give him one-half of his claim against me, he would tell him where I was and get him his money. The farmer agreed to this and then he told the farmer that he had brought me back.

“I hope that you will publish this for the interest of one who has not been fairly treated by his countrymen.

“JOHN DUJMOVICH.”

EP; 24 Apr 1913; item: “Notice of action—Mateo Lettunich vs. Edward R. Gallagher et al.—35.652 acres Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro.”

EP; 24 Apr 1913; item: “Mateo Lettunich vs. Edward R. Gallagher et al.—Complaint on foreclosure of mortgage.”

EP; 24 Apr 1913; item: “Attorney George W. Smith is in Stockton and Sacramento for a few days on business.”

EP; 24 Apr 1913; honor roll: High 8th: Lewis Lettunich. High 7th: John Strazicich, Lena Strazicich. High 6th: Helen Strazicich, Jenny Dubreta. Low 5th: Nick Dujmovich, Charley Sambrailo. High 4th: Anna Knego, Kathryn Strazicich. Low 4th: Peter Battinich, Matthew Derganc. High 3rd: Martin Dujmovich, Louis Arbanas. Low 3rd: Stephen Nemanich. High 2nd: John Battinich. Low 2nd: Annie Matsen [Matson], Mary Castropelli.

EP; 25 Apr 1913; born: “In Watsonville, April 25, 1913, to the wife of Steve Vucovich, a son.” [Mark; +1980]

EP; 26 Apr 1913; ALL: John Duich, Mate Rokovich, Nick Sisivich.

EP; 29 Apr 1913; article: “Says this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel:

“While up the coast Sunday after mussels and fishing Dewey Johnson of this city discovered floating in the breakers near the mouth of the Liddell creek, the body of a man, who proved later, upon being brought ashore to be George Paljetak, an employee of the Santa Cruz Portland Cement plant.

“The boy who made the discovery reported immediately to Davenport and Constable Peter Garaventa watched the body until Coroner Louis H. Wessendorf arrived. It was floating between two rocky ledges that extended out into the water. The discovery was made in

the afternoon and from all appearances the man had been washed off the rocks some time during the forenoon while after mussels. That the body was not washed out was due to the fact that the tide was coming in.

“Lester [*sic*] Wessendorf said it took two hours to recover the body and get it ashore. For a distance of 200 feet of the shelf[,] rocks had to be crossed and at one point the cliffs had to be scaled to some extent and a hole crawled through. It was with great difficulty that the body was brought back. It had to be floated around the point.

“The man had taken off all his clothing with the exception of his underwear and when found there was attached to his person a little bag of mussels which he had been gathering. There were no eye witnesses to the drowning.

“Coroner Wessendorf conducted an inquest yesterday afternoon. The verdict was accidental drowning.

“Luka Paljetak, a nephew living in Oakland, arrived for the inquest and said that his uncle was a native of Austria, aged 40 years. He leaves no family. He had been working at the cement plant for about two months, and was formerly employed in Watsonville.”

EP; 29 Apr 1913; item: “Watsonville Realty Co. to Edward B. Cikuth—Lot 186 Watsonville Heights, No. 2.”

EP; 29 Apr 1913; obit: “Near Davenport, April 27, 1913, George Paljetak, aged 40 years, a native of Austria.”

EP; 30 Apr 1913; item: “Estate of George Paljetak—Petition of Louis H. Wessendorf for letters of administration.”

EP; 1 May 1913; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mengol have returned from San Francisco and have apartments at the Jepsen House.”

EP; 1 May 1913; item: “Sam Hrepich vs. N. V. Lettunich, et al.—Complaint in suit to recover \$1000.”

EP; 1 May 1913; item: “City Savings Bank versus J. J. Voivodich—Subdivision of attorney for plaintiff, George W. Smith for J. O. Wanzer.”

EP; 1 May 1913; item: “Inquisition papers on the bodies of George Paljetak...”

EP; 1 May 1913; item: “A \$1000 suit over apples was filed yesterday, in the Superior Court at Santa Cruz by Sam Hrepich against N. V. Lettunich and Tom Lettunich, under the firm name of Lettunich Bros. The plaintiff alleges that within the past two years he has, at the request of the defendants, delivered to them apples for which the defendants agreed to pay \$4500; that no part of this sum has been paid except \$3500 on account, and that there is a balance due of \$1000, no part of which has been paid. The plaintiff asks for \$1000 and costs.”

EP; 2 May 1913; item: "Sam Hrepich vs. N. V. Lettunich et al.—Complaint in suit to recover \$1000."

EP; 2 May 1913; class. ad: "NOTICE TO ORCHAR-DISTS. IT IS TIME TO SPRAY your trees for codlin moth. We have Hemingway's Pure Lead Arsenate which has been proven highest quality and given best results. For sale by M. N. Lettunich & CO., Third and Pine Streets."

EP; 3 May 1913; article: "'DRYS' SEEK TO STRIKE 150 NAMES FROM ROLL. That the 'wet' and 'dry' fight in this city on May 12th will be a bitter one and that this bitterness has already begun was made a fact this morning when Rev. C. B. Sylvester, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, through his Attorneys, Messrs. Wyckoff & Gardner secured a writ of alternative from Superior Judge Lucas F. Smith at Santa Cruz whereby at least 150 local citizens may be debarred from the polls on election day. The news was received here today like a bombshell and the city is aroused over the latest development. Mr. Sylvester alleges that these people, whom he elects to keep away from the polls, failed to give the numbers of their rooms in the lodging and rooming houses wherein they stated they resided. In some cases the voters failed to give their house numbers when registering..."

"The action to debar the 150 voters was brought against Harvey H. Miller as county clerk. It will be bitterly fought by the 'wets' as well as those whom Rev. Sylvester and the 'drys' seek to keep away from the polls. The fight on the saloon question will hereafter be a bitter one. Heretofore the fight has been apparently and comparatively free from bitterness and personalities but the action brought by Rev. Sylvester today has aroused every man and woman whom he seeks to keep away from the polls, and it looks now as if all discretion will be cast to the winds.

"The following voters are those mentioned in the complaint filed by Rev. Sylvester this morning:

"...Antone Micoveich [Miocevich]...L. Drobaz... Frank Farlin...A. Petrinovich...John Miglias...John Beloch...Nik Copriviza..."

EP; 5 May 1913; article: "SANTA CLARA STUDENT DISCOVERS NEW FLUID. The following special dispatch, from the Santa Clara College to the San Francisco Examiner, appeared in yesterday's edition of the paper:

"It has leaked out here during the past few days that Nicolas M. Lettunich, a student in the chemical department has applied through patent attorneys of San Francisco for patents on two chemical mixtures that will revolutionize the running expense and the selling price of automobiles.

"Lettunich is being backed by his father, a wealthy apple raiser who is known in and about the Pajaro Valley

as the 'Apple King,' owing to his reputation of being the largest individual shipper of the United States.

"The first mixture on which patents are pending is a chemical compound that is claimed will replace gasoline and at the same time prove 20 per cent more efficient. None of this mixture as yet has been manufactured in large quantities, but it has been made on a small scale from materials bought at retail prices for 10 cents per gallon.

"It has been tested on a Buick 40 that formerly ran 18 miles to the gallon of gasoline. The same car under the same conditions and with the same weight was found to average 25 miles to the gallon of the new mixture. The car was examined by experts and pronounced to be in perfect condition after the test and the same experts pronounced the cylinders absolutely free of carbon, although the car had run 100 miles.

"The mixture is specified on the patent papers as containing no acid, ether or glycerine, which heretofore have been the chief constituents of mixtures used for the increase of speed or power. Another feature is the fact that it may be used in any gasoline motor now on the market, as air can be mixed with the chemical in the ordinary Carburetor.

"The other mixture is a decarbonizer which is guaranteed to contain no acid or glycerine and not to crystallize the cylinders and at the same time to increase the power and mileage of the machine in which it is used.

"It is mixed with gasoline in proportions of one pint of mixture to 20 gallons of gasoline and can be mixed either in a separate tank or put into the car with the gasoline. It is said to give three additional miles to each gallon of gasoline, to increase the power 15 per cent, and at the same time to oxidize all carbon in the cylinders.

"Where this chemical is mixed with the gasoline the engine is guaranteed to pull smoother and with less noticeable vibrations. The same carburetor is used, and as the case with gasoline more mileage is obtained by increasing the supply of air.

"Drs. Gerlack and Menton, both prominent physicians of this valley, have been trying the latter mixture for the last month and a half and both pronounce it to be entirely up to its specifications. Dr. Menton says that his engine runs entirely different, and that he has not removed his sparkplugs in five weeks. He has had absolutely no engine trouble and attributes this to the mixture."

EP; 6 May 1913; notice: "IMPORTANT NOTICE. Those citizens whose names are asked, by the Citizens' Committee of this city, to be stricken off the Great Register, are requested to call at once at the office of either Attorney E. J. Kelly, Stoesser building, or Geo. W. Smith, Bank of Watsonville building, in order that their rights be safeguarded at the hearing in court to have their registrations canceled. This call is imperative and should be attended to before Thursday morning." [see 12 May for decision]

EP; 7 May 1913; article: “A few days ago Stephen Scurich, president of the Servian-Croatian club of this city, sent a telegram to King Nicholas of Montenegro congratulating him upon his capture of Scutari from the Turks. Last night he was much pleased to hear from the victorious ruler.

“The telegram sent by Mr. Scurich was as follows:

“Your Majesty, King Nicola I., Cetinje, Montenegro:—We express our most enthusiastic congratulations to Your Majesty for the glorious victory over the general enemy in the Servian Scutari. Forward, dearest of the brothers; forward, for the liberty of all the southern Slavs.

“ STEVE SCURICH,

“President Servian-Croatian Club, Watsonville, Cal.’

“Last night the following answer was received from King Nicholas through his private secretary.

“Steve Scurich, President Servian-Croatian Club, Watsonville, Cal.—His Majesty, the King, is exceedingly touched with the always wakeful national feeling of the brothers, Croatians, and Servians; he most heartily is thanking you for the country for your loving congratulations.

“KING’S SECRETARY, GREGOVICH.”

EP; 7 May 1913; article: “The case of Amos Condit versus E. B. Lettunich is on today at Santa Cruz before Judge Smith and testimony is being heard. This is a case brought by Condit to recover \$34,000 on an apple contract. The witnesses for the plaintiff at Santa Cruz today are L. P. Cikuth, I. H. Tuttle, W. H. Volck, C. H. Baker, W. J. McGrath, Fred Rockwell, Alvin Condit, M. S. Foster and George Sheehy...”

EP; 7 May 1913; married: “Watsonville, May 4, 1913, by Rev. P. D. Hassett, Martin Luksich and Stella C. Zglav, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 7 May 1913; married: “At Watsonville, May 6, 1913, by A. V. Hawkins, justice of the peace, Michael Lubanko [Lubenko], of Angels Camp and Miss Pave Glavich.”

EP; 7 May 1913; married: “Michael Lubanko [Lubenko], of Angels Camp, and Miss Pave Glavich, of this city, were married this forenoon in this city by Justice of the Peace A. B. Hawkins. The groom is a prominent miner at Angels Camp, and the bride, who came here about a year ago from Stockton, is a highly respected member of the local Slavonian colony.”

EP; 8 May 1913; item: “When the case of A. W. Condit vs. E. B. Lettunich was called yesterday in the Superior Court it was reset for trial on May 16, when another judge will be called in to preside. A number of witnesses had been subpoenaed from Watsonville and were in attendance.”

EP; 9 May 1913; article: “Just because one partner ‘tantalized and harrassed’ the other, Nick Maleta and Chriz Ljubenko, two farmers of the Pajaro Valley, fain would dissolve their business connections, says last evening’s Santa Cruz News. Nick says in his complaint filed today in the Superior Court that he and his partner have been farming the Wilson ranch but that six weeks of jangled nerves and inharmonies of the result of his partner’s nagging tactics, is too much. The court is asked to separate Chriz from Nick as speedily as possible.

“George W. Smith is the plaintiff’s attorney.”

EP; 10 May 1913; ALL: George Sprenich. [Sprenich]

EP; 10 May 1913; born: “In Watsonville, May 8, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Glego Budalich, a son.” [*Peter*; +1978]

EP; 12 May 1913; obit: “Joseph Vukich, a resident of this city for the past seven months, died yesterday morning at an early hour in the Watsonville hospital after an illness of about six weeks’ duration. He came here seven months ago from Dawson City, Alaska, and had resided with his cousin, Antone Vukich. The deceased was a native of Austria and was aged 31 years, 1 month and 23 days...

“The deceased was survived by his cousin, Antone Vukich, and two brothers, Paul Vukich of Tehachapi, and John Vukich of Vega. He had many friends here, was an estimable young man and his death will be mourned by many.”

EP; 12 May 1913; county supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Violich, Nick, labor \$36...Special Pajaro Road Fund: ...Clupovich [prob. Chukovich], R. S., labor \$5; Chero, Mike, labor \$46...”

EP; 12 May 1913; obit: “In Watsonville, May 11, 1913, Joseph Vukich, native of Austria, aged 31 years, 1 month and 23 days.”

EP; 12 May 1913; obit: “Mrs. Annie Lamat, wife of Joseph Lamat of this city and a bride of a month, died yesterday here after a few days’ illness. She was a native of Austria and was aged 26 years, one month and ten days. She came to Watsonville three years ago and had lived here and in Oakland since that time. She was married a month ago to Mr. Lamat and the union was a happy one until the Grim Reaper parted the two. She is survived by her husband, several brothers and sisters and her parents, the latter residing in Austria...”

EP; 12 May 1913; obit: “In Watsonville, May 11, 1913, Annie Lamat, native of Austria, aged 26 years, 1 month and 10 days.”

EP; 12 May 1913; obit: “Watsonville, May 11, 1913, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bahich.” [*Paul Bahich*]

EP; 12 May 1913; item: "Deputy City Auditor George Pulich is here from Stockton for a few days."

EP; 12 May 1913; article: "**Watsonville Electors Sought to be Disenfranchised Get a Favorable Decision From Judge Smith.** The decision of Hon. L. F. Smith, Superior Judge, in the matter of the alleged illegal registrations in this city, a case that has evoked wide-spread interest, was handed down by the judge at 4:30 last Saturday afternoon, too late to get it in to our issue of that day.

"We copy the following comments, and the decision, from yesterday morning's Santa Cruz Sentinel:

"The Watsonville 'wets', 156 of them, whose right to vote at Monday's election has been in jeopardy because of the petition of Rev. C. B. Sylvester, to have their names stricken from the great register because the strict letter of the law was not complied with in their registration, was handed down a decision Saturday afternoon restoring them to their full right by denying the petition.

"The decision of Judge Smith in the 'alleged illegal registration' case is a righteous one. The objection urged by the plaintiff to the registration affidavits are technical in the extreme and could not be sustained by a liberal construction of the law. It developed in the trial of the case that the plaintiff had only resided in this county nine months. It is generally believed that the action was ill advised.

"The decision is a very important one and is given in full as follows: [decision omitted]"

EP; 13 May 1913; article: "Says this morning's San Jose Times:

"Nicholas V.[M.] Lettunich, the University of Santa Clara student who has recently patented an oxide which he claims cheapens the cost of gasoline, yesterday made a successful test of his chemical. A run of fifty miles was made in a Rambler automobile. A saving of 20 per cent on gasoline was registered. More power and speed was made with the solution of the gasoline and oxide than with the gasoline alone.

"On the hill climbing out of the Alum Rock canyon the machine ran from twenty to fifteen miles an hour on the gasoline. On the solution it registered from twenty-four to eighteen. On a level road thirty-eight miles an hour was made with the chemical, against thirty-three with gasoline.

"Two trips of twenty-five miles were made. On the second one-half a gallon less of the solution was used than when the gasoline alone was burned.

"As a result of the trip Lettunich claims that a machine running thirty miles a day can be saved ten dollars a month.

"By the use of the solution no carbon gathers in the cylinders. There is no ether, acid or glycerine in its composition.

"The machine yesterday was driven by M. B. Charles of the Consolidated Garage Company. It carried its full equipment of five passengers."

EP; 13 May 1913; obit: "...DOUBLE FUNERAL. Mrs. Annie Lamat and Joseph Vukich, both of whom died last Sunday, were buried this morning after a double funeral had been held from the parlors of Astin & Neal on Third St. High mass was celebrated at the St. Patrick's church, after which the bodies were interred in the Valley cemetery. A large crowd of mourners attended the double funeral, the first to be held here for a long time. The pall bearers for Mrs. Lamat were Messrs. John Sapro, Louis Braycovich, M. Miladin, Paul Miladin, Nick Lamat and E. Cikuth. The pall bearers for Vukich were Messrs. George Moncovich, Tony Balich, Peter Capitanich, John Secondo, L. Salovich and Nick Kasova [Kesovia]."

EP; 13 May 1913; item: "Game Commissioner J. H. Hill last Sunday arrested Mike Elich and G. Castropelli at Port Watsonville for having undersized clams in their possession. Ninety-two of the 144 clams in their possession were under the legal size. They pleaded guilty before Judge Hawkins and were each fined \$5."

EP; 13 May 1913; item: "Estate of George Paljetak—Letters of administration issued to Louis H. Wessendorf."

EP; 14 May 1913; article: "At an enthusiastic meeting held last night of the members of the Commercial League, the session being the annual gathering of the League, Robert Hudson was elected president of the League to succeed himself and Miss Anna M. Farlin was chosen as secretary pro tem to succeed C. G. Redman, who leaves for the south this week. Both were elected unanimously. Directors were also chosen, the election of officers being the main business of the evening.

"The nominating committee was composed of Messrs. O. D. Stoesser, James Sheehy and F. L. W. MacDonald and their report was adopted unanimously as to the directors. The officers of the league elected last night were as follows:

"R. H. Hudson, president; Frank Rodgers, vice-president; A. W. Cox, treasurer; Miss Anna Farlin, secretary pro tem. The directors are A. W. Cox, C. H. Baker, E. A. Hall, R. H. Hudson, James Sheehy, Lew I. Bay, J. B. Holohan, W. A. Trafton, Frank Rodgers, Robert Plaskett, E. L. Andrews, George P. Martin, J. H. Sullivan, O. D. Stoesser and J. E. Gardner..."

EP; 14 May 1913; item: "Ray Pulich is here for a day from Stockton."

EP; 14 May 1913; article: "Mrs. Mary Novacovich has applied to the Superior Court at Santa Cruz for letters of administration in the estate of her late husband, George

Novacovich. The estate is valued at about \$10,000. Attorney George W. Smith represents Mrs. Novacovich.”

EP; 14 May 1913; born: “Watsonville, May 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Tomasovich, a son.” [*Samuel*]

EP; 15 May 1913; item: “Estate of George Paljetak—Printed copy of notice to creditors.”

Paj, 15 May 1913; item: “Deputy City Auditor George Pulich is here from Stockton for a few days.”

Paj; 15 May 1913; marriage: “(From Wednesday’s Daily.) At a quiet home wedding with only a few intimate friends and immediate relatives present Miss Hazel Leddy of this city and George Pulich of Stockton, were married...this morning...at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy at 161 West Third street. The wedding was a simple affair and after the ceremony the newlyweds departed for a honeymoon in San Francisco and the bay cities, after which they will go to Stockton. The bridesmaid...was Miss Margaret McSherry while Ray Pulich of Stockton, a brother of the groom, was the groomsman.

“Both of the newlyweds are so well known here that any introduction would really be superfluous. The bride is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy of this city, with whom she has made her home for the greater part of her life, and she is regarded as one of the most popular young ladies in this city. She was formerly employed as cashier by the Watsonville News Company and is a graduate of the commercial department of the local high school. She is well known here and popular in all circles, is a talented and accomplished young woman and is one of the most charming young ladies of the community. The groom is to be congratulated upon securing such a charming young woman for his helpmate. The groom is also well known and popular here. He formerly was in the apple business here but several months ago was honored with the appointment of deputy city auditor of Stockton, a position in which he has shown much ability. Mr. Pulich is an estimable young man in every respect, is popular with all that know him and is a young man of much promise. The young people have the best wishes and happy congratulations of all their friends, who are legion. The Pajaronian wishes to join with the other friends in wishing them the best in life and a long, happy married life.”

EP; 16 May 1913; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, May 15, 1913, Michael Stabo and Francis [Frances] Brucich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 17 May 1913; item: “Estate of Joe Vukich—Order fixing May 26th as date for hearing application for letters of administration.”

EP; 17 May 1913; item: “Estate of George Novakovich—Order fixing May 26 as day of hearing petition for letters of administration.”

EP; 17 May 1913; item: “Condit vs. Lettunich—Trial continued to May 21st.”

EP; 17 May 1913; ALL: M. Buich, John Castropelli, Steve Stanich, John Zelick.

EP; 19 May 1913; item: “Fred R. Mann, local Buick automobile agent, last Saturday afternoon made a test of the new distillate perfected by Nicholas Lettunich, the son of Mateo Lettunich of this city, and now Mr. Mann is one of the most enthusiastic boosters for the new fluid. The test was made on the hilly road between Watsonville and Moss Landing and Mr. Mann found that with pure gasoline he could make 16 miles to the gallon as against 22 miles made with the Lettunich distillate.”

EP; 19 May 1913; item: “Mrs. M. Krilanovich of the Palace Corset Parlors of Santa Cruz, spent Sunday with Mrs. C. B. Christensen.”

EP; 19 May 1913; item: “A W. Condit vs. E. B. Lettunich—Trial is continued to May 28th.”

EP; 19 May 1913; disp. ad:

Just Arrived
THE FINEST EASTERN
CHEESE TO BE HAD IN
TOWN AT THE
CITY GROCERY CO.
307 MAIN STREET. PHONE 63

EP; 20 May 1913; item: “The Watsonville bowlers lost to Salinas last night by a score of 86 pins, the Salinas bowlers having been in the game several weeks and therefore having the experience and training. The fact that they only won by 86 pins shows that Salinas had no easy time at beating the local men. Local bowlers were Herbert Swift, Nicholas Lettunich, Dr. Otto Gotsch, Nicholas Beany and E. L. Andrews. In the three games the local men bowled the following averages: Swift 170, Lettunich 153, Gotsch 148, Beany 141, Andrews 164.”

EP; 20 May 1913; article: “Chief of Police Whitsitt this morning at 8 o’clock made a successful raid on the store of the Horn Company at 243 Main street, raided a lottery joint conducted in the store, arrested Shew Way, manager of the store, whom he caught red-handed in the act of selling lottery tickets and confiscated all the tickets and other paraphernalia found in the joint. Way later appeared before Police Judge Bridgewater, pleaded ‘not guilty’ through his attorney George W. Smith, and demanded a jury trial...”

“Chief of Police Whitsitt had his eyes on the Horn Company store for several weeks but could never secure enough evidence to warrant an arrest. This morning at 8 o’clock his opportunity came when he entered the store and caught Way in the act of selling a lottery ticket, a 25 cent ticket, to J. Derganc, a local fruit laborer. Derganc was retained as a witness for the prosecution and Way was placed under arrest...”

EP; 20 May 1913; item: “Secretary Anna M. Farlin of the Commercial League has returned from San Jose.”

EP; 20 May 1913; item: “Stephen Scurich has returned from a trip to Davis Creek in Modoc County. On his way through he stopped off at Sacramento and visited George Radcliff and other Watsonvilleans.”

EP; 20 May 1913; item: “Attorney George W. Smith, Miss Mayme Smith and Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Lovering left today by auto for a two weeks’ trip to Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 22 May 1913; item: “Estate of Martin Kalendich [Kolendich]—Receipts of distributees; decree of final discharge of administratrix.”

EP; 22 May 1913; article: “The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Copriviza was lost this morning for two hours and was located finally on Main street by Chief of Police Whitsitt. The little girl had wandered out of the front yard of her home while her parents were otherwise engaged.”

EP; 22 May 1913; article: “Secretary Miss Anna Farlin of the Commercial League received word this morning that the Long Beach Municipal Band would be here one week from today, May 29th. Where the band will play in this city is not known but the letter says they will be here anyhow.”

EP; 24 May 1913; item: “Mateo Lettunich vs. Edward R. Gallagher et al.—Memorandum of costs and disbursements.”

EP; 24 May 1913; ALL: Foreign: Mitill Leloka, Luka Tikvich.

EP; 24 May 1913; item: “William Pulisevich, the Los Angeles commission man, is here on business.”

EP; 24 May 1913; item: “The following liens have been filed in the Recorder’s office against the W.R. & N. Co., of Watsonville: ...J. Allegretti, \$88.50; J. Beloch, \$110...[of 6]”

EP; 24 May 1913; item: “Charles Faul, Paul Alaga and

E. V. Pennington motored to the Carmel valley yesterday.”

EP; 24 May 1913; item: “The case of A. W. Condit vs. E. B. Lettunich for \$34,000 damages on a fruit contract, comes up tomorrow in the Superior Court at Santa Cruz, before Judge M. T. Dooling of Hollister. It is expected to be a hard-fought case.”

EP; 27 May 1913; item: “Tonight three games of bowling will be played by the Watsonville and Salinas teams and exciting matches are looked for. Salinas beat the local team last week and the Watsonville men are looking for revenge. The games will be played on the West Third street alleys, the games to start at 8 o’clock. The Watsonville bowlers will be Herbert Swift, Dr. Otto Gotsch, E. L. Andrews, Nick Beany and Nick Lettunich.”

EP; 27 May 1913; item: “Estate of George Novakovich—Continued to June 6th.”

EP; 27 May 1913; item: “Estate of Joe Vukich—Continued to June 6th.”

EP; 27 May 1913; born: “Green Valley, May 25, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Gurash, a daughter.” [*Anna Lucy; +1914*]

EP; 28 May 1913; article: “The case of A. W. Condit of this city versus E. B. Lettunich also of this city, was won by Lettunich this afternoon in the Superior Court at Santa Cruz, on a non-suit. Judge Dooling, who sat for Judge Smith, gave the non-suit on the grounds that the \$34,000 fruit contract was entered into without the authority of the court, Condit being but a guardian of the heirs of the estate...”

EP; 28 May 1913; obit: “The death of George Vaijalo [Valjalo], a former local resident, which occurred last Monday morning at Tuolumne, was learned here late yesterday afternoon when the body arrived from the mountain town...[T]he body will be interred in the Valley cemetery.

“Vaijalo died as a result of a fractured skull received from a broken cable, near which he was working. He had been at work but a short time Monday morning when a ‘bull block’ gave way. This allowed the carriage, which was carrying a heavy log, to break and a broken cable swung around and struck Vaijalo a terrific blow on the head. His skull was badly fractured and he died shortly afterward.

“He was well known here as he had formerly resided in this city. He came to this city about three years ago and worked first for M. L. Kalich & Company, the fruit packers. About one month ago he left for Tuolumne to work in the mill where he was killed. He was aged 19

years, 11 months and 21 days at the time of his death.

“The deceased is survived by his parents, one brother and one sister in Austria, an uncle, John Vajjalo of the firm of M. L. Kalich & Co., two uncles, John and Bozo Zixac [Zivac] at Tehachapi, and an aunt, Mrs. Tony Dubreta and a cousin, John Dubreta, of Watsonville.”

EP; 28 May 1913; item: “Mateo Lettunich vs. Edward R. Gallagher—Oath of H. S. Fletcher as commissioner, and bond furnished in the sum of \$500.”

EP; 28 May 1913; honor roll: High 8th: Louis Lettunich, Antonio Scurich. Low 8th: Will Marinovich. High 7th: John Strazicich, Lena Strazicich. High 6th: Helen Strazicich, Jenny Dubreta. Low 5th: Charley Sambrailo, Nick Dujmovich. High 4th: Mark Rilovich. Low 4th: Peter Battinich, Matthew Derganc. High 3rd: Martin Dujmovich, Louis Arbanas. Low 3rd: Stephen Nemanich. High 2nd: John Battinich. Low 2nd: Annie Matson.

Paj; 29 May 1913; obit: “In Tuolumne, May 26, 1913, George Valjalo, a native of Austria, aged 19 years, 11 months and 21 days.”

EP; 2 Jun 1913; ALL: Tomo Gasich, Frank B. Lavetovich. Foreign: Blas Rojan [prob. Kojan], J. J. Voivodich, John Leka, Ivo Miletic.

EP; 2 Jun 1913; article: “A throng of people...attended the Boys’ Exposition at the Y.M.C.A. and the cleverness and ingenuity of the young men of Watsonville was well exemplified through the many interesting exhibits shown...”

“The award winners were as follows:

“Cartoons, class B...second, Willie Marinovich...”

“[W]riting, class C...second, Willie Marinovich...”

EP; 2 Jun 1913; item: “Andrew Balich et ux to David Callander et ux—Lot on northerly side of Soquel ave., Santa Cruz, \$10.”

EP; 3 Jun 1913; disp. ad:

Fresh Crabs
Served Every Day
at the
CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT
HREPICH & WELLS, Props.
No. 255-259 Main Street.
Phone 36

EP; 3 Jun 1913; notice: “No. 6069. In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, and the State of California.

“Notice of Commissioner’s Sale.

“Whereas, in the above entitled action, said plaintiff, Mateo Lettunich, obtained a judgment against defendants Edward R. Gallagher, sometimes called Robert E. Gal-

lagher, and Mary Gallagher as Guardian of the person and estate of Edward R. Gallagher, sometimes called Robert E. Gallagher, an insane and incompetent person, for the sum of \$9,385.00 in gold coin of the United States of America, together with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum from the date of the entry of said judgment, together with the costs and disbursements of this sale, in like gold coin, which judgment was, May 23, 1913, rendered by said court and entered in judgment book 14, civil, of said court, at pages 422 to 425, and whereas, as provided in said judgment, and under and by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of said Superior Court in said action, I am commanded to, and will sell, at public auction, all and singular the mortgaged and encumbered premises in said judgment and in said order of sale described as follows...

“Said premises are offered for sale in one parcel, and subject to redemption within one year.

“Public notice is hereby given, that, on Saturday, June 21, 1913...in front of the entrance on Main Street, to Bank of Watsonville, in the city of Watsonville, in said County of Santa Cruz, I. H. S. Fletcher, the undersigned commissioner, appointed by said Superior Court, in said action, and duly sworn, qualified, and acting, will in obedience to said execution and order of sale, sell the above described real property, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder for cash in gold coin of the United States of America, to satisfy said judgment.

“Dated: Watsonville, California, May 31, 1913.

“H. S. FLETCHER.”

EP; 3 Jun 1913; article: “**Committees are Appointed...**

“President Stoesser announced the following committees to serve for the coming [Apple] show:

“Finance—J. E. Gardner, W. R. Radcliff, C. F. Langley, A. W. Cox, Luke Scurich, Jas. Sheehy, L. S. Alexander.

“Awards—Otto Raphael, Stephen Scurich, J. E. Gardner, E. B. Lettunich, Peter Mengol...

“Building—Geo. W. Sill, L. P. Cikuth, P. M. Andrews, J. Schanbacher, Ole Christensen, F. A. Tittimore, J. R. Uren.

“Entertainment—J. F. Kane, Geo. W. Smith, D. F. Leddy, T. S. MacQuiddy, E. J. Kelly, D. J. Daly, H. A. Hyde...

“Exhibits—H. C. Peckham, Luke Scurich, C. H. Baker, Jas. Sheehy, Mateo Lettunich, F. L. W. MacDonald, R. H. Goodchild, J. H. Thompson, R. W. Eaton, W. H. White, Frank Radovan, E. A. Hall, A. W. Cupid...

“Concessions Committee—George W. Smith, D. F. Maher, S. Whitsitt, Andrew Schopp, A. W. Sans.”

EP; 3 Jun 1913; item: “Steve Novak to Luke Scurich—Land on county road leading from Watsonville to Santa Cruz, \$10.”

EP; 4 Jun 1913; article: "ANDY BUYS BIG RANCH. Andrew Balich has returned from Stanislaus County where he completed a deal whereby he acquired possession of 160 acres of fine land six miles west of Turlock. The land is near a railroad station and is finely situated. Mr. Balich will plant it entirely to alfalfa. It is estimated that when it is producing the land will be worth \$40,000.

"Prior to making this purchase, Mr. Balich sold his property on Soquel avenue, near Pacific avenue, now occupied by a bowling alley and blacksmith shop. The purchaser was David Callender, of Modesto, who desired the property as an investment. Mr. Balich cleaned up about \$5000 profit on this deal. He has also disposed of some east side and San Jose property at a profit.

"Mr. Balich made his trip to Turlock and Modesto in his automobile accompanied by Steve Scurich of Watsonville.—Santa Cruz News."

EP; 4 Jun 1913; delinquent tax list: "Town of Watsonville...Pista, Blas, lot on Walker st: \$13.16...

"Pajaro Road District...Skocho, Natale, 61.54 acres in Calabasis district: \$28.34...

"Pajaro Protection District....Milcovich, Martin, lot 444: \$64.15; Milcovich, Martin, lot 1: \$29.50..."

EP; 4 Jun 1913; born: "At Hollister, Cal., June 1, 1913, to the wife of Samuel N. Matulich, a daughter." [Mary]

EP; 4 Jun 1913; item: "Writ of attachment—Mike Nirich vs. Watsonville Railway and Navigation Co."

EP; 5 Jun 1913; board of supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Special Road Fund: Arbanas, Paul: \$26.25; Borich, Joe: \$38...Bolovich, John: \$29.05; Basto, Nick: \$38...Karlj [Kralj], John: \$30...Kagich [Jagich?], Nick: \$19... Matulich, Nick: \$9...Violich, Nick: \$23..."

EP; 5 Jun 1913; disp. ad: [funeral notice of Austrian-American Benevolent Society; see below]



Fig. 4-38. A similar notice appeared every time a member of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society passed away. *Evening Pajaronian* 5 June 1913.

EP; 7 Jun 1913; ALL: Foreign: Andro Betec [Bete], Luka Dorchich, Ivan Orlic.

EP; 9 Jun 1913; article: "**Three Hundred Boys and Girls Were Confirmed Yesterday at St. Patrick's Church...**During the progress of the mass the choir rendered several beautiful numbers and vocal selections were excellently rendered by Earl Kuenster, Miss Anna Farlin, and Miss Myrtle Byrd. Mr. Kuenster sang 'Ave Maria' by Hervey, Miss Farlin sang 'Benedictus' and Miss Byrd rendered the 'Agnus Dei' solo..."

EP; 9 Jun 1913; item: "Attorney George W. Smith returned last night from San Francisco."

EP; 9 Jun 1913; item: "Nicholas Lettunich is here for the summer from Santa Clara University."

EP; 11 Jun 1913; disp. ad: "THE CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT is contemplating changes, which will appeal to families and citizens of Watsonville. They intend to have a thoroughly Bohemian Restaurant, where families and the general public may congregate and drink the best, while they eat. They have a fine orchestra, which is a credit to them and the city of Watsonville. HREPICH & WELLS, Props."

EP; 12 Jun 1913; article: "GEORGE W. SMITH TO DELIVER ORATION...Attorney George W. Smith of this city was last night selected as the orator of the day at the Fourth of July celebration at Hollister by the Eagles of the Hay City, who are arranging for the big time. Attorney Smith and other local Eagles visited Hollister last night to attend a big meeting of the Aerie at that place and all enjoyed a good time...The local Eagles went in automobiles and were accompanied by other local men, who were not members of the order..."

EP; 14 Jun 1913; ALL: N. Baule. Foreign: P. Andriovich, Ivu Fortunatovich, Perry & Harspich.

EP; 14 Jun 1913; class. ad: "IT IS TIME TO SPRAY your trees for codlin moth. We have Hemmingway's Pure Lead Arsenate which has been proven highest quality and given best results. For sale by M. N. Lettunich & Co., Third and Pine Streets."

EP; 16 Jun 1913; honor roll: High 8th: Lewis Lettunich, Antonio Scurich; Low 8th: Katie Dubreta, Will Marinovich; High 7th: John Strazicich; High 6th: Jenny Dubreta, Helen Strazicich; Low 5th: Nick Dujmovich, Charley Sambrailo; High 4th: Anna Knego; Low 4th: Matthew Derganc; High 3rd: Martin Dujmovich; Low 2nd: Annie Matsen [Matson].

EP; 17 Jun 1913; list: **Final Promotions...**From High 7th to Low 8th: Lena Strazicich; Low 7th to High 7th: Florence Zarr; High 6th to Low 7th: Tony Grizich, George Dujmovich; Low 6th to High 6th: Stephen Mar-

inovich; High 5th to Low 6th: Mitchel Miscovich, Chris Rilovich, Katie Rilovich; Low 5th to High 5th: Mike Glage; High 4th to Low 5th: Katie Strazicich, Mark Rilovich, Emma Grizich, Martin Rilovich, Louise Matzen; Low 4th to High 4th: Peter Battinich, Katie Arbanas; High 3rd to Low 4th: Louis Arbanas; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Anna Ljubenka, Martin Ljubenka, John Battinich; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Mary Castropelli, Nick Dubreta; Low 1st to High 1st: Katie Lubenko.

EP; 17 Jun 1913; obit: “Peter J. Carstulovich, brother of George J. Carstulovich of the Saddle Rock restaurant, died in this city on Sunday after a long illness. He has not been in good health for 14 months past. He leaves a wife and brother, both of this city, and a brother and sister, father and mother residing in Dalmatia. The two latter are each about 80 years of age.

“Deceased was born in Scrip [Škrip, Brač], Dalmatia, 48 years ago, coming to San Francisco a quarter of a century ago. He resided in San Francisco, Denver, San Diego and San Jose before coming to Santa Cruz. On his arrival in Santa Cruz, he entered the employ of George Dabelich, later buying out Mr. Dabelich in the restaurant business.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 17 Jun 1913; obit: “In Santa Cruz, June 15, 1913, Peter J. Carstulovich, a native of Dalmatia, aged 47 years, 9 months and 16 days.”

EP; 18 Jun 1913; item: “Master Frank Gospodnetich has left for a two months’ vacation with his aunt in Hollister.”

EP; 18 Jun 1913; item: “Miss Ellen Balovich and Master John Kiely have gone to San Francisco for a week’s visit with friends.”

EP; 19 Jun 1913; article: “Luke Glavenich is getting away in fine shape for Omaha in the Western League. Last week Luke was in 3 games. In the first game against Des Moines he worked the last two innings and allowed no runs or hits, besides striking out two men. In the second game he faced Sioux City and in the last two innings struck out 6 men and allowed no runs or hits. In the last game against Des Moines he pitched the last 7 innings and allowed only one run and 5 hits, striking out 7 men.”

EP; 21 Jun 1913; article: “Messrs. Hrepich & Wells, of the California Restaurant contemplate making changes in the interior of the restaurant that will make it one of the most up-to-date resorts for families and the public in general in this section of the State. Plans are now being considered, and work will shortly commence.”

EP; 21 Jun 1913; article: “**Regarding the Improvement of the Old Mansion House Corner.** The presence of C. F. Hamsher, assistant cashier of the big financial con-

cern, the Savings Union Bank and Trust Co., corner Market Street and Grant Avenue, San Francisco, in this city for the past week, and his close examination of the resources of the valley, has raised the rumor, once more, that the Lettunichs are going to improve the Mansion House corner, and that a bank will be installed in the corner of the new building to be erected where the present structure now stands. According to street rumor, Mr. M. B. Tuttle is to be President of the new bank, M. N. Lettunich, vice-president and Mr. Hamsher, cashier. It was impossible to get anything confirmatory regarding the new bank from Mr. M. Lettunich. He said it was too indefinite yet to talk about.”

EP; 23 Jun 1913; obit: “In Watsonville, June 21, 1913, Chris Lazarevich, a native of Austria, aged 21 years.”

EP; 24 Jun 1913; item: “Writ of attachment—Nick Shegedin vs. J. J. Morey et al.—32.377 acres on west side county road, between Freedom and Five-Mile house.”

EP; 24 Jun 1913; item: “Certificate of sale of real property on foreclosure—Mateo Lettunich vs. Edward R. Gallagher, et al. 35.652 acres Bolsa del Pajaro Rancho, also right of way.”

Paj; 26 Jun 1913; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, June 24, 1913, to Nick Maleta, aged 28, a native of Austria, and Anna Kovacich, aged 28, native of Austria, both of Watsonville.”

Fig. 4-39.
Nick Maleta
(1885-1972),
Anna Kovacich
(1883-1974).



EP; 26 Jun 1913; article: “Last night the members of El Pajaro parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, initiated three new members and a large crowd was present to enjoy the ceremony and the refreshments that followed. The new members were Miss Anna M. Farlin, Miss Edna Jefsen and Mrs. W. B. Courtermarsh...”

EP; 26 Jun 1913; article: “A CORRECTION. Ed. Pajaronian—The following personal in your paper and the Register is incorrect: ‘Mr. L. Jalovica has left for Denver, Colorado, as a local delegate to the Austrian-Servian Society convention.’ I desire to call to your attention that Mr. Jalovica is a delegate from the Watsonville branch of the Serbs’ Federation Sloga, and not a delegate from the Austrian-Servian society because no such society, as the latter organization, is in existence.

“R. V. CHIUCOVICH,
“Sec. of local branch of Serb Federation.”

EP; 26 Jun 1913; item: “Mrs. Steve Strazicich and her daughters, Helen and Lena, will leave tomorrow morning for a month’s visit to San Francisco, Oakland and other bay cities.”

EP; 28 Jun 1913; article: “Mike Resetar, a native of Austria, has applied for citizenship. He arrived in New York, Aug. 4, 1910. His witnesses are Luca Pulich, Albert Mundhenk, Luke Scurich and Stephen Scurich.”

EP; 28 Jun 1913; ALL: L. G. Rasho. Foreign: Joham Butrica, Savo Vidovic.

EP; 28 Jun 1913; item: “The City Grocery Co. is prepared to furnish apricots for canning. Order them now. Fine fruit and cheap in price.”

EP; 28 Jun 1913; disp. ad:

**NOW IS THE TIME
TO ORDER YOUR
Apricots for canning
CITY GROCERY CO.
307 MAIN STREET PHONE 63**

EP; 30 Jun 1913; item: “R. E. Brown to Andrew Balich—Lot 5, Holway’s subd., Santa Cruz.”

EP; 1 Jul 1913; item: “Steve Strazicich recently obtained a judgment against Christensen & Mann of the White House saloon, on lower Main street, and as a result of the foreclosure proceedings the fixtures and stock were auctioned off this morning. Castro Brothers will now move into the White House.”

EP; 1 Jul 1913; item: “Mrs. L. P. Cikuth and children are spending a month’s vacation at Capitola and Santa Cruz.”

EP; 2 Jul 1913; item: “Estate of Peter Carstulovich—Steven Scurich appointed executor with bonds fixed at \$10,000.”

EP; 2 Jul 1913; article: “PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN...The bond of day officer, John Corr, was passed on by acting city attorney, Gardner, and by the board. George Brewington and Luke Scurich are the signers.”

EP; 3 Jul 1913; item: “Estate of Peter Carstulovich—Letters of administration issued to Stephen Scurich; bond \$10,000; order for family allowance of \$50 per month; order appointing C. W. Hammer, Andrew Balich and George Dabelich appraisers.”

Paj; 3 Jul 1913; board of aldermen, payments: “...Labor: M. Glech, \$68.50...J. Stanovich, supplies, \$1.90...”

EP; 7 Jul 1913; obit: “In Santa Cruz, July 4, 1913, Lester Rasmussen, age 28, a native of Denmark. Deceased was a brother of Mrs. Andy Balich of Santa Cruz.”

EP; 8 Jul 1913; ALL: Barney Rosich. Foreign: Ant. Ralic, Mato Roovic, Gjuro Sapartalo, Ant. Valjato [Valjalo].

EP; 8 Jul 1913; married: “Last Sunday morning at 11:30 o’clock at St. Patrick’s church Rev. Father Hassett married Stephen Grazich [Grizich] and Miss Lucy Zar, both well known residents of this city. Many friends and relatives were present at the wedding. The couple will reside on the Andrew Zar ranch in this valley after they return from their honeymoon. The bride has been here from Austria but five months but the groom has resided here for several years.”

EP; 8 Jul 1913; married: “At Watsonville, July 6, 1913, at St. Patrick’s Church by Rev. Father P. D. Hassett, Stephen Grazich [Grizich] and Miss Lucy Zar, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 10 Jul 1913; item: “A jolly surprise party was held last Sunday night at the home of Mrs. Nicholas Stolich on West Fifth street and a large crowd was present to surprise Mrs. Stolich. Games were played until a late hour when refreshments were served. Mrs. Stolich was completely surprised by her friends but she soon recovered her composure and proved herself to be a clever hostess.”

EP; 10 Jul 1913; item: “Next Sunday afternoon...the Salinas bowling team will meet the Watsonville bowlers on the West Third street alleys and as each team has won one match the match here Sunday should attract much interest. Herb Swift, Nick Beany, E. L. Andrews, Louis Miller, Nick Krilanovich, Harry Lewis, John Peck, George Slavich and others will be in the squad from which the Watsonville team will be picked and the locals are confident that they can trim the Burbanks, who have no slouchy team themselves.”

EP; 10 Jul 1913; county supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: Bolovich [Balovich], John, labor: \$6.25...Pajaro Road Fund Special: Bolovich, John, labor: \$58.75; Derganc, Joe, labor: \$4.00; Kisasich [Kissich], Tony, labor: \$33.00; Karich. M., labor: \$51.00...”

EP; 10 Jul 1913; item: “Miss Balovich left yesterday for San Francisco where she will take a course at the Macdowell Dress Making school.”

EP; 10 Jul 1913; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, July 9,

1913, to Steve Cuylich [Cupich] and Miss Annie Moncovich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 10 Jul 1913; obit: “At Watsonville, July 9, 1913, Mary Fgorovich [Fiorovich], aged one year, 11 days, child of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fgorovich.”

EP; 10 Jul 1913; article: “Mayor W. A. Trafton, City Attorney A. W. Sans and Chief of Police Sylvester Whittitt have completed a tour of the retail, wholesale and malt saloons of this city as well as the restaurants and in every case have explained the workings of the new saloon ordinance and have told the proprietors just what will be expected of them in the way of conduct and necessary improvements. In every saloon a copy of the new ordinance was posted...”

“In some of the buildings, the California, Morning Star and Third Street restaurants in particular, a large number of changes will have to be made in the box system as all private compartment walls must be reduced in size. Tamale parlors were ordered to reduce the height of their boxes to not less than 5 feet...All changes must be made in the buildings before August 1st.”

Paj; 10 Jul 1913; item: “Mrs. Burin and daughter, Miss Anita Burin, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Alaga here, returned last night to San Francisco.”

Paj; 10 Jul 1913; item: “A. W. Condit, guardian, vs. E. B. Lettunich—Motion to tax costs is dropped from calendar.”

EP; 11 Jul 1913; item: “Attorney George W. Smith has returned from Sonora in Tuolumne county.”

EP; 11 Jul 1913; item: “John Bonich, porter for several years past at Miller & Leddy’s saloon, has returned to his family in Dalmatia. He intends to remain in Austria.”

EP; 11 Jul 1913; obit: “Watsonville, July 10, 1913, Minnie Vlakovich, a native of Watsonville, aged four years.”

EP; 12 Jul 1913; ALL: Nick Malleta [Maleta], Kristo Sukovich. Foreign: Mr. Mato Krezo.

EP; 14 Jul 1913; item: “Mrs. George Pulich, nee Hazel Leddy, is here from Stockton.”

EP; 14 Jul 1913; item: “COUNTERFEITERS AT WORK. George Wells of the California Restaurant reported today that counterfeiters were at work here a few days ago and that they passed a bogus \$5 piece on his place. It is seldom that counterfeiters try to imitate any of Uncle Sam’s gold pieces but it is rumored that several local business firms here were stung.”

EP; 14 Jul 1913; item: “The estate of the late George Novakovich has been appraised and a value of \$9671 has been placed upon the estate. The appraisers were Messrs. W. V. Gaffey, Luke Scurich and P. A. Callaghan.”

EP; 14 Jul 1913; born: “In Watsonville, July 13, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Vitt Lister, a son.” [*Nicholas*; +1988]



Fig. 4-40. Nicholas Lister.

EP; 15 Jul 1913; item: “Estate of Joe Vukich—Letters of administration issued to John Vukich; bond in sum of \$1800.”

EP; 15 Jul 1913; item: “Estate of George Novakovich—Inventory and appraisement, \$9697.31.”

EP; 15 Jul 1913; article: “Attorney George W. Smith has been retained by the Chinese arrested last Saturday night at Chinatown to defend them and next Monday he will confer with District Attorney Sargent at Salinas as to the dates of their trials.”

EP; 16 Jul 1913; article: “Secretary Miss Anna M. Farlin of the Chamber of Commerce has received the following letter...[follows, a letter from Australia (not Austria, so it’s been omitted)]”

Paj; 17 Jul 1913; item: “Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Conway of Stockton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Chukovich.”

EP; 19 Jul 1913; notice to creditors: “In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California.

“In the matter of the estate of George Novakovich, deceased.

“Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Mary Novakovich, administratrix of the estate of George Novakovich, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, made on the 19th day of July, A.D. 1913, to the said administratrix, at the law office of George W. Smith, Bank of Watsonville Building, Main street, in the City of Watsonville...the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate.

“MARY NOVAKOVICH, Administratrix of the Estate of George Novakovich, deceased.

“Dated July 19, A.D. 1913.

“GEORGE W. SMITH, Attorney for Administratrix.”

EP; 19 Jul 1913; professional card: “GEO. W. SMITH, Attorney-at-Law, Offices over Bank of Watsonville Building, Watsonville.”

EP; 19 Jul 1913; notice of dissolution of partnership: "To Whom it may Concern—Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing by and between B. Kopriviza, A. B. Rilovich and M. Borkovich under the firm name and style of Rilovich & Borkovich Company has been this date dissolved.

"Dated July 19, 1913. B. KOPRIVIZA, A. B. RILOVICH, M. BORKOVICH."

EP; 19 Jul 1913; married: "At St. Patrick's church, this morning the marriage of Steve Cupich and Miss Annie Moncovich took place. The newlyweds were attended at the ceremony by M. Pista and Mrs. I. Arbanisan [Arbanasin]. Mr. and Mrs. Cupich are well known in the local Slavonian colony and the best wishes of their many friends and acquaintances go out to them in their new venture."

EP; 19 Jul 1913; ALL: Steve Yokobavich [Yakovovich].

EP; 24 Jul 1913; obit: "At Watsonville, July 24, 1913, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Blakovich [Vlakovich], aged five months and six days." [Tony]

EP; 24 Jul 1913; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich, Miss Lucile Lettunich and Prosper Lettunich arrived here today from San Francisco in their new Pierce Arrow touring car. They are enroute to Casa Del Rey at Santa Cruz."

EP; 25 Jul 1913; item: "George Pulich, deputy city auditor of Stockton, arrived last night to remain a week. Mrs. Pulich, who was Miss Hazel Leddy of this city, has been here for over a week."

EP; 25 Jul 1913; item: "Andrew Balich et ux. to H. E. Britt—Lot in Roch tract, Santa Cruz."

EP; 26 Jul 1913; item: "Estate of George Novakovich—Statement as to publication of notice to creditors."

EP; 26 Jul 1913; ALL: Eugene Ivancovich, M. L. Milcovich.

EP; 28 Jul 1913; item: "Mrs. George Pulich and the Misses Anna and Margaret McSherry left today for a visit to Santa Cruz."



Paj; 31 Jul 1913; born: "At Watsonville, July 28, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Secondo, a son." [Stanley; +1943 in Colorado while in the Army Air Corps during WWII]

Fig. 4-41. Stanley Secondo.

EP; 1 Aug 1913; item: "Mrs. L. Cikuth and family have returned from a month's vacation at Capitola and Santa Cruz."

EP; 2 Aug 1913; born: "At Hollister, July 30, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Marinovich, a son." [Donald; +1999]

EP; 2 Aug 1913; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, Aug. 1, 1913, to Jos. Charles Plivelich, aged 38, of Aromas, and Frances Hrepich, aged 37, of Watsonville."

EP; 2 Aug 1913; ALL: Tane [Tone] Srsen.

EP; 4 Aug 1913; item: "The California Restaurant makes a specialty of their French Dinners. Have you tried one of those dinners yet? If you haven't, do so. You will like them. Cold meats and salads at all hours. Chicken or oyster loaves a specialty. See ad."

EP; 5 Aug 1913; item: "Miss Anna Farlin, the popular secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, has been honored with a full-page writeup in the well known Town Development magazine, a magazine published monthly in New York City. Besides a page writeup of Miss Farlin and her work there is a handsome three-column cut of Miss Farlin, which makes a fine showing. The article also gives the 1913 Apple show at Watsonville a big boost." [see the article on p. 798]

EP; 7 Aug 1913; item: "N. V. Lettunich of the Mansion House has returned from San Francisco."

EP; 7 Aug 1913; item: "Mrs. George Pulich of Stockton and the Misses Anna and Margaret McSherry have returned from Santa Cruz."

EP; 8 Aug 1913; article: "**THE FIFTH GENERATION. Well Known Hollister Family Has Another Addition.** The birth of a son to Mrs. J. Marinovich, on Wednesday, July 30, at the Littlejohn home in Hollister added a fifth generation to this well known family, beginning with the great-great-grandmother of the new arrival, Mrs. Laurence Soto, an active old lady, now past her 90th birthday.

"Laurence Soto was a cattleman at Castroville when Monterey was the old Mexican capital. He was the father of 14 children and they, in turn, produced numerous offspring, one daughter, Mrs. Simon Littlejohn, being the mother of 15, 11 of whom are living.

"The living descendants, though scattered far and most of them now live in Monterey, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and San Benito counties.

"The direct line from Mrs. Soto to the little Marinovich, surnamed Donald Theodore, is as follows: Mrs. Laurence Soto, now residing at the Littlejohn home here; Mrs. Simon Littlejohn, Simon Littlejohn, the second, of

San Luis Obispo; Mrs. J. Marinovich, wife of a well-known restaurant man of Gilroy; and the week-old Donald Theodore Marinovich.—Hollister Free Lance.”

EP; 9 Aug 1913; ALL: Krcun Koztich, Tony Soveria [maybe Saveria]. Foreign: Antonio Klicinovich.

EP; 9 Aug 1913; article: “Last night was a big night in local Elkdome when a large crowd attended the initiation and hijinks in the club room at the Masonic Temple...

“The new Elks initiated last night were Otto D. Stoesser, Robert H. Hudson, William N. Cumming, John Kennaugh, T. J. Horgan, Robert B. Allison, Dr. Henry G. Watters, James A. Linscott, George W. Smith, George W. Jones, C. C. Hopkins, Peter Ollason and A. W. Sans...”

EP; 11 Aug 1913; item: “Mrs. M. Milcovich, Miss Emma Milcovich and Martin Milcovich have arrived here from San Francisco to join Mr. Milcovich on his ranch on the Salsipuedes road. The family intends to reside here permanently.”

EP; 11 Aug 1913; article: “Last Saturday afternoon a birthday party was held at the Stephen Scurich home at 265 East Third street in honor of Stephen Scurich, Jr., who had reached the age of five years. A large number of the young friends of Little Stephen were invited to the affair and all had a merry time during the afternoon.”

EP; 12 Aug 1913; disp. ad:

FRENCH DINNERS

Cold Meats and Salads
at all hours.

Chicken and Oyster
Loaves a specialty.

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT

HREPICH & WELLS, Props.
257-259 Main St. Phone 36

EP; 14 Aug 1913; article: “A judgment for \$25 was rendered yesterday afternoon by Judge Hawkins in favor of Nicola Grilica [Grlica], who had sued George Strazicich of the ‘Taxpayers’ League’ saloon on Walker Street. The amount sued for was for wages alleged to be due Grilica. Attorney George W. Smith represented Grilica and attorney J. E. Gardner represented Strazicich.”

Paj; 14 Aug 1913; obit: “Watsonville, Aug. 8, 1913, Stephen Biocina, a native of Austria, aged 33 years. Member of Slavonian Benevolent Society of Los Angeles...”

EP; 16 Aug 1913; ALL: Luko Moutich. Foreign: Anton Bakich, Lucjeta Katavic.

EP; 18 Aug 1913; item: “The best meal in this city, at from 15c up, can be obtained at the Third Street Restau-

rant, No. 9, West Third street. Messrs. Sapro & Stolich, its proprietors, leave nothing undone to please patrons. See ad.”

EP; 19 Aug 1913; disp. ad:

THIRD STREET RESTAURANT

SAPRO & STOLICH, Props
Best Meal in the city for 15c and up
Phone 71 No. 9 W. Third St.

EP; 19 Aug 1913; disp. ad:

Central Electrical Works

246 Main Street.
Wiring and Electrical Supplies.
Estimates Cheerfully Given.
Phone 209

EP; 19 Aug 1913; disp ad:

Skinner Seedling

Apples

By the Box

CITY GROCERY CO.

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EP; 22 Aug 1913; item: “John H. Leonard, the attorney, passed through here yesterday en route to Hollister, where he represents the plaintiff in a \$30,000 damage suit in the case of Vorocich [Borovich] against Hammond. The suit is over the loss of a son of Vorovich, which happened during the last election campaign.”

EP; 23 Aug 1913; item: “Estate of George Novakovich—Petition for authorization to construct vault or tomb at cost of \$700 is granted.”

EP; 25 Aug 1913; item: “Peter Battinich et ux. to Thomas Bickmore—Lot on Rodriguez St.”

EP; 25 Aug 1913; item: “Thomas Bickmore et ux. to Petro Battinich—9.56 acres of S.E. 1-4 Sec. 30-10-2.”

EP; 25 Aug 1913; article: “Members of the Apple Annual finance committee are out on the streets today soliciting contributions for the coming show and according to reports are being cordially received. The merchants realize the benefits and the business that are brought here by the apple show and they are responding liberally to the call of the show. The members of the committees working today are D. J. Daly, T. M. Wright, C. F. Langley, P. M. Andrews and Luke Scurich. The committee last Saturday was composed of Messrs. F. L. Rodgers, George P. Martin and Sol. Alexander.”

EP; 25 Aug 1913; item: “Miss Amye Slavich of San Jose is here as a guest of her sister, Mrs. Paul D. Cambiano.”

EP; 27 Aug 1913; born: "Watsonville, Aug. 26, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perovich, a daughter." [*Maria*]

EP; 27 Aug 1913; item: "Estate of Joe Vukick [Vukich]—Inventory and appraisement, \$612."

EP; 29 Aug 1913; article: "Peter Battinich of this city has purchased the 96 acre ranch of E. A Bickmore in the Redwood district and has already taken possession of the property. Mr. Bickmore has moved to this city and has purchased the Battinich packing house and residence on upper Rodriguez street."

EP; 29 Aug 1913; disp. ad:

We beg to announce the introduction in Watsonville of
'OLD GERMAN LAGER'
 that delicious and incomparable Family Bottled Beer
 brewed in Seattle...
 Qts. \$1.50 per doz. Pts. 80c per doz.
Central Grocery Company
 Exclusive Agents Phone 243

EP; 30 Aug 1913; article: "REPRESENTS LONDON FIRM. Paul Alaga of this city has been appointed local representative of Messrs. W. Dennis & Sons, Limited, of London and Liverpool, one of the biggest fruit commission houses in the world. This firm is strictly a commission house and is well known in all the shipping districts of the world and has handled a large part of the Newtowns grown in the Pajaro Valley for the past 17 years. Mr. Dennis, who has been here a few days, left today for San Francisco and will visit Oregon and the Northwest before returning to London where he expects to be about October 15th."

EP; 3 Sep 1913; article: "[board of aldermen meeting]...City Attorney Sans...reported that the Granite Rock Company had refused to sign the contract for the improvement of upper and lower Main street because there was a mix-up as to the real name of the street, the old name of Pajaro street never having been officially discarded. The contractors refused to sign as some of the property owners would refuse to pay their assessment because this technicality gave them a loophole to escape paying for necessary improvements. The name of the street then was commented upon, Aldermen Osborn suggesting that the street be called Central Avenue. He said every jerkwater town in the country had a Main street and he did not believe the street here should have such a plebeian name. The matter was continued.

"Some day soon certain builders of houses, who complete or nearly complete their buildings before they ask for a permit to do so, will be forced to tear down their structures. Last night Antone Travich asked for a permit to erect a \$250 packing house at 826 Rodriguez street and after the permit had been granted it was found that

the building had already been completed. Alderman Kane objected to this and City Clerk Coffman said that he knew of a case here where a house had been built and the permit never had been asked for. Something will happen one of these days that will cause distress to contractors, who finish a house before they ask for the necessary permit..."

EP; 3 Sep 1913; item: "Sam Hrepich versus N. V. Lettunich et al.—Affidavit for examination of defendants."

EP; 5 Sep 1913; county supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund...Biocina, George, labor: \$9...Pekovich, Kosto, labor: \$15...Violich, Nick, labor: \$8..."

EP; 6 Sep 1913; ALL: Petar Radulovich.

EP; 6 Sep 1913; Monterey Co. board of supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Protection District. Nick Violich, et al., labor, etc.: \$76.95..."

EP; 8 Sep 1913; item: "Miss Stella Milcovich of San Francisco is here for a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Milcovich on the Salsipuedes road. Miss Milcovich will depart in a few days for the Northwest where she has several engagements to sing, Miss Milcovich being a leading vocalist of San Francisco and possessed of a beautiful voice."

EP; 8 Sep 1913; born: "In Watsonville, Sept. 6, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Milat, a daughter." [*Pauline; this family sometimes went by Miller*]

EP; 8 Sep 1913; item: "The Central Bowling Alleys on West Third street will be the ground of action tonight for a match game of ten pins between the D. Alexander and Sons' team and the Home Guards. The game will be called at 8 o'clock and will be fast and closely contested. The lineup: Alexander & Sons—Oliver, Ribera, Prader, Soares and Forester. Home Guards—Hall, Thompson, Parker, Settegrini and [Nick] Lettunich."

EP; 11 Sep 1913; article: "Tomorrow afternoon at Hollister there will be a racing meet that will interest the horsemen here as several Watsonville animals will appear. A. Alaga, James Redman and J. Cruz will have horses in the various events. J. P. Soares reports that a few days ago he drove A. Alaga's 'Rita A.' against a motorcycle, the horse going one mile against two for the motorcycle. The time of Rita A. was 2.25. The following program will be held tomorrow:

"...Second Race—2:30 pacing, mile heats, 3 in 5, E. Garcia's 'Sis,' A. Alaga's 'Rita A.,' J. Cruz' 'Lillie C.,' Nunes Bros.' 'Billie Bounce..."

EP; 11 Sep 1913; item: "The September number of Pro-

gress, the official monthly of the Chamber of Commerce, has just been issued and is being mailed to the members by Secretary Miss Anna M. Farlin. The number has been well edited by Editor P. E. Magruder and has some interesting news of the chamber and several special articles by Miss Farlin, R. H. Hudson and E. H. Lorensen.”

EP; 12 Sep 1913; article: “This afternoon the football season in this city will be started when the inter-class football game between the sophomores and seniors and the freshmen and juniors is held on the high school campus...”

“The lineups for this afternoon are as follows:

“...Freshmen and juniors: ...[Lewis] Lettunich...”

EP; 12 Sep 1913; honor roll: Low 8th: John Strazich; Low 7th: Helen Strazicich; High 5th: Charlie Sambrailo, Nick Dujmovich; Low 5th: Katheryn Strazich, Anna Knego; Low 4th: Tony Boskovich; High 3rd: Stephen Nemanich; Low 3rd: Martin Lajbenka [Ljubenko], Willie Sambraillo [Sambrailo]; High 2nd: Annie Matsen [Matsen], Nick Dubreta; Low 2nd: Tony Scurich. [*Strazicich sometimes went by Strazich*]

EP; 13 Sep 1913; item: “Public administrator J. A. Pell filed a petition yesterday in the superior court for letters of administration in the estate of Ivan Ivancovich, who died in Santa Clara county August 25, 1913. Ivancovich was a resident of this county, however. He leaves an estate estimated at about \$1500, consisting of money on deposit in San Jose and Watsonville, property in Santa Clara county and benefits due from the lodge of Foresters of America. The only known heirs live in Dalmacia, Austria.—Salinas Democrat.”

EP; 13 Sep 1913; ALL: Miho Ilich.

EP; 13 Sep 1913; item: “Sam Budalish [Budalich], a Watsonville man, who has been working in Salinas for several weeks past, is dying at Salinas today as the result of a fall that he had from a building this morning. No particulars could be learned but it was stated that he fractured his skull as a result of the fall and that he is not expected to live. Mayor Feliz of Salinas today telephoned Mayor Trafton of this city to find Joseph Budalish, a brother of the injured man, and the police hunted up the latter. The brother of the injured man, who lives at 38 Grant Avenue, has departed for Salinas.”

EP; 15 Sep 1913; article: “Luke McGlucke Glavenich, the ex-Giant, is here for a visit. The big pitcher, fresh from New Orleans in the Southern League, arrived last night and is in fine shape. Luke was with Cleveland in the American League for the first few months of the past season and was farmed out to Omaha in the Western League. He pitched a game one day in the rain and got a

bad crook in his arm, being turned over to New Orleans. Luke had his same old trouble—lack of control but Cleveland wants him back again and he says next year he will show the fellows something. While with Cleveland Luke was the roommate of the famous Joe Jackson, who is now tied with Ty Cobb for batting honors in the American League, and he says Jackson is a great fellow although he can neither read nor write. Luke says Watsonville is as fine a town as there is in the country and he is glad to come back to see his many friends. Luke has everything in the world for a pitcher but control but he is young yet and that will come later. He ought to make good in the big brush next year. Anyhow, he should worry, for he has a contract all signed in his pocket.”

EP; 15 Sep 1913; item: “George Hrepich of the California restaurant, has returned from a flying visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 15 Sep 1913; item: “Luke Glavenich, the big league pitcher, is here for a visit. Since leaving here he has pitched for Cleveland, Omaha and New Orleans.”

EP; 16 Sep 1913; born: “In Watsonville Sept. 14, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. John Pekock [Pekoch], a son.” [*John; +1924*]

EP; 16 Sep 1913; item: “Nick Srezovich et ux. to the Investment Co. of California—Lot 179, Watsonville Heights, Subd. 2.”

EP; 16 Sep 1913; obit: “Yesterday forenoon Samuel Budalich, employed by Contractor Hooke building houses on the Chualar ranch of the Jacks corporation, was found unconscious lying under a scaffold at a house on which he was working. No men on the job heard a fall and no one can tell how long he had lain there. He was brought to the Jim Bardin Hospital, where it was found that his skull was fractured, and that his injury was fatal. He has a brother, Joseph Budalich, who was one of the crew and who accompanied him to the hospital. They are young men and their parents are in Servia...—Salinas Journal.”

EP; 16 Sep 1913; article: “...The first boosting trip of the season will be taken tonight when the Chamber of Commerce meeting at San Jose will be visited by J. E. Gardner, T. J. Horgan, C. H. Baker, Luke Scurich and Mateo Lettunich...”

EP; 16 Sep 1913; obit: “The funeral of the late Sam Budalish [Budalich] was held this afternoon...from Aston & Neal’s parlors on East Third street to the I.O.O.F. cemetery where the interment was made. The pallbearers were L. Bachan, M. Stolich, M. Budalish, N. Basto, V. Trkla and C. Cherovich.”

EP; 16 Sep 1913; item: "Attorney George W. Smith is in Monterey today on business."

EP; 16 Sep 1913; item: "Nick Alaga is a business visitor to Los Angeles."

EP; 17 Sep 1913; article: "A series that looks mighty good to everybody is being cooked up for the apple show week here and if plans do not go awry the Pippins will face the old 1912 Giants. Sid Jehl is making the arrangements and if everything goes through the Pippins will face an all-star club here...Jehl will have Milford as catcher, Luke Glavenich, Sid Patch and Elmer Emerson as pitchers, Jehl on first base, Frank Guigni on second, Billy Wallace on third, Tom Fitzsimmons on short and Justin Fitzgerald, Chauncey Tramutola and Ramage in the outfield. This should be a good series."

EP; 17 Sep 1913; item: "Mr. John Balovich, who is been in poor health, has left for Paraiso Hot Springs."

EP; 17 Sep 1913; item: "Miss Elenore C. Balovich has returned from San Francisco where she finished a course at the Vienna Lady's Tailoring and Dressmaking School."

EP; 17 Sep 1913; obit: "Salinas, Sept. 15, 1913, Sam Budalich, a native of Austria."

EP; 17 Sep 1913; article: "[at the upcoming apple show]...Local and outside individual and association displays are as follows: ...Seven box lots—John L. Jranovich...Twelve box lots—John Hrepich Co...25 box lots—M. N. Lettunich (by Peter Mengol)...50 box... M. L. Kalich & Co..."

Paj; 18 Sep 1913; item: "Nick Sresovich et ux. to The Investment Co. of California—Lot 179, Watsonville Heights, Subd. 2."

EP; 19 Sep 1913; item: "Mrs. Stephen Scurich is visiting in San Francisco."

EP; 19 Sep 1913; item: Luke Glavenich, the popular pitcher who has been here on a visit since returning from New Orleans, left today for a visit at Oakland."

EP; 20 Sep 1913; item: "The Third Street restaurant, Stolich and Sapro, proprietors, is being completely renovated and is now one of the coziest places in town. The ceiling and walls have all been neatly repapered, the interior and exterior of the building has been painted and the restaurant presents a clean and neat appearance. F. E. Morgan has been doing the work."

EP; 22 Sep 1913; item: "Geo. W. Smith, a talented young lawyer of Watsonville, was in town Saturday drawing a

parallel between the celebrated case and a case he had many months ago, wherein a client of his was pronounced sane, and on returning to Watsonville established his insanity without question by wanting Mr. Smith to loan him \$36. That poor deluded man was sent to a State hospital for the insane, very pronto. It is possible that Mr. Smith may secure another client whose mental balance is doubted, for, surely, no talented lawyer here wants the case.—Salinas Journal."

EP; 22 Sep 1913; item: "Mrs. M. Milcovich has returned from a visit to San Francisco."

EP; 22 Sep 1913; article: "Two weeks from today the big California Apple Festival will open at the auditorium..."

"[Tuesday] afternoon will be taken up by a program under preparation by Mrs. Eva Murphy, who has been working diligently on the affair for several weeks. The doings of our children are always a source of much enjoyment to us and the clever sense in which they will appear on that day will show them off to the very best of advantage.

"The program will be as follows:

"Opening chorus, 'I Love You California,' Maypole dancers, Vesta Heitaud, Ethel Devine, Thelma Krough, Edith Devine, Elizabeth Martin, Evelyn Eaton, Mildred White, Nellie Rickard, Vivian Lindsey, Leota Aggeler, Gladys Tichenor, Ruth Scurich, Hazel [Rachel] Cikuth, Alice Aggeler, Vera Eaton and Helen Maslin..."

"Tabloid musical comedy, 'The Birthday Party,' introducing the following specialties: ...violin and piano duet, Anna Scurich and Anna Koch..."

"'When Your Old Gray Bonnet Was New'...chorus, Thelma Pearson, Lyle Pardee, Helen Aggeler, Marion Wright, Anna Scurich, Constance Dondero, Muriel Burland, Muriel Trafton, Bernice Rhodes, Margaret Butcher, Ruth Wilson, Mildred Brown, Tessie Uzerath, Florence Rodoni, Melva Albright, Fern Tuttle, Katie Penrod, Vivien Neill, Dorena Kelly, Edna Lewis.

"'The Dance of the Nations'...Japan, Anna Scurich, Helen Aggeler, Marion Wright, Muriel Burland, Vivien Neill..."

EP; 24 Sep 1913; item: "E. B. Lettunich paid a fine of \$10 to Judge A. B. Hawkins this morning for speeding on the Santa Cruz road one day last week. Lettunich was arrested on the 11th by Motorcop W. L. MacFarlane and had decided to fight the case, which was set for trial tomorrow. However, he changed his mind and came into court this morning and paid the fine."

EP; 24 Sep 1913; [photo and caption:] "MATEO LETTUNICH, Director California Apple Show"

EP; 24 Sep 1913; item: "**Hrepich Seeks Property Upon Which to Levy Attachment.** This afternoon N. V. and

Thomas Lettunich will appear before Judge Smith of the Superior Court and will be examined to see whether or no they are concealing property which might be levied upon in the matter of a judgment for \$1000 rendered in favor of Sam Hrepich some three months ago.

“The plaintiff and his attorney, Geo. W. Smith, have been unable to find any property of the defendants to levy upon and it is for this reason that the Lettunichs are hailed before the court.”

EP; 25 Sep 1913; article: “LETTUNICH BROTHERS ON WITNESS STAND. Nicholas V. Lettunich and Thomas Lettunich of Lettunich Brothers, from whom Sam Hrepich is endeavoring to recover a \$1000 judgment awarded him about three months ago, were on the witness stand in the Superior Court at Santa Cruz yesterday afternoon and both gave some interesting testimony. Nicholas Lettunich gave the most interesting testimony in the case, his recital of his present financial status being a surprise to many. He testified that he had no money and no property, that he had \$1.60 or thereabouts in the bank, and that his only revenue was a \$75 salary he received as manager of the Mansion House in this city. He stated that the Lettunich Brothers owed about \$18,000; admitted winning \$10,000 in the lottery last year but stated that nearly all of this had gone to pay the debts of the firm. When asked what debts he had paid he could not relate just which he had liquidated. All the property owned by Lettunich Brothers was the apple crop on the Murphy orchard and that was in the name of his uncle, Mateo Lettunich, who had advanced the sum of \$6000 on the place. Besides this there was a sum of \$3250 owed to M. B. Lettunich for wages, who had a second chattel mortgage on the Murphy orchard apple crop and the horses and wagons.

“Thomas Lettunich followed his brother on the stand and denied that a partnership existed. When confronted with the letterheads of the firm he said his name was on the headings for effect only.

During the hearing the plaintiff, Mr. Hrepich, addressed the court and denounced the defendants in unmeasured terms. The case was continued until October 2d when the defendants are to produce the books of the firm, by order of the court.

“George W. Smith is attorney for the plaintiff while C. B. Younger of Santa Cruz represents the Lettunich Brothers.”

EP; 25 Sep 1913; obit: “WATSONVILLE MAN DIES MYSTERIOUSLY...Says last night’s Santa Cruz News:

“George Paljetak, a ranch laborer of Watsonville, cousin of George Paljetak, who was found drowned on Liddell Beach last April, was found dead in bed in his room at the Grand Central hotel on Pacific avenue this morning. The man did not answer the knock on his door at 7 o’clock this morning and the housekeeper, becoming

frightened, summoned two men from the sidewalk to come up and enter the room. They did so, and found Paljetak stone dead, his face white and drawn as though he had underwent [*sic*] great suffering.

“On a table near the bed was a loaded revolver, and the theory of suicide was immediately advanced. Not a chamber of the revolver was empty, however, nor had a shot been fired, nor were there other evidences of self-destruction.

“Coroner Wessendorf was summoned and removed the body to the morgue, after which he immediately got into communication with the wife at Watsonville. She refused at first to believe that her husband was dead, and could give no explanation of the manner of his death, stating that suicide was out of the question and that he had no sickness that would cause death that she knew of.

“Paljetak registered at the Grand Central Monday evening. He presented a good appearance, seemed to be perfectly rational, and expressed himself as much pleased with his room on account of its cleanliness. He was going to start working for M. Krilanovich in a few days picking grapes. He had no baggage with him and left no notes or letters of any kind to any one that would indicate that he contemplated suicide.” [end of Santa Cruz News quote]

“The deceased had resided here in Watsonville for several years past and was married here two years ago to a Watsonville lady. He was aged 33 years and is survived by his wife and one daughter. He was a member of Sloga lodge, Croatian Unity of the Pacific, of this city and will be buried tomorrow under the auspices of that order... The interment will be made in the Valley cemetery.”

EP; 25 Sep 1913; item: “M. Zar, of San Francisco, was in town last evening. ‘Mike’ is now the manager of the Edison Moving Picture Theater, on Powell street, near Market street, San Francisco and is one of the prominent figures in the moving picture game in the metropolis.”

EP; 25 Sep 1913; obit: “At Santa Cruz, Sept. 24, 1913, George Paljetak, a native of Dalmacia, Austria, aged 33 years...”

EP; 26 Sep 1913; item: “Sam Hrepich vs. N. V. Lettunich—Continued to Oct. 2.”

EP; 27 Sep 1913; article: “RAGUSA IS ONE OF EARTH’S FAIR SPOTS...Says the Santa Cruz Sentinel:

“Anthony Milanovich, of Dabelich’s Grill, is amused at some of the complaints made in Santa Cruz and throughout the United States at the high cost of living, etc. Compared with the reports he receives from his country, Dalmatia, local people have reason for rejoicing that meat here is as cheap as now offered.

“‘Tony,’ as his friends call him, says that not only has the Balkan war had its effect on his native land, but it has

been a very dry year, as well. Wine, oil, sugar, meat and all necessities are rising higher and higher in price, and the people have far less money with which to buy. Sugar is now about thirty cents a pound, American money, and the average run of meat about fifty cents.

“Mr. Milanovich estimates that there are about 50 Dalmatians in Santa Cruz, and even more in Watsonville, with a goodly representation in San Jose and San Francisco. They are looked upon as excellent citizens.

“Mr. Milanovich was born about 30 miles from Ragusa [Dubrovnik], one of the main seaports and resort towns of Dalmatia, with a population less than double that of Santa Cruz. He declares its climate is one of the most perfect on earth, with sheltering, rugged mountains in the rear, and broad beaches in front. About a quarter of a century ago many people died there of the plague, and about a quarter of a century previous to that a large number of people were killed in an earthquake and much of the city had to be rebuilt. He believes that American visitors to Europe should remember Ragusa as one of the fair spots of the earth.” [*the last plague near Dubrovnik was in 1815; the earthquake was in 1667*]

EP; 27 Sep 1913; ALL: Lazar Churich, Mike Gregovich.

EP; 29 Sep 1913; item: “The October issue of Progress, the official monthly of the Chamber of Commerce, is off the press and is filled with interesting notes of Watsonville and vicinity. Special articles have been written for the October monthly by E. L. Andrews, Otto D. Stoesser, Miss Anna Farlin and Edward H. Lorensen and Editor Magruder has some interesting editorials on timely topics.”

EP; 1 Oct 1913; class. ad: “WANTED—Women for sorting apples. Apply at B. PISTA’S Packing House.”

EP; 1 Oct 1913; class. ad: “WANTED—Lady sorters at Alaga Bros. Packing house on Walker St., near Third.”

EP; 4 Oct 1913; ALL: Joe Borich; J. C. Capitonich [Capitanich] & Co.; Kukueliza [Kukuliza].

EP; 7 Oct 1913; item: “Elliott Steinhauser et ux. to Peter L. Kristovich—5.20 acres Rancho Salsipuedes.”

EP; 7 Oct 1913; article: “IMMENSE AUDIENCE AT SHOW OPENING. In the presence of the largest crowd ever in attendance at any opening of the State apple show the fourth State California Apple Show was last night officially opened in the auditorium...The crowd in attendance at the opening last night was without doubt the largest ever in the pavilion, there being over 3000 sitting and standing on the main floor and in the balconies...”

“After the musical program had concluded the curtains were drawn while the speakers of the evening, the offi-

cial of the show and others assembled on the stage. When the curtain arose those seated on the stage were President O. D. Stoesser, J. E. Gardner, Francis J. Heney, J. F. Coonan of Eureka, Charles A. Vogelsang of San Francisco, Sen. W. R. Flint of Hollister, Hon. J. B. Holohan, Mayor W. A. Trafton, C. H. Baker, M. N. Lettunich, Mateo Lettunich, G. E. Rowe of Grand Rapids, E. Steinhauser, Luke Scurich, R. H. Goodchild, George W. Sill, Eugene Block, Paul Harriett and Walter Fisher...”

EP; 7 Oct 1913; item: “Mrs. George Pulich is in this city for the week from Stockton.”

EP; 7 Oct 1913; item: “Stephen Scurich, administrator, vs. Geo. Carstulovich—Demurrer overruled and 10 days granted within which to answer.”

EP; 8 Oct 1913; born: “Watsonville, Oct. 7, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zar, a daughter.” [*Ella; +1965; married Milcovich*]

EP; 8 Oct 1913; item: “Mrs. W. C. Kerley of San Francisco is here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alaga.”

EP; 9 Oct 1913; item: “John Jagich is the new world’s champion apple packer. Last night at the auditorium he defeated four other competitors with a score of 97 out of a possible 100 and in the fast time of 24 minutes. Forty minutes is the most time that any competitor can take and Jagich not only broke the record for quality of the pack but for speed. Nick Katusich was second with a score of 95 in 30 minutes. The other entrants were William Bauk [Buak], John Zvoni [Zvone] and Manuel Wrangel. Jagich received a gold watch from the San Jose Paper Company and a silver watch was awarded by the same firm to Katusich.”

EP; 9 Oct 1913; board of supervisors, payments: “County Fund: ...Hrepich & Wells, meals to pris.: \$26.75...Indigent Sick Fund: ...City Grocery Co., mdse: \$24...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Skocko, L. G., labor: \$9; Skocko, M., labor: \$13...Pajaro Protection District: ...Grennich, Geo., labor: \$7.85...Nemanich, John, labor: \$14...”

EP; 10 Oct 1913; article: “**Plain Apple Displays Range From Fifty Boxes to the One Box Exhibits.** The ordinary displays of apples, which are not arranged in feature, district, or other special exhibits are well worth seeing at the apple show for the high quality of the apples and the general high class arrangement of the fruit. A complete list of these exhibitors is as follows and all deserve praise for their work:

“L. G. Bachan and Company, 5 boxes Langford Seedlings; Hrepich and Monocovich [Moncovich], 15 boxes Newtown Pippins; A. Stolich & Co., 5 boxes Newtown Pippins; Scurich Brothers, 5 boxes Newtowns; M. P.

Butier, 5 boxes Arkansas Beauties, 5 boxes Newtown Pippins; E. B. Lettunich, 5 boxes Smith Ciders, 10 boxes Bellefleurs, 10 boxes Newtown Pippins; Peter Mengol 25 boxes Newtown Pippins; J. L. Ivancovich, 5 boxes Bellefleurs; Miladin & Moncovich, 10 boxes White Winter Pearmain; F. P. Marinovich, 10 boxes White Winter Pearmain; N. Skocko & Sons, 5 boxes Bellefleurs, 5 boxes Newtown Pippins, 5 boxes Black Twigs...M. N. Lettunich Co., 60 boxes Newtown Pippins, 15 boxes Red Pearmain, 20 boxes Bellefleurs, 5 boxes Spitzenbergs...E. B. Rilovich and Sresovich Co., 10 boxes Jonathan's, 10 boxes Bellefleurs, 10 boxes Newtown Pippins, 10 boxes Langford Seedlings; M. L. Kalich Co., 50 boxes Bellefleurs; Stolich Bros., 1 box Winesap, 1 box White Winter Pearmain, 6 boxes Red Pearmain, 25 boxes Newtown Pippins, 1 box Hoovers, 10 boxes Bellefleurs...T. M. Kissich, 20 boxes Newtown Pippins, 5 boxes Missouri Pippins, 10 boxes Bellefleurs, 1 box Langfords; M. V. Pista, 50 boxes Langfords..."

EP; 10 Oct 1913; item: "Prosper Lettunich of San Francisco is here for the apple show."

EP; 10 Oct 1913; item: "Misses Marie and Anita Burin arrived today to visit their sister, Mrs. John Alaga."

EP; 11 Oct 1913; article: "AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT APPLE ANNUAL...The following awards were announced last night:

"Class Four, Five-Box Lots..."

"Langford Seedling—1st, L. G. Bachan & Co., Watsonville, score 710..."

"Mammoth Black Twig—1st, N. Skocko & Son, Watsonville, score 870..."

"Spitzenberg—1st, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 735..."

"Red Pearmain—1st, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 950. 2d, Stolich Bros, Watsonville, score 916..."

"Missouri Pippin—1st, T. M. Kissich, Watsonville, score 960..."

"Class Three, Ten-Box Lots."

"White Winter Pearmain—...2d, Miladin & Moncovich, Watsonville, score 975.

"Newtown Pippins—...2d, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 996.

"Bellefleur—1st, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 995..."

"Jonathan—1st, E. B. Rilovich & Srezovich Co., score 990..."

"Red Pearmain—1st, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 990.

"Langford Seedling —1st, E. B. Rilovich & Srezovich, score 985..."

"Class Five, One-Box Lots..."

"Red Pearmain—M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville..."

"Smith Cider—M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville..."

"Winesap—Stolich Bros., Watsonville..."

"Class 15, Local District Display..."

"2d, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville..."

EP; 11 Oct 1913; item: "Estate of George Paljetak—Decree of settlement of first and final account and final distribution."

EP; 13 Oct 1913; ALL: Mr. Stovich.

EP; 13 Oct 1913; item: "Mrs. George Pulich returned today to her home in Stockton."

EP; 15 Oct 1913; item: "Stephen Scurich vs. George Carstulovich—Answer to complaint."

EP; 17 Oct 1913; honor roll: Low 8th : John Strazicich; Low 7th: Helen Strazicich; High 5th: Nick Dujmovich; Charlie Sambrailo; John Allegretto [Allegretti]; Low 5th: Anna Knego, Emma Grizich, Kathryn Strazicich; High 4th: Katie Arbanas; Low 4th: Louis Arbanas; High 2nd: Annie Matson; Low 2nd: Tony Scurich.

EP; 18 Oct 1913; ALL: Frank Jakovich, Pero Jemo, Gjorjio Miljkovich, Chris Mrasovich, Nick Tulich.



EP; 20 Oct 1913; born: "Watsonville, Oct. 20, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alaga, a daughter." [Margaret; +1985; married Murphy]

Fig. 4-42. Margaret Alaga.

EP; 21 Oct 1913; article: "RESTAURANT MEN OF HOLLISTER ARRESTED...Violators of the liquor ordinance, it is claimed, were caught 'with the goods' Friday night and the arrest of George Hrepich and John Matulich by Marshall I. Archibald followed Saturday. The two men are proprietors of the California restaurant on Fifth St. Hrepich admits his wrongdoings, but Matulich denies any knowledge of the fact that liquor was sold on the premises. The particular liquor served is alleged to have been beer.

"Since their refusal to pay the \$150 fine levied upon several restaurant keepers here last spring the proprietors of the California have been without a liquor license and this adds gravity to the offense. A hearing of the matter will be held before Justice of the Peace Agnew, probably this afternoon.—Hollister Free Lance."

EP; 21 Oct 1913; item: "Sam Hrepich vs. N. V. Lettunich and Tom Lettunich, co-partners—Hearing concerning

\$200 diamond ring as to subject of execution: ring ordered given into custody of clerk pending settlement.”

EP; 21 Oct 1913; item: “Watsonville Realty Co. to Martin Podich et ux.— Lot 222, Watsonville Heights.”

EP; 21 Oct 1913; article: “NICK LETTUNICH’S DIAMOND IS SEIZED...We take the following from this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel:

“In the Superior Court yesterday there was quite an interesting case before Judge Smith involving a \$200 diamond ring. The case is that of Sam Hrepich vs. N. V. Lettunich and Tom Lettunich, co-partners. The hearing was on the point as to whether the ring in question was subject to execution. Mr. Lettunich wore on one of his fingers a beauty that sparkled like an arc light. Attorneys Burke and Smith for the plaintiff were anxious to get a strangle-hold on that piece of jewelry and argued the point well. They were opposed by Attorney C. B. Younger who asked Mr. Burke if he didn’t want Mr. Lettunich’s shoes also.

“To satisfy an indebtedness Burke argued that there was no possible way to protect their client unless the court issued an order turning over the ring in question to the plaintiff. He said the sheriff had no authority to seize the property any more than he had a right to go into the man’s pockets and take what money he might have; that an order of the court was the only means in this case whereby the plaintiff would be protected. It was a fine point raised, something practically new in law and one which the court had to decide immediately. Younger fought back hard and is going to fight some more. The court finally made an order that the ring be placed in the custody of the clerk until the final settlement of the difficulty. Attorney Younger said that he must take exceptions to the order and would ask his client that he refrain from delivering over the ring. The ring was not delivered, hence the order of the court has not been complied with.

“There is likely to be some very interesting proceedings before the case is finally settled. The witness on the stand testified that the ring was practically the only asset he had. He told of recently winning \$10,000 in a lottery and Attorney Geo. W. Smith endeavored hard to find out where this money had gone to.”

EP; 21 Oct 1913; disp. ad:

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EP; 22 Oct 1913; article: “Watsonville will be well represented at the Portola celebration in San Francisco this week. Several local residents have already departed for the metropolis and the rest will go today or tomorrow.

Among the Watsonville people that have already departed for the Portola or who will leave later in the week are...Miss Anna Farlin...Miss Kathryn Zar...”

EP; 22 Oct 1913; article: “...Attorney George W. Smith and J. P. Knudsen, representatives of the local Retail Liquor Dealers’ Association, appeared before the board [of aldermen] and asked that an amendment to the recent liquor ordinance be passed providing for the payment of the \$500 license in two equal installments instead of one as the law provides. The request started some more discussion but it was finally decided that the first \$250 could be paid on December 15 and the other \$250 on June 15 so that the payments could both come in the same fiscal year. City Attorney Sans was instructed to draft the amendment proposed and have it ready...”

EP; 22 Oct 1913; item: “Attorney George W. Smith of this city is commencing to be prominently mentioned by the Democrats in connection with the office of District Attorney of this county at the next election.” [*first mention of his intention; he was elected to D.A. in 1914*]

EP; 23 Oct 1913; item: “A decision was handed down yesterday afternoon by Judge A. B. Hawkins for the plaintiff in the case of Secondo vs. Gospodnetich which was a suit for wages due on a house contract. Secondo was awarded the sum of \$89.90, which was \$41.11 less than he asked for...”

EP; 23 Oct 1913; article: “**Local High School Rugby Team Decides to go to San Luis Obispo...**Those to make the southern trip tomorrow are Archie Hall, Howard Hess, James Kirby, Gail Apperson, Ray Apperson, Elmer Beck, Nelse Enemark, Stanley Leddy, Lewis Morse, Clifford Angel, Elmer Joy, Clifford Joy, Vincent Anderson, Clyde Earls, Clarence Hansen, Steve Crosetti, Coach F. J. Nicholls, Manager Bill Faul, Eddy Martin, Lewis Lettunich, Jake O’Brien, Newt. Bader and Sheldon Peckham.”

EP; 23 Oct 1913; item: “The case of Sam Hrepich against M.[N.] V. Lettunich, which involved the question of whether a \$200 diamond ring was subject to execution, has closed in the superior court and was ordered submitted on briefs.”

EP; 24 Oct 1913; article: “Attorney George W. Smith of this city, counsel with George P. Burke for Sam Hrepich in the latter’s suit against N. V. Lettunich and Tom Lettunich of this city, today filed his brief in the superior court in favor of his argument that the much disputed diamond worn by Nick Lettunich be made subject to execution. Attorney C. B. Younger for the Lettunich brothers alleged that the diamond was exempt as it was wearing apparel. Attorney Smith in his brief denies that a ring

is wearing apparel and alleges it is an article of adornment and therefore subject to execution. Smith further alleges that the defendants are not acting in good faith and that it looks unreasonable for a man alleged to be bankrupt and penniless to be sporting a diamond 'the size of an arc light.' Attorney Younger will have five days to answer the brief."

EP; 24 Oct 1913; article: "MORE LOCAL FRUIT MEN ARE IN COURT...The inside methods of some fruit men of this valley are threatened to be exposed by Attorney George W. Smith of this city who today filed a civil action in the superior court at Santa Cruz for E. J. Mann against Peter and E. B. Lettunich of this valley, the action asking for the recovery of \$975 alleged to be due the plaintiff for rent. The complaint filed by Smith for Mann alleges that in 1910 Mann leased a certain piece of property in this valley to Peter Lettunich, the rental to be \$5000 per year and to be paid in certain stipulated installments. E. B. Lettunich went in on the deal as guarantor for Peter. On October 1st all had been paid but the sum of \$2000. Some of this was paid and now \$975 is alleged to be still owing by Peter Lettunich to Mann.

"E. B. Lettunich alleges that the rent was reduced \$1000 on July of this year and he further alleges that as the reduction changed the terms of the lease he was released from his guarantee.

"After filing the suit Attorney Smith stated that some sensational developments might be expected as he intended to expose certain parties and things."

EP; 24 Oct 1913; item: "Sam Hrepich vs. N. V. Lettunich and Tom Lettunich—Ordered the matter pertaining to question of certain diamond ring of defendant being subject to execution be submitted on briefs; defendant N. V. Lettunich is directed to hold said ring pending settlement of the case."

EP; 24 Oct 1913; article; "**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE PRIZE WINNERS. At the Fourth California Apple Show Held in Watsonville, California, October 6th to 11th, 1913.**

"FIFTY BOX LOTS—CLASS 1.

"1. Best 50 Boxes Newtown Pippin—M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, Score 980.

"Prizes: \$15 cash. Silver challenge cup, by W. Dennis & Sons, Ltd., London; 100 Newtown Pippin trees, 1 yr. old, 4 to 6 ft., by Portland Wholesale Nursery Co., Portland, Ore.; 1 year's subscription to Fruit Belt, by Welch Publishing Co., Ltd., Grand Rapids, Mich.; 1 year's subscription to Fruit & Produce Distributor by publishers, Portland, Ore...

"3. Best 50 Boxes Bellflower—M. L. Kalich & Co., Watsonville. Score 944.

"Prizes: \$15 cash; 1 bbl. Rex Lime & Sulphur Solution, by California Rex Spray Co., Benicia, Cal.; 100

apple trees, any variety in stock, by Sunnyside Nursery company, Sunnyside, Wash.; 1 year's subscription to Fruit Belt, by Welch Pub. Co., Ltd., Grand Rapids, Mich.; 1 year's subscription to Fruit & Produce Distributor, by publishers, Portland, Ore...

"5. Best 50 Boxes Langford Seedling—B. Pista, Watsonville. Score 955 $\frac{2}{3}$.

"Prizes: \$15 cash; 100 peach trees by California Nursery Co., Niles, Cal.; 1 year's subscription to Fruit Belt, by Welch Pub. Co., Ltd., Grand Rapids, Mich.; 1 year's subscription to Fruit & Produce Distributor, by publishers, Portland, Ore...

"TEN-BOX LOTS—CLASS 3...

"2. Second Best 10 Boxes White Winter Pearmain, Milladin & Moncovich, Watsonville, score 975.

"Prizes: Medal; 1 year's subscription to Fruit Belt by the Welch Pub. Co., Ltd., Grand Rapids, Mich.

"3. Best 10 Boxes Bellflower, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 995.

"Prizes: \$5 cash; 1 50-lb. kit Rex Arsenate of Lead by California Rex Spray Co., Benicia, Calif.; 100 apple trees, any variety in stock, by the Sunnyside Nursery Co., Sunnyside, Wash...

"8. Best 10 Boxes Jonathan, E. B. Rilovich & Srezovich Co., Watsonville, score 990.

"Prizes: \$5 cash; 1 year's subscription to Fruit Belt by the Welch Pub. Co., Ltd., Grand Rapids, Mich.; 1 year's subscription to Fruit & Produce Distributor by the publishers, Portland, Ore...

"11. Best 10 Boxes Red Pearmain, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 990.

"Prizes: \$5 cash; 50 apple trees, any variety in stock, by Donald Nursery Co., Donald, Ore.

"12. Best 10 Boxes Langford Seedling, E. B. Rilovich & Srezovich Co., Watsonville, score 985.

"Prizes: \$5 cash; 50 apple trees, any variety in stock, by Chico Nursery Co., Chico, Calif...

"15. Second Best 10 Boxes Newtown Pippin, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 990.

"Prize: Medal...

"FIVE-BOX LOTS—CLASS 4...

"5. Best 5 Boxes Langford Seedling, L. G. Bachan & Co., Watsonville, score 709.

"Prizes: Gold medal; Fitz-All No. 1 spray outfit by the H. L. Hurst Mfg. Co., Canton, Ohio; 1 year's subscription to Fruit Belt by the Welch Pub. Co., Ltd., Grand Rapids, Mich.; 1 year's subscription to Fruit & Produce Distributor by the publishers, Portland, Ore...

"10. Best 5 Boxes Mammoth Blacktwig, N. Skocko & Son, Watsonville, score 870.

"Prizes: Gold medal; 1 year's subscription to Fruit Belt by the Welch Pub. Co., Ltd., Grand Rapids, Mich.; 1 year's subscription to Fruit & Produce Distributor by the publishers, Portland, Ore...

"14. Best 5 Boxes Spitzenberg, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 735.

“Prizes: Gold medal; 10 squares 1-ply Malthoid Roofing by the Paraffine Paint Co., San Francisco; 50 Spitzenberg trees, 1 or 2 yrs. old, by Mount Arbor Nurseries, Shenandoah, Iowa...

“19. Best 5 Boxes Red Pearmain, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 950.

“Prizes: Gold medal; 1 section special high pressure spray hose 25 feet long with two nozzles, value \$8.50, through the Crane Co., San Francisco, western agents.

“20. Second Best 5 Boxes Red Pearmain, Stolich Bros., Watsonville, score 916.

“Prizes: Ribbon; 1 year’s subscription to Fruit Belt by the Welch Pub. Co., Ltd., Grand Rapids, Mich...

“26. Best 5 Boxes Missouri Pippin, T. M. Kissich, Watsonville, score 960.

“Prizes: Gold medal; 1 year’s subscription to Fruit Belt by the Welch Pub. Co., Ltd. Grand Rapids, Mich.; 1 year’s subscription to Fruit & Produce Distributor by the publishers, Portland, Ore...

“(Concluded tomorrow.)”

EP; 25 Oct 1913; article: “(Continued from yesterday) [ONE-BOX LOTS—CLASS 5...]

“10. Best Box Red Pearmain, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 996.

“Prizes: Medal; 1 year’s subscription to Better Fruit by the publishers, Hood River, Ore...

“25. Best Box Smith Cider, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville, score 990.

“Prize: Medal...

“33. Best Box Winesap, Stolich Bros., Watsonville, score 995.

“Prizes: Medal; 25 Stayman Winesap trees by Davis County Nurseries, Roy, Utah; 1 year’s subscription to Fruit & Produce by the publisher, Portland, Ore.; 1 year’s subscription to Better Fruit by the publisher, Hood River, Ore...

“LOCAL DISTRICT DISPLAYS—CLASS 15.

“Best general display, quantity, quality and artistic arrangement considered, made by any single district in Monterey or Santa Cruz Counties—

“1. S. J. Duckworth, Watsonville. Prize: \$50 cash.

“2. M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville. Prize \$25 cash.

“CONTESTS DURING THE SHOW, CLASS 16.

“Apple packing contest for men, taking place on the Auditorium stage, subject to the ruling of the Awards Committee, on Wednesday evening, October 8, 1913—

“1. John Jagich, score 97 out of possible 100 in 24 minutes. Prize: Gold watch, donated by the J. C. Pearson Co.—‘The Cement Coated Nail People’—through A. C. Rulofson, San Francisco.

“2. Nick Katusich, score 95 out of a possible 100 in 30 minutes. Prize: Silver watch, donated by the J. C. Pearson company—‘The Cement Coated Nail People’—through A. C. Rulofson, San Francisco...”

EP; 25 Oct 1913; item: “Stephen Scurich as administrator vs. George Carstulovich—Set for Nov. 5th for trial.”

EP; 25 Oct 1913; ALL: T. Gozden.

EP; 25 Oct 1913; item: “Misses Anna Farlin and Myrtle Byrd left last night for San Francisco.”

EP; 25 Oct 1913; item: “SUNDAY DINNER. At California Restaurant, Turkey dinner 60c. French dinner with wine, \$1.00.”

EP; 27 Oct 1913; article: “Among the Watsonville people home from the Portola in San Francisco, are... Mateo Lettunich, Anna Farlin...”

EP; 27 Oct 1913; item: “In return for an interest in the wall of the Odd Fellows’ building, adjoining the Mansion House property, the Messrs. Lettunich have given the Odd Fellows certain additional room back of their building so that mail wagons can get through, via the alley from Alexander street to the rear of the new post office. The property-owners in that block should make an effort to have that alley put through to Main street. It would increase the value of their holdings greatly.”

EP; 27 Oct 1913; article: “ANOTHER RUMOR ABOUT THE MANSION HOUSE...The report is prevalent again that the Messrs. Lettunich are about to start building on the Mansion House corner. Will Weeks, the architect, was in town Saturday afternoon, from San Francisco, taking measurements, and finding survey posts on the boundary lines of the property, and it is rumored that the money, wherewith to put up the new building, has finally been raised, and that just as soon as Weeks finishes up the plan, work will be commenced—probably in six weeks or two months.

“The plans provide for the removal of the present hotel building to the further end of the lot, where the livery stable now stands, taking up a frontage on Main street of about 90 feet, and the erection of a four-story building on the corner 110 x 114 feet, with offices and apartments on the upper floors. There will be a jog in the building, on the Third street side, between the Odd Fellows’ block and the new structure, as whilst the one-story structure, now occupied by the Berland-Herbert Co. will be made a part of the new building on the corner, but one story will be added to it.

“We trust that the rumor will come true. The corner is too valuable to be allowed to remain in its present state and the rookeries alongside the present hotel are eyesores. With the post office in the Odd Fellows’ building; a new structure on the corner of Main and Third streets; and the Hotel Appleton on Rodriguez and Third, those two blocks on Third street should rapidly come to the front as valuable business blocks.”

EP; 27 Oct 1913; obit: “Mary, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barovich, died yesterday from an attack of pneumonia.”

EP; 27 Oct 1913; obit: “At Watsonville, October 26, 1913, Mary Barovich, a native of Truckee, Cal. aged 2 years, 2 months and 16 days...”

EP; 28 Oct 1913; article: “It seems to come naturally to some folks to be always on the job of making themselves generally useful, says this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel. Andy Balich, who lost his voice arguing and haranguing in support of road improvement bonds Saturday, blossomed out as an assistant Cupid Sunday morning.

“A stranger, wearing a worried look, inquired of Andy, where he could find Assistant County Clerk Miller. Noticing his anxiety, Andy asked the man what was the trouble and received answer that a speedy marriage was greatly desired by himself as well as by a lady with whom he had eloped from Los Gatos. Andy moved by sympathy for the loving couple, immediately got busy, hunted up Mr. Miller, summoned Justice Gardner by phone and the matrimonial knot was tied with neatness and dispatch in record time.

“The happy pair of newlyweds were O. L. Butler and Bertha Blanch Wells of Los Gatos, who after the ceremony, returned to their home on the other side of the mountains, carrying a high opinion of Santa Cruz as a wedding resort.”

EP; 28 Oct 1913; article: “FINED FIFTY DOLLARS... George Hrepich, one of the proprietors of the California restaurant on Fifth street, arrested a week ago last Saturday on a charge of selling liquor without a license, was fined \$50 yesterday afternoon by Justice of the Peace Gillmore Agnew. Hrepich entered a plea of guilty at the time of his arrest.

“John Matulich, a partner in the restaurant business, pleaded not guilty at the first hearing and denied all knowledge of the illicit transaction. His case has not yet been disposed of but it is believed that a prompt payment of the fine imposed on Hrepich will satisfy the town authorities and the action against Matulich will not be prosecuted further.—Hollister Free Lance.”

EP; 29 Oct 1913; item: “P. Gospodnetich and T. Zeger, a corporation under the name of Gospodnetich & Zeger, vs. John Vucicevich, also known as John Vorodich; Edward White appointed receiver.”

EP; 29 Oct 1913; article: “...[A]t the West Third street alleys the Watsonville bowling team snowed under the Salinas bowlers...Watsonville made a total of 2332 pins against 2061 by Salinas...Nick Krilanovich [had] an average of 153 pins...”

EP; 30 Oct 1913; item: “A. H. Dean vs. Nick Gutunich et al.—Writ of attachment for \$350.”

Paj; 30 Oct 1913; obit: “San Francisco, Oct. 24, 1913, Mrs. Otto D. Stoesser, a native of San Francisco.” [*Otto Stoesser’s first wife*]

EP; 31 Oct 1913; article: “**New Quarters Opened in Ford Block at Main and Third.** Last night was the first meeting of the Native Sons of this city in their new home, which is now located in the Ford block at Third and Main streets. All the equipment has been moved from the Marinovich building at Peck and Union streets and the Native Sons are at last domiciled in their new quarters...”

EP; 31 Oct 1913; item: “P. Gospodnetich and T. Zeger, co-partners, vs. John Vucicevich—Dismissal of action.”

EP; 31 Oct 1913; item: “Orrin O. Eaton et al. vs. Peter Gospodnetich and Tom Zeger—Notice of appearance of David F. Maher as attorney for defendants.”

EP; 31 Oct 1913; notice: “Geo. P. Burke has removed his law offices to Rooms 4-5 Marinovich Block, corner of Peck and Union streets.”

EP; 31 Oct 1913; article: “Frank Rettanmayer, the local Acme beer maker, is looking for Constable Lawrence Sandberg, Asa Litchfield and Stanley Sliter, who last night slipped over a poor sea duck on him for a real canvas back. Frank had been promised a real duck by the three nimrods and when Litchfield told him that the three had killed a fat duck for him and was having it fixed up at the California Restaurant the joy of Rettanmayer knew no bounds. All day long he smacked his lips and he even went without his noonday meal so as to be sure he had an appetite last night. Finally he sat down to the table, told George Wells and George Hrepich to bring in the duck and he started to eat.

“The bird did not taste any too toothsome to him but as he had had no duck for months he thought perhaps his palate was not used to the bird. After he had swallowed the last piece of meat and washed it down with buttermilk and had eaten some sauerkraut on the side he commenced to feel funny around the gills. He had a load like a lead in his ‘innards’ all night and today awoke with the same feeling. He started to investigate and then the truth came out. After he had heard the joke on him Frank swore up and down that the bird had been dead for a month on the sand before the three hunters had found it.”

EP; 1 Nov 1913; item: “Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Stella [Stetta] Co., et al.—Demurrer to complaint.”

EP; 3 Nov 1913; born: “In Watsonville, Oct. 31, 1913, to

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Butier, a son." [*Peter*;
+1977; married *Jagich*]

Fig. 4-43.
Peter Butier.



EP; 3 Nov 1913; ALL: Geo. Miljanovich,
Geoegr Moljanovich, Goegr Miojanvich,
Petar Yivanovich [prob. Ivanovich].

EP; 3 Nov 1913; obit: "At Watsonville Hospital, Novem-
ber 2, 1913, Nikolo Simovich, a native of Austria, age 29
years, 10 months and 7 days."

EP; 3 Nov 1913; obit: "Nikolo Simovich, a resident here
for a few weeks, died yesterday shortly after noon at the
Watsonville Hospital[,] tuberculosis being the cause of
death. He was removed to the hospital on Saturday night
and only lived one night. He was a native of Herzegovina,
Austria, and was aged 29 years, 10 months and 7
days. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning...from
the funeral parlors of Aston & Neal, interment being in
the I.O.O.F. cemetery. He has relatives in Eureka and he
came here from South Dakota."

EP; 4 Nov 1913; notice: "The Mansion House dining
room will be closed today and until further notice on
account of moving and repairs. I am retiring as manager
and wish to thank the public for the patronage given us.

"N. V. LETTUNICH, Mgr."

EP; 4 Nov 1913; item: "E. J. Mann versus Peter Lettunich
et al.—Demurrer to complaint."

EP; 4 Nov 1913; article: "The resignation of N. V. Let-
tunich as manager of the Mansion House, the closing of
the hotel dining room and the fact that the tenants on the
hotel property have been notified to vacate, all points to
the apparent fact that at last the owners are to build a
modern structure at the corner of Main and Third streets.
Mr. Lettunich, who has been the manager of the hostelry,
has proved to be a capable and efficient hotel man and he
will leave this city with the best wishes of all his many
friends, it being his intention to go to San Francisco."

EP; 4 Nov 1913; obit: "The funeral of Nikolo Simivich
[Simovich]...was held this morning...The pallbearers
were Chris Bozich, Kosto Vibacich, Milos Lero, Nick
Basta, Novica Budalich, and Galub Andrich."

EP; 5 Nov 1913; item: "E. J. Mann vs. Peter Lettunich et
al.—Demurrer of defendant E. B. Lettunich."

EP; 5 Nov 1913; item: "Orrin O. Eaton et al. vs. Peter

Gospodnetich et al.—Bill of particulars; of motion for
order directing sheriff to sell all apples held under attach-
ment, and that proceeds be deposited in court to abide the
judgment of this action, is granted, counsel for defend-
ants consenting."

EP; 6 Nov 1913; article: "Last night the Tigers beat out
the Alexanders in the bowling tournament at the West
Third street alleys in an exciting three-game match. Lou-
is Miller of the Tigers rolled the high score with a record
of 197. The Tiger bowlers were Miller, Parker, F. Miller,
Thompson and Earls, while the Alexanders were E. L.
Andrews, Soares, Ribera, Woods and Krilanovich."

EP; 6 Nov 1913; article: "Last night the local aerie of
Eagles held 'Ladies Night' and the affair was a jolly one,
being one of the most successful affairs of its kind ever
held by the local lodge...

"A banquet was the first on the program and Hrepich
& Wells of the California Restaurant, who arranged the
tables and the menu, deserve great praise for the excel-
lence of the 'feed.' Nothing was lacking to make the
feast an enjoyable one and the chicken, salads, and other
edibles on the table soon were diminished by the hungry
crowd...Two speakers were heard...these being Gustave
Pohlman of San Francisco, State secretary of the Eagles,
and George W. Smith of the local aerie. Both made
excellent addresses and were rewarded with much
applause at the conclusion of their talks."

EP; 6 Nov 1913; article: "The case of Stephen Scurich,
as administrator of the estate of Peter Carstulovich,
deceased, against Geo. Carstulovich, is on in the superior
court and the day has been spent in securing a jury. C. E.
Younger is attorney for the defendant and Wyckoff &
Gardner for the plaintiff. The case is one of a suit on a
note for \$800 and for \$175 more, to which the defendant
alleges that he had a counter claim for \$800. Yesterday
afternoon Mr. Scurich was placed on the stand and the
note was offered in evidence. George Carstulovich was
examined as to the counter account.—Surf."

EP; 6 Nov 1913; item: "N. V. Lettunich left last night for
San Francisco where he plans to reside permanently."

EP; 6 Nov 1913; professional card:

CONTRACTOR

J. I. RADONICH

Concrete Contractor. Lowest
Prices Possible. Sidewalk, Curb-
ing, Gutter and Foundation.
227 Alvarado St., Watsonville
Phone 329R

Paj; 6 Nov 1913; born: "At San Francisco, Oct. 29, 1913,
to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Secondo, of Watsonville, 11 lb.
son." [*Martin*; +1924; see next Fig.]

Fig. 4-44. Martin Secondo.



EP; 7 Nov 1913; article: “**Steve Scurich Wins Fight Against Estate of the Late Peter Carstulovich.**

Stephen Scurich of Watsonville, as administrator of the estate of the late Peter Carstulovich of this city, was given a jury verdict for \$600 in the Superior Court in the suit brought against George Carstulovich for a sum exceeding \$1000, says this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel.

“It developed during the hearing of the case that George Carstulovich owed the sum on a note in payment for his share of the interest of the late Peter Carstulovich in the Saddle Rock Restaurant.

“The defendant maintained he had a counter claim of \$600 due for board, but the court ruled that as his attorney had failed to see that the claim was presented against the estate within the time specified by law, it could not be considered.

“The jury, however, made the deduction and found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$600.”

EP; 7 Nov 1913; article: “**MAN WANTED HERE A YEAR AGO ARRESTED...** Officer John Corr of this city, from whom it is as hard for a criminal to escape as it is for a horse to go through the eye of a needle, has rounded up another man wanted here on a State prison charge. The fellow this time is one George Poppovilla [Popjevalo], alias George Lesich, who one year ago last month escaped from this city with a motorcycle that had not been paid for and who is also alleged to have forged another man’s name on a receipt. He is now under arrest at Sanger in Fresno county. The man bought a motorcycle from McFarlane & Risdon of this city and he paid all but \$137 on the machine. He then is said to have put another man’s name on a receipt and to have skipped with the machine. Wilbur McFarlane swore out a complaint for the arrest of Poppovilla on a charge of forgery and chase has been on ever since.

“After leaving here he was traced in turn to Oakland, Point Richmond, San Jose and Angel’s Camp and each time Corr had him under surveillance and he was on the verge of arrest every time but he managed to escape until finally he landed in Sanger. Here he was arrested on a misdemeanor charge and as Corr had sent cards bearing his description all over the State he was easily identified. Constable Lawrence Sandberg departed this morning for Sanger and will return tomorrow night with the fugitive.

“Corr will no doubt greet Poppovilla warmly as it is rumored that Poppovilla had said the officers here were a

lot of ‘rubes.’ Any time these smart fellows get ahead of John Corr they will have to get several alarm clocks and get up early in the morning. Even with a year’s start they cannot escape him as in the case of the last man arrested.”

EP; 7 Nov 1913; item: “Steve Scurich, administrator, vs. George Carstulovich—Jury verdict for plaintiff for \$600.”

EP; 7 Nov 1913; honor roll: High 8th: Will Marinovich; Low 8th: John Strazicich; Low 7th: Jennie Dubretta; High 6th: Stephen Marinovich; High 5th: Nick Dujmovich, Charley Sambrailo; Low 5th: Anna Knego, Kathryn Strazicich; Low 4th: John Castropelli, Martin Dujmovich; High 3rd: Steven Nemanich, Nellie Puhiera; Low 3rd: Willie Sambrailo; High 2nd: Annie Matson, Nick Dubreta; Low 2nd: Tony Scurich.

EP; 7 Nov 1913; disp. ad:

Something Good
for your Mincemeat
PURE
APPLE CIDER
CITY GROCERY CO.
307 MAIN STREET. PHONE 63

EP; 7 Nov 1913; article: “Last night a team of Salinas bowlers, who travel under the name of the Juniors, came here to bowl the local Juniors and the Watsonville team mopped up the visitors by a lead of 146 pins...Krilanovich of Watsonville rolled the second highest score of the evening, 509...”

EP; 8 Nov 1913; item: “Do you enjoy wild duck, cooked up in any appetizing style you like? Give the California Restaurant a call. It makes a specialty of serving up game in fine style, also clams and fresh oysters. French dinners served daily. See ad.”

EP; 11 Nov 1913; item: “Annie Ivancovich vs. H. B. Trafton—Demurrer overruled and defendant granted 10 days within which to answer.”

EP; 11 Nov 1913; item: “Stephen Scurich, as administrator of the estate of Peter Carstulovich, deceased vs. George Carstulovich—Motion of plaintiff for a new trial is set for hearing on Nov. 17th.”

EP; 11 Nov 1913; item: “Charles Eveland vs. Ivancovich and Stetta Co.—Hearing of demurrers set for Nov. 14th.”

EP; 11 Nov 1913; article: “**LOCAL MEN ACCUSED OF STARTING FIRE...** Jack Moncovich, Nick Lamat, M. L. Milcovich and Charles Arbanas were arrested here this morning by Constable Lawrence Sandberg on a charge of

starting and leaving a campfire on the George Seibert ranch in Larkin Valley on October 30th, which spread after they left it and burned over 20 acres on the Siebert place. The complaint against the four men, who were all well known here, was filed by Game and Fire Warden Walter R. Welch of this county. The men appeared before Judge Hawkins this afternoon with George W. Smith as their attorney, pleaded 'not guilty,' asked for a jury trial and their case was set for November 20th...District Attorney B. K. Knight will prosecute the case."

EP; 13 Nov 1913; article: "...The local junior bowlers went over to Salinas last night to play the Salinas bowlers. The Salinas sports put in two older players with the result that the Watsonville team lost by a total of 355 pins. Had the Salinas team been composed of its regular players the locals would have mopped the ground with them. George Slavich, Irwin Green, Russell Thompson, Lloyd Hall and Nick Krilanovich rolled for Watsonville..."

EP; 13 Nov 1913; article: "NICK LETTUNICH TO LOSE HIS MACHINE...Nicholas V. Lettunich, the former manager of the Mansion House here, is about to lose his automobile, the machine having been attached a few days ago in San Francisco by Attorney George W. Smith, who represents Sam Hrepich in the latter's civil action against Lettunich, and next Monday the car will be sold by Sheriff Eggers to satisfy a judgment of \$1209 that was awarded Hrepich in the superior court of this county.

"It seems that the automobile was mortgaged in this county and that when Lettunich took the car to San Francisco he did not record the mortgage in the metropolis. Attorney Smith learned this fact and the attachment was levied on the car as a result. The judgment amounts to \$1000 with \$209 costs. In the meantime Attorneys Smith and George P. Burke have filed their final brief in regard to the diamond ring that Lettunich wore in court, which at one time nearly was forever lost to him, Smith contending that it was personal property and could be levied on. The attorneys for Lettunich said it was wearing apparel and was therefore exempt."

EP; 13 Nov 1913; item: "Annie Ivancovich vs. H. V. Trafton—Notice of overruling demurrer."

EP; 13 Nov 1913; item: "Stephen Scurich et al., vs. George Carstulovich—Notice of hearing of motion for new trial."

EP; 13 Nov 1913; article: "**John Colendich, on Eve of Departure For Europe, Cuts Throat With Razor.** John Colendich, a well known resident of this valley for the past seven years and who has been employed as a cook for Frank Radovan in this city for the past eighteen months, committed suicide at an early hour this morning on the S. J. Espindola ranch in Green Valley by cutting

his throat with a razor. The motive for the rash deed is a mystery[,] for today Colendich was planning to buy a ticket for Austria, for which country he had planned to depart on Saturday to join his wife and three children. His nephew, George Lucich was to accompany him to the old country and the last seen of Colendich last night he was joyfully talking about the trip and seemed to be in a happy mood.

"Colendich had resided here seven years and about ten days ago had moved to the home of his nephew on the Espindola ranch to enjoy a vacation until his departure for Austria, his old home. Last night he went with his nephews to a neighbor's house and there all but Colendich played cards and amused themselves until about 10:30, Colendich not entering into the games but conversing happily with all present. About 11 o'clock all retired and Colendich said before he retired that he would come to Watsonville today with his nephew to buy the tickets for his trip. About 5 o'clock this morning George Lucich awoke and found that his uncle was not in the room. He, however, thought nothing of it for the time being but became alarmed later when Colendich did not return. He awakened the rest of the folks in the house and a careful search of the residence and outbuildings resulted in more mystery[,] for Colendich was not to be found. Finally they started out in the rain with a lantern to search around the ranch and yards and found Colendich about 200 yards from the house in the orchard. When found he was squatting on his knees with his face huddled in his arms, his throat almost cut from ear to ear, and they at first thought he was dead. Finally they saw him move and while he was being removed to a bed in the house Dr. G. P. Tolman was notified. Dr. Tolman arrived about 7 o'clock and dressed the man's wound, the throat and windpipe having been severed with a razor. Hopes were entertained that he might live and while Dr. Tolman was busy on another part of the place preparations were made for his removal to the Watsonville hospital. While Dr. Tolman was out of the room Colendich suddenly collapsed and died.

"The cause for the suicide is a mystery. In the best of health, with plenty of money to buy his ticket back to his family, the owner of a first-class house and other property in Austria, with his wife and family of three anxiously awaiting his return and with everything to live for, he mysteriously left his bed sometime during the night, secured a razor and slashed his throat. Besides between \$250 and \$300 in cash that he had in his possession and \$37 more in wages that he had coming to him before he departed he had sent \$300 to his family about a month ago and was in the best of circumstances financially. His health was of the best and he was a strong and ruddy man. He was a native of Austria and was aged 50 years. Besides his family, who reside at Bigat [Brgat], Dalmatia, he is survived by three nephews, who live here and who are Louis, George and Nick Lucich..."

EP; 14 Nov 1913; obit: "News has been received here of the death of Mrs. J. Mijovich [or Miovich], which occurred on Oct. 19th at Dubrovnik, Dalmatia. Mrs. Mijovich was formerly a resident of Watsonville, her husband at one time being in the fruit business here, and the news comes as a great shock to their many friends. Besides her husband Mrs. Mijovich leaves a sister in Watsonville, Mrs. V. Lister."

EP; 14 Nov 1913; obit: "John Colendich was temporarily insane when he committed suicide yesterday morning on the Espindola ranch in Green Valley by cutting his throat with a razor was the substance of the verdict reached by the jury at the inquest held this morning. The inquest was conducted by Coroner L. H. Wessendorf at the funeral parlors of Aston & Neal, the jurors being W. C. Bare, C. P. Rood, F. A. Kilburn, John Royse, W. A. Sanborn, and C. H. Wittner. The witnesses examined were Louis Lucich, Dr. G. P. Tolman and Anthony Ivancovich..."

EP; 14 Nov 1913; obit: "Dubrovnik, Dalmatia, Oct. 19, 1913, Mrs. J. Mijovich [or Miovich], a former resident of Watsonville."

EP; 14 Nov 1913; obit: "Watsonville, Nov. 13, 1913, John Colendich, a native of Austria, aged 50 years."

EP; 14 Nov 1913; disp. ad:

WILD DUCKS
SERVED TO ORDER.
Clams and Shell Oysters.
Phone an order and we will make
you a delicious oyster or chicken
loaf to take home.
FRENCH DINNERS SERVED DAILY.
—
ROOMS
—
CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT
HREPICH & WELLS, Props.
257-259 Main St. Phone 36

EP; 14 Nov 1913; article: "NICK LETTUNICH'S COSTLY DIAMOND RING...We reprint here with extracts from the brief filed in the celebrated case of Nick Lettunich's diamond. Attorneys Burke and Smith, on behalf of certain creditors of the aforesaid Nicholas V., were probing Nick on the witness stand, in the superior court recently as to his assets, and happening to notice a glittering diamond he was wearing, asked the court to have it sequestrated for the benefit of the said creditors. Lettunich resisted the attempt to get his valuable, and briefs being ordered on the mooted points contained in the plaintiff's demand Attorney George P. Burke advanced the following arguments. We do not give the brief in full as it contains many citations, but take Mr. Burke's

main arguments. After quoting certain sections of the codes and citations of decisions bearing thereon he says:

"...The question then arises is a diamond 'such an article of dress, as is generally worn by persons in the calling and condition of life, and in the locality of the residence of claimant, including whatever is necessary to decent appearance and to protection against exposure to the changes of weather, and also to what is reasonably proper and customary in the way of ornaments?' We respectfully submit that the question answers itself.

"Manifestly a diamond is not necessary as a protection against exposure to the changes of weather, for in that case the larger and more costly the diamond, or set of diamonds, the more claim it, or they, would have to exemption. A coat of diamonds to cover the body would be more appropriate as a 'protection against climatic changes' and for that reason would have a greater claim to exemption than the one mere solitary speck adorning the little finger of the claimant as an ornament; and is there any court on earth that would tolerate a bankrupt apple picker, engaged in the discreditable job of blanketing all his available assets with mortgages and bills of sale to his brothers and uncles, in order to defeat and cheat the lawful and just claims of confiding creditors, appearing in court with diamonds on his fingers, or diamonds on his garter, or diamonds on his scarf, boldly and impudently flaunted in the eyes and teeth of the court, and when asked or ordered by the court to turn them over in satisfaction of the judgment of the plaintiff herein, the claimant absolutely refuses for the sole reason that they are 'reasonably proper and customary' in the way of ornaments, and therefore exempt from execution as 'wearing apparel.' Does not this seem the very acme of consummate nonsense? Why the wearing of diamonds by this claimant is a false and fraudulent representation of his financial circumstances, and a lure, a mockery, and delusion for over-confiding persons dealing with him. Stripped of it, as he should be, he is deprived of his power to deceive. He has no use for it whatever except as a badge for the gullibility of the friends he would want 'to do.' There may be some excuse for a society lady who is stranded financially, but who has seen better days, endeavoring to sustain her waning vanity, laying claim to her right of ornamentation and adornment, or such claim might be made with some show of reason by a madam of a red-light establishment, or one of her male panderers; but it comes with shady grace when such claim is put forth by one in this defendant's condition as well as position. It cannot be said that a diamond ring on the little finger of Mr. N. V. Lettunich, a resident of the little modest town of Watsonville, and where society events and pink teas among the pickers and packers of apples, are unknown and unheard of, is 'reasonably proper in the way of an ornament,' the criterion mentioned in some of the cases of the question whether it is to be regarded as 'wearing apparel.'

“But as stated in 18 Cyc 1426 ‘the term “wearing apparel” does not include articles used for ornaments alone,’ and this declaration of a law is fully sustained by the greater weight of authority and more forcible reasoning.

“In the decision of the question involved we suggest to the court that it might ask itself for what purpose and for what reason does defendant claim that his diamond ring constitutes a part of his ‘necessary wearing apparel.’ It is certainly not an article of convenience. You do not wear a ring, in the same sense that you wear a garment. It is simply a luxurious ornament of an admitted pauper, affording neither comfort nor protection as an apparel against the weather’s elements, a vulgar pretension of impoverished opulence.

“The ring, we respectfully submit, will perform a more useful and just function in applying it to the payment, pro tanto, of Lettunich’s indebtedness on the judgment herein, than by permitting him to parade and flaunt it on his finger exultingly and in ecstasy of thought that diamonds may be worn as ornaments with impunity against judgments or orders of court of this State.

“This ornament proposition is absolutely unsound when put to the test of reason. If one finger can be ornamented with the diamond and thus be exempt because it is an ornament, why not sell all a bankrupt’s property that is subject to execution, invest the proceeds in diamond ornaments for every finger on two hands, and decorate your scarf and shirt front with diamonds, look your creditors and the courts in the face with scorn, proclaim yourself the ornamented rooster of the pike, and tender your disconsolate and confiding creditors a sarcastic ‘adieu, to the devil with ‘em.’

“This seems hardly a fair shake as between an innocent and confiding creditor, and a fraudulently disposed debtor.

“It will be noticed that in many of the cases cited by the claimant, the court was considering the point involved where the sheriff, or constable, attempted to take the property claimed to be wearing apparel from the person of the debtor without an order of the court authorizing the officer to do so. We claim the exercise of the court’s power under section 719 of the C.C.P., to order the debtor to turn over the property, the diamond, to either the sheriff, or to some person authorized to sell it, and to apply the proceeds towards the payment of the judgment. This latter course we respectfully submit is the one that in all fairness and justice should be pursued by the court.

“Respectfully submitted, GEO. P. BURKE, Attorney for plaintiff.”

EP; 17 Nov 1913; article: “ATTORNEY GEORGE SMITH IS MARRIED...George W. Smith, one of the leading attorneys of this city, whom Dame Rumor says will be a candidate for district attorney of Santa Cruz county at the next election and who is one of the best known attorneys in Central California, is married. On

October 27 George and Mrs. Ada Hutchins, a charming young widow of San Jose, secured a license to wed from the county clerk’s office of Alameda county in Oakland and while the exact date of their wedding is not known yet the couple were united in the bonds of holy matrimony in Oakland about three weeks ago. Since that time the marriage has been a dark secret until today when a Pajaronian reporter stumbled over a clue that led finally to the glad news.

“The groom needs no introduction here. He has been a resident of this city for many years, in fact nearly all of his life, and today is one of the most prominent attorneys in the central part of the State. If anyone was thought to be immune from the darts of Don Cupid that person was George Smith yet now it seems that he was an easy victim like all the rest of those sailing the matrimonial seas. He kept his secret for three weeks but as the saying goes ‘murder will out’ and now the cat is out of the bag. The bride is a popular young resident of Santa Cruz and her parents are well known citizens of San Jose. Mrs. Smith has been here several times in the past and has several friends here, all of whom regard her as an estimable young woman, who possesses talent and accomplishment.

“George does not know that his secret is now public information and is expected home tonight from San Francisco. It is needless to say that he will receive the congratulations of all his friends, who are legion here, and that everybody will wish him the best of success and happiness in his new venture. The Pajaronian joins in felicitating him upon his new step in life.”

EP; 18 Nov 1913; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. George Carstulovich—Hearing a motion for a new trial continued to Nov. 26th.”

EP; 18 Nov 1913; item: “Orrin O. Eaton et al. vs. Peter Gospodnetich et al.—Writ of attachment for \$321.95; return of writ in order of sale of 178 boxes of apples, highest bid being \$120, which amount received from the sale is deposited with the clerk of the court.”

EP; 18 Nov 1913; item: “The sheriff’s sale of the automobile owned by N. V. Lettunich, which car was attached by Attorney George W. Smith for Sam Hrepich to satisfy a judgment in the case of Hrepich vs. Lettunich, was postponed until next Monday. The machine was to have been sold yesterday in San Francisco.”

EP; 18 Nov 1913; obit: “Mrs. Stefania Vucovich, a resident of this city for the past sixteen months, died this morning...at No. 1 Ninth street. Before coming here she resided in Santa Cruz, San Jose and other cities in the State, having been in this State for seven years. She was a native of Dalmatia and was aged 26 years. Besides her husband she is survived by four children, John, Mitchell, Mary and Annie Vucovich. The funeral will be held on Thursday morning...”

EP; 18 Nov 1913; obit: “Watsonville, Nov. 18, 1913, Mrs. Stefania Vucovich, a native of Dalmatia, aged 26 years.”

EP; 19 Nov 1913; born: “Watsonville, Nov. 19, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich, a son.” [*Edward B.*; +1944 in *WWII*]

EP; 19 Nov 1913; born: “Watsonville, Nov. 18, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. John Novacovich, a daughter.” [*Ann*; +1998; married *Yaroszl*]



Fig. 4-45. Ann Novacovich.

EP; 19 Nov 1913; article: “**Now Filed Against the Watsonville Railway and Navigation Company.** Creditors of the defunct W. R. & N. Co. with claims amounting to about \$10,000, have retained attorney George W. Smith, of this city to contest the foreclosure suit of the Union Trust Co., now pending against the company. The creditors say that if they cannot prevail in the State courts they will endeavor to force the company through bankruptcy.”

EP; 19 Nov 1913; item: “Bill of sale of personal property—T. V. Lettunich et al. to Mateo Lettunich.”

EP; 19 Nov 1913; article: “**JURY IS HEARING TIMBER FIRE CASE...** Jack Moncovich, Nick Lamat, M. L. Milcovich and Charles Arbanas, four well known residents of this city, are being tried before a jury in Judge A. B. Hawkins’ court today on a charge of starting a campfire on the morning of October 30th that ended in some twenty acres of timber land being destroyed on the George Seibert Ranch in Larkin Valley. District Attorney B. K. Knight is prosecutor in the case and Attorney George W. Smith represents the defense. The charge against the four men was brought by County Game, Fish and Fire Warden Walter R. Welch, who is also in attendance at the trial today.

“A jury was secured in quick fashion this morning, the twelve men finally selected to hear the case being Messrs. J. K. Arrild, W. L. Waters, A. Peterson, D. A. Driscoll, F. M. Brown, W. C. Bare, Fred Majors, James Storm, Carl Bahnsen, B. B. Sullivan, W. P. Martin and C. W. Adamson.

“The first witness called was J. P. Jensen, who rents a place in Larkin Valley adjoining the Seibert place. Mr. Jensen said that he saw a party of four on his place early on the morning of the 30th but they left his place when he warned them to stop shooting. He came to Watsonville that day and upon returning at 1 o’clock in the after-

noon found the fire raging on the Seibert place. He saved his fence from being destroyed and next day visited the camp fire where the fire started. Here he found some sticks, an empty wine bottle and an empty beer bottle, which were turned in today as evidence.

“F. P. Wells, who lives on the Edward White ranch, was the next witness and testified that he met the four defendants early in the morning and had a quarrel with them over shooting on the place. They left angrily and he told them to go out the county road by the Seibert place. He identified the bottles and sticks in evidence as being those he found at the campfire where the fire started and also identified a rope that had been left on the fence near the scene.

“Mr. Wells is still on the stand this afternoon as the Pajaronian goes to press.”

Paj; 20 Nov 1913; item: “Writ of attachment—W. H. Berry vs. P. Gospodnetich and T. Zeger—Lot on W. side of Walker St., Watsonville.”

Paj; 20 Nov 1913; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. George Carstulovich—Hearing of motion for a new trial continued to Nov. 26th.”

Paj; 20 Nov 1913; married: “Oakland, Oct. 28, 1913, George W. Smith of Watsonville and Mrs. Ada Hutchins of San Jose.”

EP; 21 Nov 1913; article: “**HIGHEST-PRICED GRAPES.** Says this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel:

“To J. Josefata, of Wrights, in the Santa Cruz mountains, should be presented a wreath of laurel, as a mark of public esteem because of the fact that he has just sold a car load of grapes in Boston, through Sgobel & Day, of New York, for \$1910, which, so far as he has been able to find out, is the highest price paid for a carload of grapes in the great State of California within the past quarter of a century. His grapes were of mixed varieties.

“Some of the metropolitan papers commented on the fact some days ago that A. J. Anderson, of Lodi, had just sold a car load of grapes for the remarkable price of \$1728. Since that time this same A. J. Anderson of Lodi sold another car load of grapes for \$1840. But at practically the same time of this latter sale J. Josefata, of the Santa Cruz mountains breaks all records, receiving \$1910.

“The Sentinel was sufficiently interested in the matter to interview Mr. Josefata, and received a confirmation of the good news. Mr. Josefata stated that he had learned the art of the cultivation of the vine in Dalmatia, he coming from a section very near Ragusa [Dubrovnik], having gone to the same school at the same time with Andy Balich of Santa Cruz, one of his boyhood chums.”

EP; 21 Nov 1913; article: “George Poppavilla [Popjevalo], alias George Lucich [Lesich], who is accused of

forging the name of A. N. Jerinich to a contract with the McFarlane & Mellander Cyclery, admitted his guilt before Judge Hawkins at the preliminary hearing this afternoon and was accordingly held to answer before the county superior court. Poppavilla is the man arrested at Sanger a few days ago, who made the assertion that no 'rube' officers would ever get him. Officer Corr traced him after a year's search and finally secured his arrest."

EP; 21 Nov 1913; article: "START WORK ON NEW MANSION HOUSE BLOCK...Work on preparing the Mansion House corner for the new four-story concrete building that is to replace the present frame structure, starts this week, by tearing down first the old stable and getting that portion of the lot ready for the removal thereon of the present hotel building. We understand that the lumber and brick in the stable and the other frame structures on the lot will be used in the construction of warehouses, driers, etc., on the Messrs. Lettunichs' orchards.

"The tenants in the structures along Main street have been served with notices to vacate before the first of the year, and it looks now as though everything was ready to commence that long-promised improvement."

EP; 22 Nov 1913; ALL: L. Bodulich.

EP; 25 Nov 1913; article: "Pajaro Valley may soon have a champagne cider factory if the offer of Senor Pio Noriega of Mexico City is accepted. Senor Noriega wrote first to Charles S. Fee of the Southern Pacific about the matter and Fee turned the letter over to President O. D. Stoesser of the Apple Annual, who had the communication read at the meeting of the directors last night. Senor Noriega is from Asturias, the famous apple section of Spain, and is an expert in making the champagne cider. At the meeting last night Mateo Lettunich offered a site for the factory at Aromas but the matter was referred to the Chamber of Commerce.

"Miss Anna M. Farlin was last night chosen as secretary of the Apple Annual to succeed C. G. Redman and William Putnam...

"Those present last evening were President O. D. Stoesser, Financial Secretary T. M. Wright, Secretary Miss Farlin and Directors J. E. Gardner, H. C. Peckham, E. Steinhauser and Mateo Lettunich."

EP; 25 Nov 1913; item: "P. Secondo and family are departing for their new alfalfa and cattle ranch at Del Monte Junction."

EP; 25 Nov 1913; item: "Miss Anna M. Farlin, Miss Myrtle Byrd, Earl Kuenster, A. M. Earls and Father Cawley have returned from the Leonard-O'Reilly wedding at Santa Cruz."

EP; 26 Nov 1913; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mengol

have departed to spend the winter in San Francisco."

EP; 26 Nov 1913; item: "ADMITTED TO CITIZENSHIP. Says last evening's Santa Cruz Surf:

"...Those admitted to citizenship were...Nick [Mitchell] Resetar, a native of Austria...

"The cases continued were Cesare Pellegrini, a native of Italy, and Paul Matulich, a native of Austria..."

EP; 26 Nov 1913; article: "AUTOMOBILE IS SOLD. N. V. Lettunich's automobile which was held last Wednesday by Sheriff Eggers of San Francisco to satisfy a judgment of \$1000 secured by Samuel Hrepich against Lettunich, was bought by N. Alaga of Watsonville for \$750. Attorney Geo. W. Smith of this city, representing Hrepich, was present at the sale. Hrepich gave a bond to secure Eggers on the legality of the sale."

EP; 28 Nov 1913; item: "H. C. Wyckoff et al. to Antone Stolich—Lot 36, James Waters Subd., Watsonville."

EP; 28 Nov 1913; item: "Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Stetta et al.—Demurrer to amended complaint."

EP; 28 Nov 1913; item: "People vs. George Lesich—Information for forgery."

EP; 29 Nov 1913; item: "Estate of John Colendich—Letters of administration issued to Louis H. Wessendorf; notice to creditors."

EP; 29 Nov 1913; item: "Estate of George Paljetak—Receipts of heirs; final discharge of executor."

EP; 29 Nov 1913; item: "Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Stetta Co.—Demurrer overruled and defendants granted ten days within which to answer."

EP; 29 Nov 1913; item: "Estate of Paul Sambraillo—Continued to Dec. 1st."

EP; 29 Nov 1913; item: "People vs. George Lisich—Arraignment is continued to Dec. 1st."

EP; 29 Nov 1913; item: "George Lesich was arraigned in the superior court at Santa Cruz yesterday afternoon on the charge of forgery, perpetrated upon several firms in this city."

EP; 29 Nov 1913; ALL: Johnnie Publich.

EP; 1 Dec 1913; article: "...Watsonville beat Salinas on the local alleys by a score of 2417 to 2370. Nick Krilanovich of Watsonville made the high score of the day, 210, and had the highest total, 546..."

EP; 2 Dec 1913; item: “Estate of George Novakovich, deceased—Final account report and petition for distribution.”

EP; 2 Dec 1913; item: “Estate of Paul Sambrailo—Final account is approved and settled and petition for final distribution is granted.”

EP; 2 Dec 1913; item: “People vs. George Lesich—Arraignment; time waived and plea of not guilty is entered; December 12th set as date for the trial; special venire of 20 veniremen ordered issued.”

EP; 2 Dec 1913; item: “Watsonville Realty Co. to Joseph I. Radovich—Lot 227 in Watsonville Heights, Subd. 3.”

EP; 2 Dec 1913; notice to creditors: “In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California.

“In the matter of the estate of Joe Vukich, deceased.

“Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, John Vukich, administrator of the estate of Joe Vukich, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, made on the 2d day of December, A.D. 1913, to the said administrator, at the law offices of Geo. W. Smith, Bank of Watsonville building, Main street, in the city of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate.

“JOHN VUKICH, (x. His Mark),

“Administrator of the estate of Joe Vukich, Deceased.

“Witnesses to mark—George W. Smith, Luke Scurich, Clay W. Seevers.

“Dated, December 2d, A.D. 1913.

“GEO. W. SMITH, Attorney for Administrator.”

EP; 2 Dec 1913; board of aldermen, payments: “...Labor—M. Glech: \$46.50...E. Vucinich \$27.75...”

EP; 3 Dec 1913; item: “M. N. Lettunich has returned to San Francisco after a visit here.”

EP; 5 Dec 1913; item: “Estate of John Colendich, deceased—Printed copy of notice to creditors and accompanying statement.”

EP; 5 Dec 1913; article: “DIAMOND RING NOT EXEMPT...Superior Judge Smith has decided Nick Lettunich’s diamond ring can be seized for his debts, and has handed down an order to that effect.

“It will be remembered that in the case of Hrepich vs. Lettunich, in the superior court, a short time ago, the ring was contended over, the plaintiff arguing that it should be turned over to partially satisfy a judgment obtained against Lettunich. Decision upon the points for and

against the contention was reserved until yesterday.

“The ring is valued at about \$250. This with the amount realized from the forced sale of Lettunich’s auto will about pay up Hrepich’s judgment of something like \$1000.”

EP; 6 Dec 1913; article: “RING PROBLEM SOLVED... Says this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel:

“A diamond ring is not classified with wearing apparel; it is not even a proper ornament for person who is indebted to another; therefore it is not exempt from execution.

“And for this reason N. V. Lettunich of Watsonville must hand over his \$250 sparkler to Sheriff Howard Trafton who will sell it and pass the proceeds over to Sam Hrepich, who has had an eye on that diamond for a long time.

“After reciting the case in brief Superior Judge Smith yesterday made an order which concludes as follows:

““The court finds from the evidence of said defendant, N. V. Lettunich, that he is the owner and in the possession of a diamond ring of the value of about \$250, which he unjustly refuses and neglects to apply towards the payment of the plaintiff’s said judgment herein; and the court hereby finds: That said diamond ring is not such an article of dress or wearing apparel as is generally worn by persons in the calling and condition of life in the locality of the residence of said N. V. Lettunich; that such diamond ring is not wearing apparel, and that therefore it is not exempt from execution; and the court having during said examination ordered and directed said N. V. Lettunich not to dispose of, sell, hypothecate, or in any way part with the ownership or possession of said ring until the final order of this court in the premises; and the court having now fully considered the law and the facts, and being fully advised,

““Now orders, adjudges and decrees that said defendant N. V. Lettunich, on or before five days from the service of this order upon him deliver, or cause to be delivered to Howard V. Trafton, sheriff of said county of Santa Cruz, at the office of said sheriff in the city of Santa Cruz, said county and State, said diamond ring, and in the same state and condition in which it was at the time when he, said N. V. Lettunich, exhibited the same in court at the time of said examination; and when so delivered to and received by said sheriff the same shall be sold in the manner required by the law and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction of said judgment; and in default of such delivery within the time and at the place aforesaid, you, the said N. V. Lettunich are hereby ordered and directed to show cause before this court, within the said five days after the service of this order upon you, why you have not complied therewith.””

EP; 6 Dec 1913; item: “The jury in the case of Paul Miladin vs. John Gospodnetich & Co., which was tried in

Judge Hawkin's court yesterday disagreed and was discharged last night. The case involved \$65 on a fruit contract. A. W. Sans was attorney for Miladin and D. F. Maher for the defense."

EP; 6 Dec 1913; disp. ad:

THIRD STREET RESTAURANT
SAPRO & STOLICH, Props
Best Meal in the city for 20c and up
Phone 71 No. 9 W. Third St.

EP; 8 Dec 1913; notice: "SUMMONS. In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California.

"City Savings Bank, a Corporation, plaintiff, vs. J. J. Voivodich, defendant.

"Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, and the complaint filed in said County of Santa Cruz, in the office of the Clerk of said Superior Court.

"George W. Smith, Attorney for plaintiff:

"The People of the State of California sent greeting to J. J. Voivodich, defendant.

"You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

"And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or it will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

"Given under my hand and the Seal of said Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 25th day of November, A. D. 1912, (Seal of Superior Court.)

"H. H. MILLER, Clerk.

"By HARRY E. MILLER, Deputy Clerk.

"GEORGE W. SMITH, Attorney for Plaintiff, Watsonville, California."

EP; 8 Dec 1913; Monterey Co. board of supervisors, payments: "[for labor]...Pajaro Protection District: John Nemanich \$8.45...Pajaro Road Fund: ...A. Pavolich \$13.50, Stephen Scurich \$20.50..."

EP; 10 Dec 1913; item: "NEW TRIAL IS GRANTED. An order has been made by Superior Judge L. F. Smith in the case of Stephen Scurich against George Carstulovich. The order as made by the judge reads as follows: 'The verdict rendered by the jury is not supported by the evidence and for that reason a new trial should be granted.'"

EP; 10 Dec 1913; item: "The City Grocery Co. advertises very fine 8-year-old Claret that has just arrived. Just the thing to set off your Christmas dinner. See ad."

EP; 10 Dec 1913; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, Dec. 9, 1913, to Joseph Gustinski, age 23, of Watsonville, a native of Austria, and Josephine Crosetti, age 20, of Watsonville, a native of California."

EP; 11 Dec 1913; honor roll: Low 2nd: Tony Scurich; High 2nd: Nick Dubretta, Annie Matsen [Matson]; Low 3rd: Willie Sambraillo; High 3rd: Stephen Nemanich, Nellie Puhira [Puhiera]; Low 4th: John Castropelli, Martin Dujmovich; Low 5th: Anna Knego; High 5th: Charley Sambraillo; Low 6th: Helen Strazicich; Low 8th: John Strazicich.

EP; 11 Dec 1913; item: "George Lesich, charged with forging the name of another to a contract in Watsonville to get possession of a motorcycle, and who entered a plea of not guilty in the Superior Court recently, was before Judge Smith yesterday afternoon when he changed his plea and confessed his guilt...—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 12 Dec 1913; item: "Lease—E. J. Mann, Jr., to Paul Vidacich et al.—Apple orchard situate on land on Santa Cruz road near Five Mile House, 3 years, \$1200 per year."

EP; 12 Dec 1913; ALL: Johnnie Jikovich, John Markovich, John Mastainich.

EP; 13 Dec 1913; disp. ad:

Some Very Fine
8-year-old Claret Wine
AT \$1.00 PER GALLON
Just Arrived at
CITY GROCERY CO.
307 MAIN STREET. PHONE 63

EP; 13 Dec 1913; article: "FORGER LESICH TO GO TO SAN QUENTIN...George Lesich, the confessed forger, who was caught at Sanger upon information furnished by Officer John Corr of this city and who eluded Corr for over a year in this State, was yesterday afternoon given a sentence of 18 months in the San Quentin State prison by Superior Judge Lucas F. Smith. Lesich bought a motorcycle from McFarlane & Risdon in this city and forged another man's name to the contract.

"Today's Santa Cruz Sentinel says:

"George Lesich, the Watsonville forger of a contract, was sentenced by Superior Judge Smith yesterday afternoon to 18 months in the State prison at San Quentin. Lesich seems to be in a happy frame of mind and is anxious to begin the service of his time which will be shortened considerably by good conduct. Before going with the officer he changed his clothes, putting on his working togs

and laying aside in his grip the good suit which he has been wearing. He also reserved his \$3.50 hat and placed a cap on his head. He then gave the suit case to a friend to keep so that when he is released from prison he will have some good clothes to wear when he starts life anew.”

EP; 15 Dec 1913; article: “As the Pajaronian was going to press last Saturday afternoon the meeting of the friends of Edward White to launch his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor was in progress...”

“The following committees were appointed which will immediately take up the matter of putting Mr. White’s campaign off to a flying start: publicity, E. H. Haack, George W. Smith and P. A. Callaghan...”

EP; 16 Dec 1913; article: “...Deputy Sheriff Conroy, [returned] yesterday from San Quentin, where he had conveyed George Lesich, the forger...”

EP; 16 Dec 1913; notice: “Notice is hereby given that the persons hereinafter named have applied to the Board of Aldermen of the City of Watsonville for Liquor Licenses in the City of Watsonville for the year commencing January 1st, 1914...”

“Retail Liquor Licenses.

“Nick Alaga, Andrew Strazicich, George Copriviza (co-partners doing business under firm name of City Grocery Co.), 307 Main Street...

“Gurich, B., 205 West Third St.

“George Hrepich, George Wells (co-partners), 255 & 259 Main St...

“Lettunich, M. N., Mansion House...

“Paul Matulich, Joe Ostaji [Ostoja] (co-partners), 253 Main Street...

“A. Petrinovich, Nick Lamat (co-partners), 265 Main Street...

“Steve Strazicich, J. P. Zar (co-partners), 208 Main St...

“Strazicich, George, 314 Walker Street...

“Lettunich, Mateo, 310 Walker Street...

“I. Jalovica, A. Vukich (co-partners), Cor. Walker & Third Streets...”

EP; 16 Dec 1913; item: “Estate of George Novakovich—Decree showing that due and legal notice to creditors has been given; final account settled and petition for distribution granted.”

EP; 16 Dec 1913; item: “E. J. Mann vs. Peter Lettunich and E. B. Lettunich—Answer of defendant E. B. Lettunich.”

EP; 16 Dec 1913; item: “Orrin O. Eaton et al. vs. Peter Gospodnetich et al.—Set for trial January 6th.

EP; 16 Dec 1913; item: “Stephen Scurich, as administrator vs. George Carstulovich—Re-trial annual account settled.”

EP; 16 Dec 1913; married: “At Hollister, Dec. 13, 1913, Nick Mattulich and Miss Grace Gomez.”

EP; 17 Dec 1913; article: “MEDALS ARE READY. Miss Anna M. Farlin, acting secretary of the Apple Annual, announces that the medals awarded at the last apple show have arrived and are now ready for distribution. All those that won medals at the last show should go to the auditorium office and secure their prizes.”

EP; 19 Dec 1913; item: “Peter Gospodnetich et al. to Joe Ostoja—Lot on west side of Walker St., Watsonville.”

EP; 23 Dec 1913; article: “AN OLD LANDMARK SOLD. The frame structure adjoining the Mansion House, is being prepared by the house-movers, for removal to the lot of Mr. Bardmess, on lower Main street, who has purchased it from the Messrs. Lettunich. It was one of the pioneer road hotels, or stopping places, in early days and as the ‘Pacific House’ was known all over this section. Adjoining it on the corner was a large corral, the barn of which (now on Brewington’s lot, back of Beck’s plumbing shop) occupied the present site of the Odd Fellows’ building, on East Third street. The old house has been the scene of some exciting events, and has housed some strenuous crowds.”

EP; 23 Dec 1913; born: “In Watsonville, Dec. 22, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Eliv Vicivich [Ely Vucinich], a son.” [Andrew; +2000]

EP; 23 Dec 1913; item: “Applications for admission to citizenship were filed with County Clerk Miller at Santa Cruz yesterday, from George Hrepich of Watsonville, a native of Dalmatia in Austria, who arrived in this country at New York on April 11, 1903. His witnesses are Andrew Balich, George J. Carstulovich and Howard V. Trafton of Santa Cruz and Lawrence Sandberg of Watsonville. Also from Nikolas Violich, who lives near Watsonville, a native of Austria, who arrived in New York on August 22, 1904. Witnesses are Martin L. Milcovich, Stephen Scurich, Mrs. Emily Milcovich and George Moretich of Watsonville.”

EP; 24 Dec 1913; article: “...Thirty-two applications for retail liquor licenses and one for a wholesale license were granted in this city...by the board of aldermen, there being no formal complaint against any of the applicants. During the hearing on the applications Alderman Kane stated that he had heard complaints of two saloons here, one being the Railroad Exchange conducted on Walker street by George Strazicich and the other being the saloon of B. Gurich at 205 West Third Street. Mr. Kane stated that he had heard women were being served with liquor in these places and that the residents in that vicinity complained of dancing and loud

noises at both places at late hours. Mr. Uren and other members of the board said that they, too, had heard the same complaints.

"At this juncture Mr. Strazicich entered the room and he was asked about the matter. He denied having ever allowed women to be served with liquor in his hotel and said that in the nine years he had been in business here he had not 'made enough off woman trade to buy a suit of clothes.' Chief of Police Whitsitt was asked his opinion and he stated that as far as he knew the place was conducted all right.

"Mayor Trafton and City Attorney Sans both stated that the new license ordinance gave anyone the right to complain about any saloon in this city and it was the duty of any citizen to complain if he or she knew anything was wrong. They could lay the matters before the city attorney, who would handle the matter. The mayor did not believe in convicting anybody on rumors. Even after a license is granted it is not too late to have it revoked if the complaints made against any place are supported by facts...

"A. Stolich was granted permission to erect a \$2100 bungalow on Jefferson Street..."

EP; 26 Dec 1913; item: "M. Cordich of the Carneros district reported to Constable Cano of the Junction this morning that yesterday morning he went into his chicken yard and found two dozen dead chickens there on the ground, their necks having been wrung. He believes the chickens were killed by tramps but why the hoboese left the dead birds there is more than he can figure out."

EP; 27 Dec 1913; item: "Mrs. George Pulich of Stockton is visiting with friends and relatives during the holidays."

EP; 29 Dec 1913; article: "**Giants and Corralitos Break Even...**[T]he Giants hammered Baucom, the sensational southpaw, out of the box early in the first game and won easily. Skocho, who has the fastest ball in the league, pitched the remainder of the first game and all of the second..."

EP; 29 Dec 1913; item: "George Slavich left today for a visit to San Jose."

EP; 30 Dec 1913; item: "Miss Anna M. Farlin will leave tomorrow for a visit to San Francisco."

EP; 30 Dec 1913; item: "Miss Mary Zar is here from San Francisco to visit friends and relatives."

EP; 31 Dec 1913; article: "Miss Anna M. Farlin, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, has received the following letter from D'Arcy Van Bokkelen, who with his brother handles extensive property interests in Inyo County:

"San Francisco, Cal, Dec. 26, 1913.

"Miss A. M. Farlin, Sec'y Watsonville Apple Show, Watsonville, Cal.

"Dear Miss Farlin—I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of December 19th, also receipt by Parcel Post of the two bronze and one Gold Medal awarded us at the recent California Apple Show. Many thanks for same..."

EP; 31 Dec 1913; item: "F. P. Marinovich has brought suit in the superior court at Santa Cruz against Thomas Zegar, whose whereabouts are at present unknown and who was formerly in the apple business here. The suit is for \$350 on a promissory note. Attorney George W. Smith represents the plaintiff."

— 1914 —

EP; 2 Jan 1914; item: "The estate of the late Peter Carstulovich, formerly a part owner of the Saddle Rock Restaurant, at Santa Cruz, has been appraised at \$5,782.42."

EP; 2 Jan 1914; item: "Inquisition papers on the bodies of the following are filed: ...John Colendich..."

EP; 2 Jan 1914; married: "Watsonville, Jan. 1, 1913, at St. Patrick's Church by Rev. Fr. Hassett, Joseph Gustinsky and Miss Josephine Crosetti, both of Watsonville."

EP; 2 Jan 1914; item: "Mr. and Mrs. John Alaga are in San Francisco for New Year's."

EP; 2 Jan 1914; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alaga are in San Francisco for New Year's."

EP; 2 Jan 1914; married: "Yesterday...a simple but pretty wedding was held when Rev. Father Hassett performed the ceremony that united Mr. Joseph Gustinsky and Miss Josephine Crosetti, both resident of this valley, as man and wife. Miss Lucy Skocho acted as bridesmaid and Steve Crosetti, a brother of the bride, was the best man. After the wedding the bridal couple returned to the home of the bride's parents where a wedding dinner was served with a few intimate friends present. Yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock the newlyweds departed for the bay cities to spend their honeymoon and upon their return they will reside on Second street.

"The groom is well known here and has made this city his home for the past seven years. The bride has a large number of friends here and was born and reared in this city. She was educated in the local schools and for several years past has been employed at the Fetzman tailor shop. The many friends of the young couple will wish them the best of success and happiness."

EP; 2 Jan 1914; class. ad: "WANTED—Dressmaker

wants sewing at home or by the day. Prices reasonable. MISS E. BALOVICH, 113 West Fourth street."

EP; 3 Jan 1914; item: "In the superior court Friday Georgia Radonich, was granted \$50 for attorney fees, \$20 for costs and alimony of \$25 per month pending her suit for divorce against J. L. Radonich.—S. C. Sentinel."

EP; 3 Jan 1914; item: "Guardianship estate of John Novacovich et als. minors—Mary Novacovich appointed guardian with bond fixed at \$1000 for each minor."

EP; 3 Jan 1914; item: "Georgia Radonich vs. J. L. Radonich—Plaintiff is allowed \$50 attorney fees. \$25 per month alimony pendente lite, and \$20 costs; demurrer to complaint is overruled and defendant granted 10 days within which to answer."

EP; 3 Jan 1914; item: "E. J. Mann vs. Peter Lettunich and E. B. Lettunich—Trial set for Jan. 20."

EP; 3 Jan 1914; item: "Miss Anna M. Farlin has returned from a visit to San Francisco."

EP; 3 Jan 1914; item: "Andrew Balich and Nick Baule went to Watsonville Thursday to meet the latter's sister who was due to arrive on that day from Europe, but was delayed until Friday by the interference of the wet spell with railroad traffic. Andy reports the boating good in Watsonville at present.—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 5 Jan 1914; item: "The Austrian ladies of the S.S.I. Society held a business and social meeting yesterday at the Foresters hall. The following officers were installed: President, Mrs. Strazicich; vice-president, Mrs. Geo. Copriviza; treasurer, Miss H. Balovich; secretary, Miss Pearl Gospodnetich."

EP; 5 Jan 1914; item: "Anton Burich of Ninth street in this city was painfully injured yesterday morning...when his buggy was [run] into by a runaway and he was thrown to the ground, the buggy passing over his body. The runaway horse belonged to A. F. Trevethan, the local grocer, and had started on its maddened course from the Junction. Burich was driving in his buggy and the runaway horse hit his vehicle headon. He was heavily thrown to the ground and when the buggy passed over him his neck was injured. Frank Rettenmayer and R. E. Fremstad took him to a doctor and today he was reported to be resting easily at his home."

EP; 5 Jan 1914; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz January 3, 1913, to Emile Strazicich, 19, of Watsonville, a native of California, and Pearl Crouse, 21 of Watsonville, native of South Dakota."

EP; 5 Jan 1914; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz January 3, 1913, to Joseph Grassi, 23, of Pajaro, native of Austria, and Mary Labas, 21, of Pajaro, a native of Austria."

EP; 5 Jan 1914; article: "WOMAN'S CLUB HAS DECIDED ON SITE. At a meeting last Saturday afternoon of the Watsonville Woman's Club it was decided to purchase the Albright lot on Brennan street near Lake Avenue, the property to be used as a site for the club house planned for the club. Already the amount of the purchase price, which is \$1800, has about been reached by the club and when the lot is finally paid for steps will be taken at once for the erection of the building. Mrs. Albert Dickerman, Mrs. J. E. Gardner and Miss Ruth Radcliff were appointed a committee to attend to the incorporation of the club, the committee to act with the directors in this matter..." *[here are the beginnings of the Woman's Club building where S.A.C.O. often meets]*

EP; 6 Jan 1914; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...M. Glech, \$68...E. Unicich \$2.50...John Memanich \$4...Supplies: ...J. Stanvovich [Stanovich] \$4.75..."

EP; 6 Jan 1914; item: "Martin Simunovich left this morning for his old home in Austria."

EP; 7 Jan 1914; item: "Last night a large crowd heard an excellent program rendered in the St. Patrick's Hall on Ford street under the auspices of the ladies of the local parish, the entertainment being a big success from every standpoint. The committee composed of Miss Anna M. Farlin, Miss Myrtle Byrd, Miss Kate Lepard and Mrs. C. E. Key deserves credit for the success of the affair..."

"The program given was as follows: Vocal duet, Miss Anna Farlin and Miss Myrtle Byrd; piano solo, Miss Anna Scurich...vocal duet, Miss Anna Farlin and Mr. A. M. Earls; farce, 'Trying it On,' characters: ...Mrs. Jogsstock, Myrtle Byrd; Fanny (her niece), Anna Farlin..."

EP; 7 Jan 1914; item: "**Jack Novicich [Novcich] is in Watsonville Hospital Suffering From Serious Burns.** Jack Novicich, an employee of Supervisor S. C. Marcus, is at the Watsonville Hospital suffering from serious burns sustained yesterday afternoon at Kane's corner, a mile from this city, when he came in contact with a live wire containing 23,000 volts. He was employed on the well boring outfit owned by Mr. Marcus. He was pulling the well casing up into the air preparatory to sinking the casing when the casing struck a high-power wire above, Novicich forgetting that the wire was there. Instantly he was stricken by the high voltage and was severely burned all over the body. He was in a critical condition when removed to the hospital but is reported to be considerably improved today."

EP; 7 Jan 1914; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, Jan. 6,

1914, to Louis K. Secondo, aged 30, of Santa Cruz, a native of Austria, and Marie C. Jerinich, aged 19, of Santa Cruz, a native of South Dakota.”

EP; 7 Jan 1914; item: “Orrin O. Eaton and John Vucicevich vs. Peter Gospodnetich and Tom Zeger, co-partners—Case tried and argued and ordered submitted on briefs.”

EP; 7 Jan 1914; item: “Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Stetta Co. et al.—Trial set for Jan. 22d.”

EP; 7 Jan 1914; item: “The claims for insurance held by Mrs. Davis, of Corralitos, in the Phoenix Co. of London; Tony Gospodnetich, of Watsonville, in the Royal of London, and Mrs. Julian of Aromas, in the Springfield Fire and Marine, of Massachusetts, were promptly paid by Chas. A. Palmtag, agent for the above companies upon presentation of proofs of loss. Mr. Palmtag represents very reliable insurance companies.”

EP; 8 Jan 1914; county supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: ...Joe Vococnich: \$26.25...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Paul Butier: \$7...Nick Violich: \$18.75...Peter Skocko: \$66...Indigent Sick Fund: City Grocery: \$36...”

EP; 8 Jan 1914; item: “Mike Sorich was arrested on Main street today by officer John Corr on a charge of battery. Judge Hawkins giving Corr the warrant to serve after Joe Light of Pleasant Valley had sworn to the complaint. The charge made by Light is that Sorich struck Mrs. Light a few days ago when the two had a quarrel. Sorich deposited bail to the amount of \$20 and will be tried later.”

EP; 8 Jan 1914; item: “Luke Scurich has returned from a trip to San Francisco.”

EP; 9 Jan 1914; item: “Watsonville Realty Co. to Katie Hrepich—Lot 68, Watsonville Heights, Subd. 1.”

EP; 9 Jan 1914; item: “IVANCOVICH VS. TRAF-TON...The case of Annie Ivancovich vs. H. V. Trafton as sheriff is on trial in the superior court before a jury. The suit is for \$515 on an attachment levied on personal property for Chester Eveland against Ivancovich & Stetta Co. The plaintiff alleges she has a promissory note for \$1800 against this firm and so asks damages against the sheriff for personal property including horses, farming implements, etc. which was levied against Ivancovich and Stetta Company...—Santa Cruz Surf.”

EP; 10 Jan 1914; item: “Prof. J. D. Boggs, principal of the local grammar school, was the guest of honor at a surprise farewell party given last night at his home on West Fifth street by the graduating students of the eighth

grade, who will enter the high school next Monday. Mr. Boggs was completely surprised but soon recovered his composure and all present started in to have a good time. Games, music and refreshments were the features of the evening and at a late hour the guests departed after having enjoyed a jolly evening.

“Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boggs, the Misses Veda Moyer, Gladys Andrews, Gladys Rood, Ruth McCorkle, Florence Smith, Dellia Gill, Ruth Heron, Hazel Eaton, Emma Christensen, Irma Jones, Ida McFarlane, Lucile Hart, Leola Davis, Mabel Wilson, Alida Perry and Doris Boggs, and Messrs. James Parks, Will Marinovich, Doyle Peckham, Fred Kane, Thomas Wishard, Eddie Fritz, Emile LaPorte, Vincent Freiermuth, Milton Sandberg, Harry Majors and Samuel Marks.”

EP; 10 Jan 1914; item: “E. J. Mann vs. E. B. Lettunich and Peter Lettunich—Notice of trial.”

EP; 10 Jan 1914; item: “Mrs. George Pulich has returned to her home in Stockton.”

EP; 10 Jan 1914; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. George Carstulovich—Order allowing the filing of cross-complaint and amended answer.”

EP; 10 Jan 1914; item: “In the superior court yesterday the jury in the suit of Annie Ivancovich against Sheriff Trafton, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, allowing the sum of \$400 as damages. The trial began Thursday morning and it was Friday afternoon when the case was given over to the jury for consideration and a verdict. This was done after Attorney J. E. Kelly for the sheriff had made a motion for non-suit, which was denied. Andy Balich was the interpreter during the trial. The suit was the outgrowth of a sale made by the sheriff on an attachment, the property was being held by the plaintiff as security on a loan made by her to Ivancovich & Stetta Co. Wyckoff & Gardner were attorneys for the plaintiff.”

EP; 10 Jan 1914; item: “The new officers of Court Pajaro Valley Rose, Foresters of America, last night were installed by District Deputy Chief Ranger J. E. Cox of Watsonville. The officials inducted into office were: ...junior woodward, Chris Marcovich [Mracevich]...”

EP; 10 Jan 1914; item: “E. J. Mann vs. E. B. Lettunich and Peter Lettunich—Notice of trial.”

EP; 10 Jan 1914; item: “George Carstulovich, cross-complainant, vs. Stephen Scurich, administrator, etc.—Cross-complaint.”

EP; 10 Jan 1914; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. George Carstulovich—Order allowing the filing of cross-complaint and amended answer.”

EP; 12 Jan 1914; item: "**More Trouble Over Nick V. Lettunich's Automobile.** M. B. Lettunich, brother of N. V. Lettunich has commenced suit in San Francisco to recover \$1300 damages from Sam Hrepich through the sheriff of the city and county of San Francisco, for having attached and sold Nick's celebrated auto. M. B. says Nick owed him over \$1200 for wages, etc."

EP; 12 Jan 1914; married: "Yesterday at noon Miss Pearl Crouse of this city became the bride of Emil Strazicich, the ceremony being performed at St. Patrick's Church by Rev. Father P. D. Hassett. Nicholas Strazicich was the



Fig. 4-46.
Emile Strazicich
(1896-1973),
Pearl Crouse
(1893-?).

groomsman while Miss Angela Strazicich was the bridesmaid. Following the ceremony the happy couple and their friends adjourned to the home of the groom's parents on Walker street where a feast was spread and enjoyed by all present. The couple will reside here after the honeymoon. The groom is employed by the Charles Ford Company and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Strazicich of this city. The bride is also quite well known here although she has resided here but a short time. Both are estimable young people and their friends wish them success and happiness."

EP; 12 Jan 1914; married: "Watsonville, Jan. 11, 1914, by Rev. Father Hassett at St. Patrick's church, Emil Strazicich and Miss Pearl Crouse, both of Watsonville."

EP; 12 Jan 1914; married: "Watsonville, Jan. 11, 1914, by Rev. Father P. D. Hassett at St. Patrick's church, Joseph Grassi and Miss Mary Labas, both of Watsonville."

Fig. 4-47.
Joe Grassi
(1890-1967),
Mary Labas
(1888-1924).



EP; 12 Jan 1914; item: "Mesdames J. S. Herbert, R. H. Hudson and F. G. Burland entertained a number of children in their neighborhood at the Herbert home on East Third street last Saturday afternoon, the affair being a belated Christmas party. A Christmas tree, games, stories, refreshments and other features entertained the children in jolly fashion. Those present were Helen Langley, Muriel Burland, Margaret Haack, Anne Wyckoff, Edna Tindall, Louise Estelle Hudson, Edith Burland, Anne and Ruth Scurich."

EP; 13 Jan 1914; article: "Nikola Valjalo and Stane Valjalo, residents of Konavle, Dalmatia, Austria, have brought an action in the Superior Court of Tuolumne county against the West Side Lumber Company of Tuolumne City for \$15,000 damages for the killing of their son, George Valjalo, who met his death in the logging camp of the company in the Sierra Nevada mountains on the 26th of last May. The deceased was well known here having been employed for several seasons by M. L. Kalich & Co., being a nephew of John Valjalo[,] a member of the firm. It is claimed that the deceased met his death through the negligence of the lumber company in failing to maintain a clevis of sufficient strength to sustain a cable. The deceased's duties consisted in working adjacent to a cable which was used in drawing a log up the mountain-side. The cable was attached to a clevis, and when the strain was placed on the clevis it broke, releasing the cable which struck the deceased, thereby killing him. Geo. W. Smith of this city represents the plaintiffs."

EP; 13 Jan 1914; item: "Steven Scurich, as administrator, vs. George Carstulovich—Trial re-set for Jan. 29th."

EP; 13 Jan 1914; item: "Annie Ivancovich vs. H. V. Trafton—Notice of entry of judgment; memorandum of costs and disbursements on part of plaintiff, \$98.50."

EP; 14 Jan 1914; item: "DIRECTORS ARE CHOSEN. At the annual meeting of the Pajaro Valley National Bank held yesterday afternoon the following directors were elected: W. R. Porter, N. A. Uren, C. F. Langley, Frank Mauk, J. E. Trafton, G. F. Silliman, L. P. Cox, F. P. Marinovich and C. A. Palmtag..."

EP; 14 Jan 1914; honorary promotions: Low 1st to high 1st: Mary Matson, Marie Rilovich, Martin Franich; Low 2nd to high 2nd: Tony Scurich; High 2nd to low 3rd: Annie Matson, Nick Dubreta; Low 3rd to high 3rd: Willie Sambrailo; High 3rd to low 4th: Stephen Nemanich; Low 4th to high 4th: John Castropelli; Low 5th to high 5th: Anna Knego, Kathryn Strazicich; Low 7th to high 7th: Helen Strazicich; Low 8th to high 8th: John Strazicich.

EP; 14 Jan 1914; disp. ad: "LOBSTERS. We secure them alive and serve them to your order in any style. CLAMS, CRABS and OYSTERS. Fresh Quantities Always on Hand. FRENCH DINNERS. Appetizing and Delicious can be had here any day in the year. CHICKEN and OYSTER LOAVES. Take one home with you in the evening and enjoy a nice luncheon before retiring. CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT. HREPICH & WELLS, Props. 257-259 Main St., Phone 36"

EP; 15 Jan 1914; class. ad: "LOST—Saturday night, one bay horse with halter on. Phone 369R, or notify RILOVICH & SREZOVICH, 215 Ford street."

EP; 16 Jan 1914; item: "LEG IS AMPUTATED. The right leg of Jack Novicich [Novcich], who was nearly electrocuted several days ago when a well casing he was holding came in contact with a live wire, was amputated this morning at the Watsonville Hospital and the patient is resting as easily as possible under the circumstances. Novicich was severely burned by the electricity and is still suffering considerable pain as a result."

EP; 16 Jan 1914; promotions by exam: high 1st to low 2nd: Katie Lubenko; high 2nd to low 3rd: Mary Castropelli; low 3rd to high 3rd: Anna Ljubenka [Ljubenko/Lubenko], Martin Ljubenka; high 3rd to low 4th: Nellie Puheira [Puhiera], Frank Saveria; low 4th to high 4th: Louis Arbanas, Frank Uvodich, Tony Boskovich, Lazarus Matson, Ione [Tone] Dubreta; low 5th to high 5th: Martin Rilovich, Mark Rilovich, Emma Grizich; high 5th to low 6th: Mike Glage, Charley Sambrellio [Sambrailo], John Allegretti; low 6th to high 6th: Katie Rilovich, Chris Rilovich; high 6th to low 7th: Stephen Marinovich; low 7th to high 7th: Jennie Dubreta; graduated from high 8th: Katie Dubreta, Will Marinovich.

EP; 17 Jan 1914; ALL: Steve Bratovich, John Jikivoich.



EP; 17 Jan 1914; born: "In Watsonville, Jan. 16, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Horvat, a daughter." [Mary; +1983; married Bozzini]

Fig. 4-48.
Mary Horvat.

EP; 19 Jan 1914; married: "Watsonville, Jan. 18, 1914, at St. Patrick's church, by Rev. Father Hassett, Louis Secondo and Miss Marie Jerinich, both of Watsonville."

EP; 19 Jan 1914; item: "Miss Marie Jerinich and Louis Secondo, both well known residents of this city, were

married yesterday at noon in St. Patrick's church...the wedding being attended by many friends and relatives of the contracting parties. Miss Catherine Pista was the bridesmaid while Joseph Secondo officiated as the best man. After the ceremony the young couple and their guests adjourned to the Jerinich packing house on West Third street where a dinner was served with dancing as the program after the feast. Last evening the happy couple departed for a honeymoon trip to Southern California and they will reside here upon their return.

"The bride is a well known young lady of this city and has a host of friends and well wishers in this city. The groom is a member of the fruit shipping firm of Secondo Brothers and is well known here in the fruit business. Both have the congratulations and best wishes of all their many friends."



Fig. 4-49.
Seated:
Louis Secondo
(1882-1930),
Mary Jerinich
(1897-1982).
Standing:
Kate Pista
(1888-1967),
Joe Secondo
(1877-1967).

EP; 19 Jan 1914; item: "Annie Ivancovich vs. H. V. Traf-ton as sheriff—Stay of execution is granted for 20 days."

EP; 20 Jan 1914; item: "Attorney George W. Smith will leave tonight for Santa Cruz to defend Turchetti, the alleged Glenwood rapist, whose trial goes on tomorrow morning in the superior court."

EP; 20 Jan 1914; article: "UNITED ENTHUSIASM FOR 1914 APPLE SHOW. There will be a greater, grander and more wonderful California Apple Show in 1914. To those that have been skeptical of the 1914 show, who believed that they had seen the last apple show here when they attended the 1913 show and who have been spreading the gospel of pessimism in the community[,] the enthusiastic, optimistic and largely attended annual meeting of the stockholders of the show held last night should be a lesson. Amid cheers and applause the 1914 apple show was baptized last night and the movement for another show was ushered into being amid scenes of earnest, sincere and confident good fellowship and boost spirit..."

"The annual meeting last night first convened at the auditorium where the business of the evening was transacted. At the opening of the meeting Secretary Miss Anna M. Farlin reported that 3910 of the 6610 shares of

stock were represented, but before the meeting adjourned other members entered the room and the amount of stock jumped over the 5000 mark. C. A. Palmtag and T. M. Wright composed the proxy committee and passed upon each proxy.

“The election of the board of directors for 1914 was the most important business of the evening. When President Stoesser announced that nominations were open R. H. Hudson arose and nominated the present board. Mr. Stoesser stated that he wanted others to act on the board, that he wanted a ‘new deal’ and that personally he wished to retire. But his retirement speech was not a success for his nomination was cheered as was the nomination of the entire old board and it was the united sentiment of all that the old guard remain in office. When President Stoesser saw that his objections were overruled he suggested that the names of William J. McGrath and James H. Rowe be placed in nomination. These names were also received with enthusiasm and the old board was unanimously swept into office again...The directors chosen for 1914 are, therefore, Messrs. Otto D. Stoesser, R. H. Goodchild, A. W. Cox, E. Steinhauser, W. R. Porter, H. C. Peckham, George W. Sill, Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich, J. E. Gardner, W. J. McGrath, J. H. Rowe, C. H. Baker, E. A. Hall and J. H. Thompson. McGrath and Rowe were elected to fill the vacancies by the deaths of J. A. Linscott and F. A. Hihn...”

“The address of President Stoesser closed the business session...”

“...In closing Mr. Stoesser suggested that the name of the corporation be changed from Apple Annual Association to the California Apple Show...”

“Then came the adjournment to the Hotel Appleton where tables were laden with good things to eat...”

“Toastmaster George W. Smith rapped on the table for order and the speaking commenced...”

“President O. D. Stoesser...was the next speaker and he said that while personally he desired to be released from his duties on the board yet he would stay through another show if his colleagues on the board would remain with him. In closing Mr. Stoesser suggested that when some day Watsonville Junction and Watsonville were one big city that the name of the city be Pajaro, which suggestion was applauded...”

“Those present at the banquet were: ...Steven Scurich...M. N. Lettunich...O. D. Stoesser, Geo. W. Smith...Mateo Lettunich...A. Sambrailo...[of 95]”

EP; 21 Jan 1914; item: “**Suit Was Brought to Recover Money Due on Sale of Apples.** In the Superior Court yesterday Judge Lucas F. Smith rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiffs in the case of Orin O. Eaton, et al., vs. Peter Gospodnetich et al. The decision is as follows:

“This is an action to recover the sum of \$321.95, the agreed purchase price of 429 boxes of apples sold by the plaintiffs to the defendants. The defendants contend that

the apples were not of the quality agreed on, and that some of them were decayed, etc., and for that reason declined to pay for the same. The uncontradicted evidence shows that the defendants saw the apples before they were packed in boxes, and that they again examined the same after they were packed and that no objection was made by them as to the quality or condition of the fruit. They purchased the apples with full knowledge of their condition and at a price below the market price of first-class apples.

“The law is well settled that where the purchaser of personal property examines the property at the time of the sale the rule of caveat emptor applies, and that the purchaser will not be permitted to afterwards claim that the property was not such as represented by the seller. (35 Cyc. 229, and authorities cited).

“It follows that judgment should be rendered in favor of the plaintiffs, and it is so ordered.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 22 Jan 1914; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. George Carstulovich—Notice of motion to strike out; demurrer to amended answer.

“George Carstulovich, cross complainant, vs. Stephen Scurich, cross defendant—Demurrer to cross-complaint.”

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Fig. 4-50. The above two ads are both from the *Watsonville Register* of 24 Jan 1914. Very few of these newspapers exist on microfilm.

EP; 24 Jan 1914; obit: “Watsonville, January 23, 1914, Mrs. Madeline Matulich, a native of Austria, aged 22 years, 9 months, and 7 days. Beloved wife of Frank Matulich and loving mother of Mary and John Matulich and sister of Jack Jacksich [Jaksich]...”

EP; 24 Jan 1914; item: “Watsonville Realty Co. to Martin Zetz—Lot 228, Watsonville Heights, Subd. 2.”

EP; 24 Jan 1914; obit: “Mrs. Madeline Matulich, the wife of Frank Matulich, the local fruit packer, died yesterday

at her home at 347 East Lake Avenue while in childbirth. The little baby also passed away. A sad feature of the death was that Mrs. Matulich had been married four years and that in that time two other children had passed away...

"The deceased was a native of Dalmatia and was aged 22 years, 9 months and 7 days. She came to California six years ago and after residing for two years in San Jose and Sacramento[,] came here four years ago to be married to Mr. Matulich. Mr. Matulich is a member of the fruit firm of Matulich and Gospodnetich and is well known here in the fruit business. Besides the husband and a little daughter the deceased is survived by a brother, Jack Jaksich [Jaksich]."

WReg, 24 Jan 1914; item: "Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Stetta Co. et al.—Trial is continued to Feb. 3d."

WReg, 24 Jan 1914; prof. card: "GEO. W. SMITH, Attorney-at-Law, Bank of Watsonville Building"

EP; 26 Jan 1914; article: "The citizens selected by Hon. L. F. Smith, superior judge, as being eligible for duty on the grand jury for 1914, should their names be drawn from the grand jury box are the following from the Pajaro Valley.

"...M. Lettunich...O. D. Stoesser...L. Scurich..."

"Judge Smith states that the reason no women voters are selected on the grand and trial juries in this county, is that the Attorney General of the State had advised that it would not be legal to do so until the law is amended, as it doubtless will be at the next session of the legislature. As the law now stands it provides that 19 'men' shall compose the grand jury, and that 12 'men' shall constitute a trial jury, etc. By simply amending the law and substituting 'qualified voters' instead of the word 'men,' there would be no question about the legality of women serving on juries in this State."

EP; 27 Jan 1914; item: "B. Pista left today for San Francisco on a business trip."

EP; 28 Jan 1914; item: "Attorney George W. Smith has returned from Santa Cruz where he has been all week, engaged in the trial of Denton for killing Lot Morrill."

EP; 31 Jan 1914; item: "Miss Bernice Hastings was the guest of honor at a surprise party held at her home on Rodriguez street last night, the affair being held in honor of her thirteenth birthday...Those present at the affair were: Helen Strazicich, Fern Tuttle, Louise Schuchard, Edna Lewis, Muriel Trafton, Ruth Mann, Mildred Gilbert, Eva Brandon, Edith Rich, Mildred Kuhlitz, Howard Morse, Stanley Bixby, Norman Buckhart, Claude Finley, Warren Courtermarsh, and Bernice, Pearl and Earl Hastings."

EP; 31 Jan 1914; item: "Stephen Scurich, administrator, vs. George Carstulovich—Motion of the plaintiff to strike out defendant's amended answer, and demurrer to defendant's amended answer and demurrer to cross-complaint of defendant are taken under advisement."

EP; 31 Jan 1914; item: "Andrew Balich to Antone Balich—All interest in lots 3, 4, 9 and 10, G. W. Peckham's Subd. of city of Watsonville."

EP; 31 Jan 1914; item: "Ten students at the local high school yesterday afternoon organized the High School Agricultural Club, which club is to act under the extension system of the agricultural department of the State University...The members here plan to make a study of scientific and up-to-date agriculture and it is expected that the club will do well here..."

"The members are Clifton Angel, James Kirby, Gail Apperson, Grant Cornell, Lewis Morse, Ray Apperson, Elmer Struve, J. Vukich, Arleigh Anderson and Francis McGrath."

EP; 2 Feb 1914; item: "**Lettunich Building at Third and Main to be Modern in Every Manner.** Architect W. H. Weeks has completed the final plans for the new four story Lettunich building at Third and Main streets and the plans show the new structure to be one of the finest and most modern buildings in the central part of the State. Contractor Gilham is expected to hear any day from San Jose to resume his work of moving the old Mansion House to its new location on Main Street, north of where it now stands. The various contracts for the construction of the different parts of the new building will be awarded in about a week and the work on the new structure will start as soon as these have been awarded and the corner lot is cleared and excavated. The new building will be completed on or about August 1st.

"The frontage of the new building will be 121 feet on Main street and 120 feet on Third. The first story of the building will be used by business concerns while the three upper floors will be used for offices. These offices will be large and finished in selected grain pine, the walls to be tinted and an enclosed office in each. The hallways above the first floor will have a marble base and tiled floors while the main lobby on the second floor will be finished in marble. The building is to be constructed of re-enforced concrete with an outside finish of cement and terra cotta. The main entrance will be made of enameled terra cotta and will be magnificent in all particulars, the Pajaro Valley apple having been worked into the ornamentation in a clever manner.

"The building will be equipped with an electric elevator, a steam heating plant in the basement for all parts of the building, a vacuum cleaning plant and compressed air appliances for dentists and doctors, who may use the upper offices. Not only will the new building be equip-

ped and built according to the latest and most modern style but the old Mansion House will be remodeled, the outside and inside changed somewhat and the building put in modern shape. A second story will also be added to the Burlond-Herbert Company store on Third street.

"Messrs. M. N. and Mateo Lettunich deserve the highest credit and praise for their enterprise in improving their property at Third and Main. Their new building will not only be a distinct credit to Watsonville but will reflect credit upon the entire central portion of the state."

EP; 3 Feb 1914; item: "Petro Battinich vs. Fannie B. Brown administratrix of estate of John Brown, deceased—Complaint to secure satisfaction of mortgage and for defendant to give up mortgage to be canceled."

EP; 3 Feb 1914; item: "Estate of George Novacovich, deceased—Decree of settlement of final account and for distribution of estate."

EP; 3 Feb 1914; article: "1914 SHOW PLANS HAVE BEEN STARTED. The 1914 apple show is now a certainty. The directors of the big show assembled last night at the auditorium, re-elected the 1913 officers and started to get down to serious business for the 1914 show, which is intended to be the biggest and grandest apple show ever held here, which, of course, means anywhere else in the world. The 1913 officers were chosen without opposition, O. D. Stoesser being president again, R. H. Goodchild being vice president, A. W. Cox being chosen again as treasurer, Miss Anna M. Farlin being the secretary and T. M. Wright being re-elected the financial secretary.

"Plans for raising the necessary funds for the 1914 show were discussed at length last night and it was decided that President Stoesser should appoint his finance committee within another week so that the committee could immediately formulate plans for raising the money. Nothing definite can be expected further on the show until the finance committee has been named and the committee gets down to business.

"A few bills were approved and ordered paid after George W. Sill and Luke Scurich had been appointed members of the auditing committee..."

EP; 4 Feb 1914; item: "A fire, which at no time threatened to be serious, this morning broke out in the second story of the Morning Star hotel and restaurant on lower Main Street, which is conducted by Steve Strazich and John Zar, but the blaze was extinguished by the fire department. The alarm was sounded about 10 o'clock, the fire starting in a bed in one of the rooms upstairs. The water caused more damage than the fire. What started the fire in the bed is not known as the room was not occupied at the time. The damage is unknown and insurance will likely cover all lost."

Paj; 5 Feb 1914; born: "In Watsonville, Jan. 31, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Radovan, a daughter." [*maybe Marjorie*]

EP; 5 Feb 1914; county board of supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: ...L. Skocho [Skocko], \$5...John Vocovich, \$19.50...Joe Dergance, \$10...County Fund: ...Joe Dergance, \$12.50...Paul Butier, \$7.50...John Vocovich, \$2.50...Hrepich & Wells, \$27.50..."

EP; 6 Feb 1914; item: "The Lettunich Company has sold the Mansion House annex on Main street to Mrs. Thos. Walker and the building will soon be moved to the corner of Main and Bridge streets, where the buildings will be fixed and made ready for occupancy. When the annex is out of the way the removal of the hotel will take place."

EP; 6 Feb 1914; born: "Watsonville, Feb. 6, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Vlastelich [Vlastelica], a son." [*Gregory "Jim"; +1999*]



Fig. 4-51. Gregory "Jim" Vlastelica.

EP; 6 Feb 1914; item: "J. P. Soares, the Watsonville trainer who last summer had a string of horses at the local track, was in Hollister today on business connected with a suit brought by him against A. Alaga, owner of 'Rita A.' which comes to trial tomorrow in the justice court at Watsonville. Mr. Soares is suing to recover feed and training expenses incurred while the mare was being trained under his care last year.

"Since leaving here Mr. Soares and his son, Harry, who drove last summer at the local track, have retired from the training business and have started a grocery store in San Jose, under the name of Soares & Son. The senior partner reports that they have a good location and are doing a paying amount of business.—Hollister Free Lance.

"(Soares secured a judgment this morning before Judge Hawkins for \$116.40. Edward J. Kelly represented Soares and Attorney George W. Smith appeared for Alaga.—Ed. Pajaronian.)"

EP; 6 Feb 1914; ALL: C. Bozich.

EP; 7 Feb 1914; item: "Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Steta Co. et al.—Judgment for plaintiff, \$50 instead of \$100 being allowed for costs."

EP; 7 Feb 1914; item: "MUSICAL COMEDY... There is now no doubt but that the musical comedy, 'The Darling of Paris,' which is to be presented at the Opera House next Wednesday evening by the Order of Eastern Star of

this city, will be a grand success. The Eastern Star has honeycombed the city for all the best dramatic and musical talent and has secured the cream of the local dramatic and musical world as a result...

"Among the soloists that will be heard Wednesday night are Miss Anna M. Farlin..."

EP; 7 Feb 1914; item: "E. B. Rilovich has departed for a business trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco."

EP; 7 Feb 1914; married: "One of the most prominent weddings in the local Austrian colony was solemnized at high noon yesterday in St. Patrick's Church by Rev. Father P. D. Hassett when Miss Mary Arkulin [Arkulin] of this city became the bride of Antone Jerinich, also of this city. Nick Scurich officiated as the groomsman and Stella P. Stolich was the bridesmaid..."

"Following the wedding the bride and groom and over 300 friends and well wishers adjourned to the Novacovich & Stolich packing house at Fifth and Walker street where a bountiful dinner was served, dancing was enjoyed and the newlyweds were toasted by all present. Luke Scurich presided as toast master at the big feast and congratulatory speeches were delivered by Peter P. Stolich, James Sheehy, Leo J. Atteridge, Stephen Scurich, Tony Vukich, John Vukich, Blas Borivich [Borovnich], John W. Stow and Peter Maljan of Los Angeles. The dancing followed the feast and late in the afternoon the newlyweds left by train for San Francisco to enjoy their honeymoon. Upon their return here they will reside in the city.

"...Mr. Jerinich is a member of the firm of Scurich & Jerinich and is one of the leading fruit packers in this valley...The bride is the sister of Mrs. Peter P. Stolich of this city and has been residing on West Fifth street with her sister and brother-in-law..."



Fig. 4-52.
Antone Jerinich
(1881-1945),
Mary Arkulin
(1890-1984).

EP; 10 Feb 1914; item: "Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Stetta Co. et al.—Memorandum of costs and disbursements of plaintiff, \$354.50."

EP; 10 Feb 1914; item: "At a meeting of the Apple Annual directors held last night it was decided to again lease the auditorium from the city, a satisfactory lease

being arranged with the building committee of the board of aldermen. It was agreed that the Apple Annual would turn over \$300 worth of chairs to the city and that the city would in return give the Association a year's lease..."

"The new finance committee, which is to arrange for the money to run the 1914 apple show, was appointed last night by President O. D. Stoesser...The members of the committee are J. E. Gardner, W. R. Radcliff, C. G. Langley, A. W. Cox, Luke Scurich, L. S. Alexander, W. J. McGrath, F. L. Selleck, E. A. Hall, D. R. Regan, G. M. Martin and Dr. S. C. Rogers..."

EP; 10 Feb 1914; item: "Tony Milanovich, of 94 Davis street, a waiter recently employed by George Dabelich and very well known in the Slavonian colony here, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Gardner this morning on the charge of passing a bad check on A. D. Houghton, one of the partners in the Central lumber and fuel company.

"He was released on his own recognizance during a continuance of the case to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

"It is alleged by Mr. Houghton that under promise of the return of his money he loaned Milanovich \$100, giving him a check for the amount some days ago. Milanovich gave him a personal check for the money later, the same proving to be worthless. He was arrested in Watsonville Saturday afternoon.—Santa Cruz News."

EP; 11 Feb 1914; article: "With practically every seat... in the Opera House sold and the members of the cast all prepared to the last minutes for a successful show it looks as if the 'Darling of Paris,' the musical comedy to be produced under the auspices of the Eastern Star tonight will be a grand success in every way..."

"The...cast of characters...will be as follows:

"...Soloists...Miss Anna Farlin..."

"Chorus: ...Anna Scurich..."

"Musical Program: ...'Loveland' (Red Rose) Miss Anna Farlin and chorus..."

EP; 11 Feb 1914; item: "R. S. Chukovich and G. Chukovich have departed for Los Angeles to attend the funeral of their cousin, G. T. Chukovich."

[The following issue of 12 Feb 1914 was the last issue of the weekly newspaper, the Pajaronian. It existed from March 1868 to February 1914.]



Paj; 12 Feb 1914; born: "Watsonville, Feb. 10, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Stolich, a daughter." [Johanna "Anna"; +2003; married Moe]

Fig. 4-53.
Johanna "Anna" Stolich.

Paj; 12 Feb 1914; married: "Watsonville, Feb. 8, 1914, by Rev. P. D. Hassett at St. Patrick's church, Antone Jerinich and Miss Mary Arculin [Arkulin], both of Watsonville."

EP; 12 Feb 1914; article: "...GEORGE SMITH IS SPEAKER...George W. Smith, the well known attorney, this morning delivered a brilliant address before the students of the high school on 'Abraham Lincoln'...The students were gathered this morning just before noon to observe the birthday anniversary of the immortal Lincoln and the speech of Mr. Smith was the feature of the meeting..."

"Mr. Smith opened by describing the life of Lincoln from the time of his birth in the south to his death at the hands of Booth, telling of his early life in the south and how he struggled for an education, how he finally became an attorney and how in the midst of strife he was elected to the presidency of the United States. Mr. Smith told of Lincoln's great force of character in the White House and how he saved the nation from final dissension through his great statesmanship and force of character. Drawing lessons from the life of Lincoln, Mr. Smith stated that Lincoln should be an example to all, that he struggled to secure his education, that he fought poverty to gain success and that his character should be emulated by the rising generation today. He spoke of the lesson taught by Lincoln to obey the constituted law and to honor and obey one's parents. In touching upon the education of Lincoln Mr. Smith stated that there was too much education and not enough religion today..."

EP; 12 Feb 1914; item: "The new officers of the local Native Daughters' parlor were installed last night by District Deputy Mrs. George Moore of Hollister and a large crowd was in attendance..."

"The officers installed were: ...third vice-president, Miss Anna Farlin..."

EP; 12 Feb 1914; item: "Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Stetta Co.—Notice of entry of judgment in favor of plaintiff."

EP; 14 Feb 1914; ALL: Paul Fyarovich [Fiorovich], Gon Peruch.

EP; 16 Feb 1914; item: "The Third Street Restaurant asks you to call and try one of its meals. Sapro & Stolich, the proprietors, spare no pains or efforts to please their patrons."

EP; 16 Feb 1914; item: "Mrs. Nicholas Strazicich is a visitor this week to Oakland."

EP; 16 Feb 1914; item: "B. Pista is in San Francisco this week on business."

EP; 18 Feb 1914; honor roll: High 5th: Anna Knego; Low 5th: Mathew Derganc; High 4th: Lazarus Matson; Low 4th: Nellie Pulheiro [Puhiera], Stephen Nemanich; High 3rd: Willie Sambrailo; High 2nd: Tony Scurich; Low 2nd: Katie Lubenko.

EP; 20 Feb 1914; item: "One of the results of the cloud-burst that flooded some of the streets about midnight Wednesday was the development of unexpected talent as aquilibrists in three well known Santa Cruzans, says the Santa Cruz Sentinel. At the time the big splash arrived Andy Balich, Al Cordano and Charley Garbich were wending their way home all long Church Street, after their days labor and ran into deep water about opposite the public library. Being unwilling to spoil their shoe shines, the trio mounted the Hihn fence and with the aid of the umbrellas continued their homeward journey, walking along the rail. One of the party was not as expert as his companions and was compelled to hunker down and 'coon it' before reaching the end of the fence. The other two feel so proud of their skill as balancers that they are thinking of signing up their act with a circus."

EP; 20 Feb 1914; ALL: S. Pavlovich.

EP; 20 Feb 1914; item: "Petro Battinich vs. Fannie B. Brown, administratrix of the estate of John B. Brown, deceased—Decree that mortgage has been fully paid and plaintiff is to receive a release of the same from defendant."

EP; 20 Feb 1914; item: "Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Stetta Co., et al.—Continued to Feb. 27th."

EP; 21 Feb 1914; item: "George Hrepich and Paul Maladin [Miladin] are visitors for a few days to San Francisco."



EP; 23 Feb 1914; born: "At Watsonville, Feb. 22, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Deglich [Diklich], a son." [Edward; +1954]

Fig. 4-54. Edward Diklich.

EP; 24 Feb 1914; item: "**Former Commander of the Monterey Presidio and Friend of Watsonville Coming.** Colonel W. H. C. Bowen, who recently was forced to retire from the army by President Wilson two years before his term had expired, will be heard here soon in a lecture on 'Custer's Last Battle' and other Indian wars, a lecture to be given at the auditorium under the auspices of the Apple Annual Association. This was decided upon last night by the directors of the Apple Annual, who were unanimously in

favor of boosting the lecture here and to give the Colonel a big welcome.

"...To illustrate his talk he uses 150 stereopticon slides...The Colonel wrote to Mayor Trafton first in regard to coming here and the mayor turned the matter over to the apple show. The directors last night spoke highly of how the Colonel had always helped materially to make the apple shows here a success by bringing his troops here with their popular band and all felt that this city should reciprocate..."

"The directors present last night were: O. D. Stoesser, Mateo Lettunich, H. C. Peckham, J. H. Rowe, A. W. Cox and Secretary Anna M. Farlin."

EP; 25 Feb 1914; item: "Deputy City Auditor George Pulich of Stockton has returned to that city after a visit here. Mrs. Pulich will remain here for some time."

EP; 26 Feb 1914; item: "Mrs. Steve Strazich has returned from a brief visit to San Francisco and the bay cities."

EP; 26 Feb 1914; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Tony Milanovich of Santa Cruz, left last Tuesday for San Francisco, where they will reside. Mr. Milanovich has a position at Tate's cafe."

EP; 26 Feb 1914; item: "Paul Miladin, George Hrepich and Nick Alamat, Watsonville capitalists, and business men, who have been visiting San Francisco to look over the metropolitan field for investments stopped at Santa Cruz yesterday on their return journey to visit their old friend and associate, Andy Balich, who entertained them in his customary hospitable style—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 26 Feb 1914; article: "Paul Kruschwitz, the 20-year-old youth, who had his left leg ground off yesterday at the Junction by the wheels of a freight train and who was expected to recover from his injuries, died last night..."

"The jurors at the inquest were H. C. Peckham, foreman; H. P. Kane, Stephen Scurich, F. A. Kilburn, Ole Christensen and Edward H. Lorenson."

EP; 26 Feb 1914; item: "The Outlaws have reorganized their baseball team for the season and will meet any juvenile team in the valley. The players are Joe Silva and V. Vissiere, catchers; J. Barbe, pitcher; W. Oliver, first base; F. Oliver, second base; Fleckner, third base; H. Riboni, shortstop; Wilbur Fleckner, left field; Fred Atcheson, center field; Strazicich and Allender, right field."

EP; 28 Feb 1914; item: "PASSED A BAD CHECK... George Sresovich, a member of one of the best known families in the State, is in trouble. His father, who is dead, was one of the best known wholesale fruit dealers in San Francisco and had holdings at Soquel.

"Young Sresovich, who has been a traveling salesman

and who had served in the United States army in the Philippines, had recently returned to this country to promote the cherry shipping business. He is now charged with issuing a \$5 check on O. L. Ward, the druggist, without funds in the bank. He went into Ward's drugstore to borrow \$1.50, but being a stranger to Mr. Ward, he refused but he convinced Mr. Ward of his wide circle of acquaintances here and said he had \$1600 and more in the People's Bank and said he would write out a check for \$5 if he could get it cashed. A bank check on the Santa Cruz County National Bank was secured and filled out.

"A warrant for his arrest was sworn to before Justice H. J. Bias and Sresovich was arrested on the avenue by Chief of Police Hannah and is now in jail awaiting his examination.

"It seems that he had borrowed money up and down the avenue and had attempted to pass similar checks on others.—Santa Cruz Surf."

EP; 28 Feb 1914; item: "Agreement to lease—Howard J. Philips with Resetar Bros.—Apple orchard on 26 acres Calabasas school district."

EP; 2 Mar 1914; item: "Two teams of grammar girls have organized here to play baseball during the spring and summer and their first game was held last Saturday afternoon on Tuttle Avenue, the final score being 12 to 10. The girls played a rattling good game and surprised their boy friends, who had heard that the game was to be played and had invited themselves to see it. The girls on both teams plan to secure some bloomer suits and to take up baseball in earnest.

"The lineups last Saturday were: pitchers, Lily McHoul and Doris Martin; catchers, Lena Strazicich and Alice Pardee; first base, Anita Viau and Delo Rider; second base, Inez Rood and Mabel Grul; third base, Ida McFarland and Thelma Pearson; shortstop, Irma Christensen; right field, Byra Wood and Eleanor Little; center-field, Velma White and Walka Takagi; left field, Ina Peterson and Mary Hopkins."

EP; 3 Mar 1914; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...M. Glech, \$60.75...E. Vucich, \$22.75...Central Electric Works, \$4.50..."

EP; 3 Mar 1914; item: "Lazar Jalovica to Lorro [Lovro] Lutich—40 acres Rancho Corralitos."

EP; 3 Mar 1914; item: "Estate of George Vallejo [Valjalo], deceased—Petition of Louis H. Wessendorf for letters of administration."

EP; 5 Mar 1914; board of supervisors, payments: "Pajaro Road Fund: Joe Derganc, \$210...Mitchell Secondo, \$1.50...Nick Violich, \$36...Pajaro Special Fund: ...Paul Butier, \$22...John Vukich, \$38...Joe Dergance,

\$31.75...Pajaro Protection District: John Rancovich [Roncevich], \$14.15...Steve Pavelich [prob. Pavlovich], \$13.15...Peter A. Sambraio, \$15.55..."

EP; 6 Mar 1914; item: "WILL FIGHT THE CASE... Andy Balich pleaded not guilty before Judge Stanley yesterday morning to a violation of the city building ordinance and asked 10 days' time to prepare the case for trial. The charge was preferred by Building Inspector J. H. Patterson and it is alleged that on Dec. 30 he did 'willfully and unlawfully commence to make repairs to the interior of that certain building...known as 12 Soquel avenue without first having obtained a permit from the council to make such repairs.'

"Balich, it is alleged, was granted permission to put in a new front at a cost of \$50, but the complaining witness alleges that other repairs which increase the cost were made on the interior. Balich has employed counsel and is to make a hard fight in the case.

"The building ordinance will once more occupy the time of the court. Mr. Balich expects as his attorneys C. B. Younger, Bert Herrington of San Jose and George Smith of Watsonville. City Attorney Johnston will represent the city.—Santa Cruz Surf."

EP; 6 Mar 1914; disp. ad:

We have taken the agency for the famous

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and will deliver to you on phone orders

Quarts, per dozen, \$1.25

Pints, per dozen, \$.75

Pints, 2 dozen, \$1.25

Quarts and Pints in cases, \$2.50

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Central Grocery Company

Telephone 243 Cor. Central and Main

EP; 6 Mar 1914; article: "SRESOVICH OUT ON PROBATION...George Sresovich, who passed a five dollar fictitious check on Wards drug store, was up before Justice H. J. Bias this morning, says last evening's Santa Cruz Surf. The charge was reduced from felony to misdemeanor and he was sentenced to six months in the county jail, but was released on probation on condition that he make good all borrowed money and the check and that he should go to work.

"Sresovich was represented by Attorney D. C. Clark, who had \$25 on hand to pay a part of the money borrowed, back, and he also stated that Sresovich had a place near Soquel where he could go to work.

"The fellow had passed only one check, but it developed that he had gone down the line and borrowed amounts from one dollar up to \$10 and stated that in all he had borrowed about \$55. This did not include a number of bar bills and he said he had also got small amounts

from three saloon keepers. A \$20 borrow of long standing, the district attorney said, the fellow would have to make good. Mr. Knight also reminded the prisoner that he had called on him and had attempted to borrow \$5 dollars on the strength of \$1600 that he alleged would arrive for him in a few days.

"Sresovich still asserts that he will be in the cherry business this summer and has great expectations of big money.

"It also developed that Sresovich had gone into a Pacific avenue hardware store, where he alleged he had got in a mixup and that he was afraid he would be shot. On the strength of his family and story he was given a pistol and he then went down the street and pawned the gun for \$4 at a pool room."

EP; 7 Mar 1914; item: "Luke Scurich is in Salinas today on business."

EP; 7 Mar 1914; item: "Steve Scurich is a business visitor to San Francisco today."

EP; 7 Mar 1914; article: "SERVIA WANTS TO PRESERVE NATION...(By United Press). Belgrade, Serbia, March 7—Five hundred war veterans, each armed to the teeth, each as ready and willing to die as a frog is ever ready and willing to jump into water, and each awaiting only the psychological moment which each and all consider inevitable. This is the nice little war cloud which is still nursing itself down on the borders of the Balkans. And this is the nice little war cloud which Serbia says that European diplomacy can never conjure away until it has either broken out into war and won, or broken out into war and irretrievably lost forever.

"Servia has dreamed a great dream, and there are some psychologists who say that a great dream, if dreamed hard enough, and if dreamed when the person is awake and in full possession of his faculties, is one of the most irresistible forces in the world. Servia's dream is a result of its success in the recent Balkan wars, a dream dreamed in the full consciousness of the strength and power which it has demonstrated it possesses. The dream is to put back on the map of the world the old Slav empire as it existed before it went down before the overrunning Turks

"Servia's dream, too, has one other merit, and possibly one other source of strength, in that it is not only merely political but humanitarian. The Slav race is now almost as badly scattered as the Jews, almost a race without a country, and it is Servia's dream to re-create a united homeland.

"Just at the present moment, as in fact for a century past, the one particular nightmare in this dream is Austria. Austria long known as the bully of Europe, had not only been gradually gobbling up the big Slav provinces, but also concentrating her strength against possible formation of a big Slav empire on her own Southern border.

One by one, and even sometimes by twos, she has come into possession of Slav provinces of Croatia, Slavonia, Dalmatia and Herzegovina. All of these are inhabited solely by Slavs, who speak only the Slav or Servian language, and who have not only the same ethical origin, but the same racial traditions and the same desire for political as racial unity.

"Austria in its century-old opposition to this possible Slav Kingdom has had two motives. In the first place the entire southern half of the Austria-Hungarian Empire is inhabited largely by Slavs. They have never been well treated and have never been content under the Austrian yoke. The formation of a Slav empire to the South would mean that a goodly portion of those would hike instantly to the other side of the Hungarian border.

"The forcing of the Hungary boundary down through the Balkans until Austria-Hungary should some day have the old Turkish seaport of Salonika has also been the one great ambition of Austria. This ambition, however, the recent Balkan war is believed to have forever thwarted, Salonika having passed into the hands of the Greeks. The creation of the new kingdom of Albania, whose existence is guaranteed by the powers, also ends her dream of a Mediterranean exit and naval base on that portion of the Adriatic. While Austria has thus been obliged to renounce her great ambition, it hasn't sweetened in any way her attitude against the Slavs and this attitude Serbia is convinced will one day mean war and the object of that war will be the getting back of the Slav provinces into a future Slav empire.

"As a matter of fact Serbia has already accomplished great steps towards the realization of its dream. As a result of the Balkan wars it has now doubled its territory and all of the new territory was formerly part of the old Slav empire. This has increased its population from 3,000,000 to over 5,000,000 while there are over 8,000,000 others still living in the Slav provinces which Austria has seized, Serbia is not at all discouraged about someday getting them back.

"Another important step towards the formation of the proposed Slav empire has just been accomplished with Montenegro. This State also is purely Slav and although the European powers insist on its maintaining a separate existence Serbia has just arranged that in the future practically all of the ministers of the Servian government will do double duty for both Serbia and Montenegro. The two, while having separate kings, will thus have practically a common government.

"In all Serbia today the sentiment for Slav unity has become almost a ruling passion and every Servian has but one conviction. This conviction is that Austria, having already witnessed the amalgamation on its other borders of the German States into a great German Empire, and the amalgamation on its south-western border under the leadership of Savoy of its one time deadly rivals the Italian States into a great Italian empire[,] is irrevocably

destined to witness for the third time the same phenomenon in the amalgamation of the Slav provinces and States on its southern border into a united Slav empire."

EP; 7 Mar 1914; item: "Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Stetta Co. at al.—Motion of defendants for an order taxing and disallowing plaintiff's memorandum of costs is submitted and taken under advisement."

EP; 9 Mar 1914; item: "B. Pista is a business visitor to San Francisco this week."

EP; 9 Mar 1914; item: "Mike Nirich, who is working for the Southern Pacific in Southern California, was a visitor here yesterday."

EP; 13 Mar 1914; honor roll: High 7th: Helen Strazicich; High 5th: Anna Knego, Mark Rilovich; Low 4th: Stephen Nemanich; High 3rd: Martin Ljubenka [Ljubenko]; High 2nd: Tony Scurich.

EP; 13 Mar 1914; item: "Attorney George W. Smith has returned from Santa Cruz where he defended Turchetti, who was convicted of rape."

EP; 13 Mar 1914; item: "Mark Cosulich of San Francisco has, for the present, quit the newspaper game, and is now sales manager of the 'Automatic Window Lock and Lift Co.' He is engaged in selling stock in the company and meeting with gratifying success."

EP; 14 Mar 1914; item: "The Watsonville members of the Democratic County Central Committee left for Santa Cruz this morning to attend the meeting of the committee in the Knights of Pythias hall, the chief purpose of the meeting being to endorse Edward White for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination and to endorse one of the three candidates for postmaster in this city.

"The Watsonvilleans that are in Santa Cruz today to attend the convention are Chairman Edward J. Kelly, Secretary George W. Smith, Committeemen J. I. King, W. A. Trafton, J. K. Hall, J. B. Holohan, C. H. Wittner, P. J. McSherry and George Cassady and J. E. Kane, E. H. Haack and Edward White."

EP; 17 Mar 1914; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Smith visited in San Jose yesterday."

EP; 17 Mar 1914; item: "A correspondent in this morning's Santa Cruz Sentinel under the fictitious name of 'Politician' gives the following political dope regarding probable candidates at the forthcoming primary:

"For Sheriff, Ben Crews; for auditor, Mrs. Belle Lindsay; for judge, B. K. Knight; name will not be announced until June; for district attorney, Geo. W. Smith of Watsonville. With the exception of district attorney, all the

present incumbents are candidates for their present offices.”

EP; 17 Mar 1914; item: “The case of H. P. Kane vs. Peter Slavich, which has since been changed to A. W. Otis vs. P. Slavich & Company as Kane was only holding the power of attorney for Otis, has been postponed indefinitely by Judge Hopkins. The action is brought to recover \$201.32, which it is alleged was borrowed from Otis by Slavich. Attorney E. J. Kelly represents the plaintiff and Attorney George W. Smith appears for the defendant. An attachment was levied by the plaintiff on some fruit in the Slavich Company packing house and the defendant now seeks to have the attachment dissolved.”

EP; 19 Mar 1914; article: “BATTERY CASE IN LOCAL COURT TODAY...The trial of the People vs. Mike Sorich, who is charged with battery and assault upon Mr. and Mrs. Joe Light of the Valencia District, opened this morning before Judge Hawkins in the justice court. It took but a short time to secure a jury...Geo. W. Smith is representing the District Attorneys office as special prosecutor...”

“The complainants allege that they occupy half a house that they leased last year to Sorich in the Valencia district, Sorich having the land and horses on the farm. On January 7th Sorich is alleged to have tried to beat up Light because the latter tried to feed some horses in the barn and then shortly afterwards struck Mrs. Light on the breast, the injury being serious enough to warrant medical attention.

“Mr. Light was the first witness for the prosecution and he was followed on the stand by Dr. Clyde Wayland who attended Mrs. Light. Mrs. Light was then placed on the stand and she is still testifying as the Pajaronian goes to press. J. P. Soares is acting as interpreter. The attorneys expect to conclude the case today.”

EP; 20 Mar 1914; item: “The case of M. B. Lettunich vs. Sheriff Eggers of San Francisco which involves the levy on an automobile belonging to V. Lettunich, was before Judge Mogan in the metropolis today and a continuance was granted until next Monday. Lettunich is suing Eggers for \$1400. Attorney Thomas F. Curran, who appeared for Eggers, and Attorney E. J. Lynch, who represented the plaintiff, handled the case today. The defense asked that the trial be had in Santa Cruz county for the benefit of the witnesses and Attorneys George W. Smith and George P. Burke of this city filed affidavits for Sam Hrepich, who secured the levy, that it was necessary to hold the case in this county. Lynch made the peculiar admission that the witnesses in this county would all testify against the character of Lettunich and that therefore it was not necessary to have them testify in this county. The case is set for trial on next Wednesday.”

EP; 20 Mar 1914; item: “DEFENDANT ACQUITTED. The jury in the case of the People vs. Mike Sorich, who was charged with battery by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Light of the Valencia District alleged to have been committed in January last, late yesterday rendered a verdict of ‘not guilty’ in Judge Hawkin’s Court. Mr. and Mrs. Light were the only important witnesses for the prosecution and the defense contradicted nearly every important point brought out by the prosecution. George W. Smith was the special prosecutor and J. E. Gardner acted as attorney for the defense.”

EP; 21 Mar 1914; ALL: Yan Cicijelje [became Cicisly; orig: Cicijelj], T. Wukavich.

EP; 23 Mar 1914; article: “The San Francisco Daily Commercial News of last Saturday, contained the following:

“M. N. Lettunich, the ‘Apple King’ of Watsonville, was in the city yesterday and reported that crop conditions in his section are most favorable.

“The apricot crop is now set and it will be one of the largest ever produced in the Pajaro Valley. The soil has plenty of moisture and orchardists are taking good care of their trees so that the quality of fruit promises to be excellent.

“The Pajaro Valley is coming to the front as a producer of fine apricots, having ranked fourth last year in amount of shipments, the soil and climate being especially well adapted for this fruit.

“The apple trees are now budding and commencing to blossom. So far as can be judged thus early the 1914 crop ought to be an excellent one.

“Watsonville by far exceeds all other sections of the State as an apple shipping center, and Mr. Lettunich was the first to ship carloads of apples east of the Rockies...”

EP; 23 Mar 1914; item: “**NATURALIZATION DAY. Several Local Citizens Are included in This List.** In the Superior Court, the hearing of the petitions of the following named applicants for naturalization...”

“...Paul Matulich...John Evanisevich...Nick Baulle... George Hrepich and Nicholas Violich.

“If the petition of the applicant is not heard within six months after filing the same and the applicant fails to appear in court at the time appointed for hearing petitions and no good cause is shown for his absence or for a further continuance, his petition may be dismissed by the court.”

EP; 24 Mar 1914; item: “MANSION HOUSE ABOUT MOVED. In the course of another day or so the Mansion House will be permanently resting on its new site on Main street, the building having now been placed plumb with the Brewington property line and only requiring its being moved forward to the Main street sidewalk line. Contractor Gilham says the building will be in its final

resting place this week and already excavation for the new Lettunich building on the corner has been started, the building having now been ed [*sic*]. We understand that the front of the building will be steel lathed and the front made as modern as possible.”

EP; 24 Mar 1914; item: “TO COPYRIGHT NAME. At a meeting of the apple show directors last night it was decided to take the legal steps to copyright the name of ‘California Apple Show’, which is the title of the annual apple shows here. Outside of this matter and the discussion of plans for Colonel Bowen’s lecture tonight no other business was transacted. Those present last night were President O. D. Stoesser, Directors Luke Scurich, H. C. Peckham, E. Steinhauser, Mateo Lettunich, R. H. Goodchild, George W. Sill, J. H. Rowe and W. J. McGrath, Financial Secretary T. M. Wright and E. H. Nohrden.”

EP; 25 Mar 1914; item: “All other court matters were laid aside in the superior court Tuesday and the day was given up to the examining of petitioners for naturalization and there were a large number of cases taken in charge by U.S. Naturalization Deputy George A. Crutchfield. Nine men were admitted to citizenship after showing the proper qualifications. The disposition of the cases was as follows, says the Santa Cruz Sentinel:

“...Paul Matulich—Dismissed...Rode John Evansevich—Continued...Nick Banulle [Baule]—Continued...George Hrepich—Continued. Nicholas Violich—Admitted to citizenship.”

EP; 26 Mar 1914; item: “Filed—Plans and specifications for 4-story building located at corner Third and Main Sts., Watsonville, by M. N. and Mateo Lettunich.”

EP; 26 Mar 1914; item: “PLANS FILED. The plans of a four story office building to be erected by M. N. and Mateo Lettunich on the old Mansion House site in this city, were filed with the county recorder yesterday. W. H. Weeks is the architect.”

EP; 27 Mar 1914; item: “Notice of intended sale—L. Javalovica to A. Vukich—Personal property situated in building at corner of Third and Walker streets, Watsonville.”

EP; 28 Mar 1914; item: “SMITH NON-COMMITTAL... Attorney George W. Smith, who was over from Watsonville Friday on professional business, when asked whether he intended to offer himself as a candidate for district attorney at the next election, would neither affirm or deny the report. ‘I consider B. K. Knight, an admirable district attorney and believe he should be continued in office,’ he remarked.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 28 Mar 1914; ALL: Mr. Radovich.

EP; 28 Mar 1914; born: “Watsonville, March 27, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. [Jack] Sambrailo, a daughter.” [*Mary*; +1995; married Gleason]

EP; 28 Mar 1914; item: “Party wall agreement—G. H. Brewington Co. with M. N. Lettunich et al.”

EP; 31 Mar 1914; item: “Estate of Peter Carstulovich, deceased—Final account allowed and settled.”

EP; 31 of Mar 1914; item: “Geo. Gianinni, B. N. Trobock and Ed. White, well known San Francisco commission merchants, are here today looking after their strawberry acreage interests in this valley.”

EP; 2 Apr 1914; item: “Sister Mary Veronica, Provincial Superior of the order of Notre Dame, who is making her annual tour of inspection of the houses of the Order, is the guest of the Sisters of Moreland Notre Dame Academy, this week. In honor of her visit the pupils of the Academy gave the following program...

“Characterstuck, selected, Miss Anna Scurich.

“Recitation and Song, ‘The Blacksmith and Anvil Chorus,’ by the Little Boys, accompanist, Miss Anna Scurich...

“Orchestral Selections: ...second mandolins, [Miss] A. Scurich...

“Motion Song, Twenty Little Girls, accompanist, Miss Anna Scurich...”

EP; 2 Apr 1914; item: “Peter Mengol, the fruit packer, has returned from San Francisco for next season’s work. Pete reports business very dull up in the city.”

EP; 3 Apr 1914; item: “Estate of Peter Carstulovich, deceased—Vouchers accompanying first account of administrator.”

EP; 4 Apr 1914; item: “Andy Balich is a business visitor here today from Santa Cruz.”

EP; 4 Apr 1914; item: “Nicholas Alaga has returned from a business trip to San Francisco.”

EP; 4 Apr 1914; item: “LUCICH & GORDON GO INTO INSOLVENCY...The badly tangled business affairs of Lucich & Gordon, hitherto prominent fruit dealers and packers in this valley came to a climax this forenoon when they filed through their attorney, A. W. Sans, their petition in insolvency in the United States District Court in San Francisco.

“The petition states that their liabilities are in excess of \$10,000 but it is reported here that the sum total of their liabilities will go nearer \$15,000. Their resources are not known.

“The failure is a bad one, and we hear of many promi-

nent firms and businessmen caught in the crash.”

EP; 8 Apr 1914; item: “[board of aldermen meeting] The following building permits were granted: A. Balich, cottage at 128 West Lake Avenue, \$750...M. N. and Mateo Lettunich, new Lettunich building at Third and Main, \$75,000; M. N. and Mateo Lettunich, alterations on old Mansion House building, \$4,000...”

EP; 9 Apr 1914; item: “REMODELING MANSION HOUSE. James Patterson, contractor on the new Lettunich building at Third and Main streets has started his workmen in remodeling the interior of the old Mansion House building. It is understood that the place formerly used as a barroom will be converted into a restaurant and that the big lobby will be reduced and the Dye barber shop will be moved a store this way, and the entire front of the old building is to be given a new terra cotta finish and made to look like the front of the new structure on the corner.”

EP; 9 Apr 1914; item: “LUCICH AND GORDON HEAVILY INVOLVED...The firm of Lucich & Gordon, which has gone into bankruptcy proceedings within the last week, has involved a large number of creditors in this city, some of whom are secured by a chattel mortgage and the rest of whom are not secured. The Pajaronian has secured a full list of the creditors of the firm and the list is herewith published:

“...The claims against Lucich & Gordon secured by a chattel mortgage given by Pete Lucich for \$3000 to secure himself and other creditors are as follows: William Chiforich \$469.65; Nick Durich \$469.10; John Ivancovich \$156.65; Nick Lucich \$45; John Lucich \$265.05; Louis Lucich \$419.05; Nick Ivancovich \$30; Pete Lucich \$727.50; Louis Banovac [Banovac] \$265.75; Central Grocery Company \$500; Luke Scurich \$227.

“The unsecured claims are as follows: ...Knego & Green \$46.05...City Grocery Company \$79.65...Mrs. C. Mortizia & Company \$6.20...B. Pista \$98...”

EP; 13 Apr 1914; board of supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund, Special: Paul Butier \$51.75...Riverside Road: ...Joe Durgance [Derganc] \$46.40...Nick Violich \$52.25; John Vokovich \$56.50...Pajaro Protection District: ...Paul Fiorovich \$3...Steve Pavlovich \$25.35... Pete Sambrailo \$26.80...”

EP; 13 Apr 1914; item: “George Slavich has returned from a visit to San Jose.”

EP; 13 Apr 1914; item: “Mrs. Burin of San Francisco returned yesterday after a visit here with her daughter, Mrs. John Alaga.”

EP; 13 Apr 1914; item: “Jack Novicich [Novcich], who

was severely burned by electricity many months ago, is out of the hospital and is on the streets greeting his many friends.”

EP; 13 Apr 1914; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, April 15, 1914, to Nick Matulich, aged 31, of Watsonville, a native of Austria, and Frances Salamunovich, aged 18 of Watsonville, a native of Austria.”

EP; 14 Apr 1914; item: “Andy Balich of Santa Cruz and Steve Scurich of this city are visiting the Balich ranch near Turlock.”

EP; 15 Apr 1914; item: “C. W. Rowe vs. Frank Matulich—Complaint in suit asking \$2250 and costs for breaking of agreement regarding leasing of land.”

EP; 16 Apr 1914; Monterey Co. board of supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Peter Vukich, \$16...”

EP; 17 Apr 1914; honor roll: High 8th: John Strazich; High 7th: Helen Strazicich; High 5th: Anna Knego; High 4th: John Castropelli; Low 4th: Steven Nemanich; High 3rd: Martin Ljubenko; High 2nd: Tony Scurich; Low 2nd: Annie Uvodich.

EP; 17 Apr 1914; item: “BANAZ WON OUT. In the civil action of A. P. Jacobs et al. vs. Nick Banaz et ux., satisfaction in judgment was ordered entered in the Superior Court Tuesday. This is what was known as the apple case in which Nick Banaz, a fruit raiser at Templeton locked horns with a commission concern and came out winner in the end. Banaz now resides near Arroyo Grande.—San Luis Obispo Tribune.”

EP; 17 Apr 1914; item: “George Strazicich, Mrs. Nicholas Strazicich and Mrs. Emile Strazicich have departed for a visit to Salinas and Monterey.”

EP; 17 Apr 1914; item: “Steve Scurich returned yesterday from a trip in company with Andy Balich of Santa Cruz, through Stanislaus county where they went to look over the field. They found the crops of every kind even now immense, being larger than any on record in the San Joaquin valley. The grain is already shoulder high. A regular boom is in progress there which keeps the realty men on the jump.”

EP; 18 Apr 1914; item: “The program for...the Rose Festival, at the Auditorium, given by the Watsonville Woman’s club will be inaugurated with a Children’s Parade...”

“Immediately following the parade the May Queen will be crowned with appropriate ceremonies and dances and specialties will be presented as follows:

“May Pole Dance: ...Rachael Cikuth...Ruth Scurich...”

“The specialties to be introduced will embrace: ‘When Your Old Gray Bonnet Was New’...Chorus: ...Anna Scurich...

“Grecian Dancing and Posing...Anna Scurich...”

EP; 18 Apr 1914; item: “Stephen Scurich, etc., vs. George Carstulovich—Re-set for May 14th.”

EP; 20 Apr 1914; obit: “This morning, about 6 o’clock, at his residence, No. 97 Brennan street, Jerry Gospodnetich died after an illness of some eight months, of ills incidental to his advanced age.

“Deceased was a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged 71 years, seven months and 12 days. He came to this valley with his wife about three years ago from the old country, and took up his residence with his sons here. He was a kindly old man, and highly respected by all who knew him. He leaves a widow, and three sons, Antonio, Joseph and John Gospodnetich; also three daughters, Mrs. Katie Hrepich, Mrs. Mary Hrepich and Miss Pearl Gospodnetich.

“The funeral will take place from the residence of his son, Joseph, No. 97 Brennan street...”

EP; 20 Apr 1914; item: “Miss Katie Pista and Antone J. Viscovich, both well known residents of this city, will be married on May 3d here according to an announcement just made. Mr. Viscovich is the owner of a postal card and notions store on lower Main street and the bride-elect is the sister of B. and M. Pista, the well known fruit men of this city.”

EP; 20 Apr 1914; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, April 18, 1914, to Anton Joseph Viscovich, aged 31, of Watsonville, a native of Austria, and Kate Pista, aged 26, of Watsonville, a native of Austria.”

EP; 20 Apr 1914; obit: “In Watsonville, April 20, 1914, Jerry Gospodnetich, a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged 71 years, 7 months and 12 days.”

EP; 21 Apr 1914; item: “Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Stetta Co. et al.—Order of court as follows: On motion to tax costs; plaintiff has filed herein his cost bill, in which the Sheriff’s fees are charged as \$345.50, without being itemized as required by the statute. The sheriff testified that all of his cost in the case amounted to \$9.50. Hence it is clear that all costs not incurred by the sheriff, or under direction, cannot be taxed as sheriff’s fees in the case. Plaintiff will be allowed 50c notary fee for the verification of his complaint, beside \$8.50 clerk’s fees, and \$9.50 sheriff fees. All other charges in plaintiff’s bill of costs should be stricken out, and it is so ordered.”

EP; 22 Apr 1914; item: “Estate of George Valjalo, deceased—Affidavit of publication of notice to creditors.”

EP; 22 Apr 1914; item: “Mike Nirich has returned from Soledad where he has been employed by the S.P. bridge crew.”

EP; 23 Apr 1914; item: “Chester Eveland vs. Ivancovich & Stetta Co.—Order taxing costs to the plaintiff.”

EP; 24 Apr 1914; item: “All day today Judge Hawkins has presided in the justice court over the hearing of a number of local witnesses, who are making depositions in the case of M. B. Lettunich vs. Sheriff Eggers of San Francisco in the famous Lettunich auto case. Attorneys George W. Smith and George P. Burke represent Attorney Thomas E. Curran, who represents Eggers, while Attorney R. H. Hudson appears for Attorney Thomas Lynch, the attorney for M. B. Lettunich. The witnesses examined so far are Fred Mann, C. W. Rowe, George W. Wells, Nicholas Alaga, B. F. Burland, James Nugent, Amos Condit, Joseph Osteja [Ostoja], E. J. Mann, M. N. Lettunich, L. P. Cox, J. H. Covell and Mateo Lettunich. Wells, Burland, Condit, Osteja and Covell testified as to the reputation of N. V. Lettunich, whose machine is in dispute, all either saying that his reputation was bad or saying that they had heard bad reports about him.

“Mr. M. N. Lettunich was the only one to collect his witness fees, which amounted to \$1.10, before he would testify. He was paid the money by Sam Hrepich and he then went on the witness stand. M. B. Lettunich is suing Sheriff Eggers to recover the money received by Eggers on an execution sale, at which the automobile of N. V. Lettunich was sold. Lettunich claims that N. V. Lettunich owed him about \$1000 for wages and was paying him up at the rate of \$75 per month.”

EP; 24 Apr 1914; article: “Tomorrow the Rose Festival, at the Auditorium, given by the Watsonville Woman’s club will be inaugurated with a Children’s Parade from Presbyterian hall to the Auditorium...”

“Immediately following the parade the May Queen will be crowned with appropriate ceremonies and dances and specialties will be presented as follows:

“May Pole Dance—Ethel Devine, Elizabeth Martin, Mildred White, Leota Aggeler, Rachel Cikuth, Vera Eaton, Edith Devine, Evelyn Eaton, Nellie Richard, Ruth Scurich, Alice Aggeler, Thelma Krough...”

“Grecian Dancing and Posing by Lucile Krough, Gladys Andrews, Delia Gill, Florence Smith, Ruth Heron, Mabel Wilson, Violet Peterson, Katherine Reardon, Jean Johnson, Ruth Biersch, Anna Scurich, Gladys Sheehy...”

EP; 25 Apr 1914; item: “Our friend ‘Jack’ Covell feels aggrieved at an item in last night’s issue of this paper stating that he had said anything derogatory to ‘Nick’ V. Lettunich’s character at the taking of depositions before Judge Hawkins, yesterday as to Mr. Lettunich’s general reputation and character. According to the shorthand

reporter's notes Mr. Covell testified as follows: 'That as manager of a garage he had known N. V. Lettunich for about 10 years; his business dealings and transactions with Lettunich consisted of taking care of and repairing an automobile; that Lettunich had an account with him of \$768.37 of which he paid a part but owes the balance; that the \$768.37 was charged to the account of N. V. Lettunich and Lettunich Bros.[.] \$28.74, which was for fixing a pump on the Murphy place; that Nick Lettunich never refused to pay the money he owed me but I had to get security for the machine, so he placed the mortgage with somebody else.'

"Of course the above testimony is not 'derogatory' to Mr. Nick Lettunich, and he is certainly entitled to all the satisfaction he can get out of Mr. Covell's testimony on his behalf."

EP; 25 Apr 1914; item: "Miss Anna Farlin, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has received a letter from J. J. Simons of Perth, West Australia, in which Simons states that the young Australia League boys will tour the United States again this year under Simons. These boys were here two years ago and they are certainly welcome here anytime they choose to come again."

EP; 27 Apr 1914; item: "The following people had exhibits at the Rose Show last Saturday: ...Miss Anna Scurich...Mrs. Scurich..."

EP; 27 Apr 1914; item: "ARRESTED FOR BATTERY. George Strazicich, Jr., was arrested this morning by Chief of Police Whitsitt on a charge of battery, which was preferred before Police Judge Bridgewater by Pat Burns. Burns alleges that Strazicich struck him in a violent manner last Saturday night in the Railroad Exchange Hotel on Walker Street following a dispute over money matters. This afternoon he [pled] not guilty and the case will come up tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. He was released on \$10 bail."

EP; 28 Apr 1914; item: "STRAZICICH FORFEITS BAIL. George Strazicich, Jr., showed foresight this morning when he failed to appear before Police Judge Bridgewater to answer to a complaint charging battery, which had been preferred against him by Pat Burns. The defendant forfeited his \$10 bail but if he had been convicted in court after his trial he might have been stung for much more than that amount."

EP; 28 Apr 1914; married: "Watsonville, April 27, 1914, at St. Patrick's church by Rev. Fr. Cawley, Nick Matulich and Francis Salamunovich."

EP; 28 Apr 1914; married: "Miss Frances Salamunovich of this city became the bride yesterday of Nick Matulich of this city at a wedding performed by Rev. Father John

Cawley at St. Patrick's church. After a honeymoon trip the couple will reside here. The bride is the daughter of Mike Salamunovich of this city and has resided in Larkin Valley. The groom is a well known local fruit man and is associated with Joseph Osteja [Ostoja] in the apple business on Locust St. where they operate a packing house. Both the bride and groom are well known here and their friends will wish them the best of success in the future."

EP; 30 Apr 1914; item: "Filed—Heating specifications and builders' contract—4 story and office building to be erected for M. N. and Mateo Lettunich at Watsonville. W. H. Weeks architect."

EP; 30 Apr 1914; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, April 29, 1914, to John Cicjel [Cicijelj/Cicisly], age 29 and Lucy Braicovich [Braicevich], age 27, both of Watsonville."



Fig. 4-55.
Seated:
John Cicisly
(1884-1970),
Lucy Braicevich
(1886-1986).
Standing:
Helen Sambrailo
Mortizia (1894-
1979),
M. Borkovich.

EP; 1 May 1914; born: "Watsonville, April 30, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cupich, twin daughters." [*Katherine; +1987; married Suddjian. Pauline; +2006; married Kesovia*]



Fig. 4-56. Katherine (left) and Pauline Cupich.

EP; 5 May 1914; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: M. Glech, \$66.25..."

"Supplies: Strazicich & Zar, \$5...Hrepich & Wells, \$30.25..."

EP; 5 May 1914; item: "Filed—Plumbing specifications and bonds of Senegrini Bros. for work on brick and con-

crete building construction for M. N. and Mateo Lettunich on Main St. in city of Watsonville.”

EP; 5 May 1914; item: “LETTUNICH VS. EGGERS. Several local people will attend the civil trial of Lettunich vs. Sheriff Eggers in San Francisco tomorrow, depositions in which case were taken here before Judge Hawkins a short while ago. Superior Judge Mogan will hear the case.”

EP; 5 May 1914; married: “Watsonville, May 3, 1914, at St. Patrick’s church, Anton Viscovich and Miss Katie Pista, both of Watsonville.”



Fig. 4-57.
Antone Viscovich
(1883-1919),
Kate Pista
(1888-1967).

EP; 5 May 1914; item: “N. H. Lovering, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Smith and William N. Cumming motored to San Francisco today.”

EP; 5 May 1914; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alaga have removed from 145 Second street to one of the new Balich cottages on West Lake avenue.”

EP; 5 May 1914; married: “At a wedding held last Sunday morning at 11:30 o’clock at St. Patrick’s church Miss Kate Pista and Mr. Anton Viscovich were united in the bonds of holy matrimony in the presence of a large number of invited friends and relatives. After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to the home of B. Pista, the bride’s brother, where a sumptuous wedding dinner was enjoyed. Later in the afternoon the newlyweds departed for a honeymoon trip to San Francisco and upon their return will reside on Second street in this city.

“Both the bride and groom have a host of friends here and are well known. The bride is a sister of M. and B. Pista, the well known local fruit packers, and she has many friends to wish her success and happiness here. The groom conducts a postcard and novelty store on lower Main street and is well known in the business world here. Both have the best wishes and congratulations of all their friends.”

EP; 6 May 1914; article: “...[T]he benefit shows of the High School Seniors, will be given at the Opera House and a splendid program has been arranged for the show.

The feature of the show will be a 40 minute skit, ‘Last Day of the Deestrick Skule,’ in which a large cast will appear under the direction of Mrs. Eva Murphy. The cast will be as follows: Scholars: Jane Boggs, Miss Florence Smith...”

EP; 6 May 1914; board of aldermen: “...L. Jalovica & Co. were allowed to transfer their license in the Krough building at Third and Walker streets to A. Vukich and R. Chukovich...Peter and Nick Stolich were allowed to make \$1000 improvements at 162 and 166 West Fifth street...”

EP; 7 May 1914; board of supervisors, payments: “...Riverside Road: ...Joe Dergance, \$19.15...Nick Violich \$43...John Vicovich, \$55...”

“County Fund: ...Hrepich & Wells, \$22...Jack Novcich [Novcich], \$153.80...”

“Indigent Sick: ...City Grocery Co., \$24...”

EP; 7 May 1914; item: “The case of M. B. Lettunich vs. Sheriff Eggers of San Francisco, which involves the automobile of N. V. Lettunich, is still in progress in the metropolis, starting yesterday. Attorneys George W. Smith and George P. Burke of this city represent Sam Hrepich, who secured judgment against N. V. Lettunich.”

EP; 7 May 1914; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, May 6, 1914, to Peter Stolich, 40, and Helen Pecarevich, 23, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 8 May 1914; article: “APPLE SHOW MAY BE HELD IN METROPOLIS...As the result of a proposition made last night by Harry Perkins to the directors of the California Apple Show, who met at the auditorium, President O. D. Stoesser has issued a call for a meeting of the stockholders of the show to be held next Wednesday evening to consider the advisability of holding the 1914 apple show in San Francisco. Mr. Perkins has secured an option on a big lot at Eighth and Market streets in San Francisco and if the stockholders decide to hold the show this year in San Francisco he will formally take over the lot at a nominal rental until that time.

“Mr. Perkins addressed the directors last night at length and called attention to the tremendous advertising that would accrue to Watsonville if the show was held in the metropolis. He further stated that where 50,000 see the show here there would be over 200,000 to view the show in the metropolis. The lot secured by Perkins is 270x530 feet in size and is one of the best situated pieces of property in the Bay City. The directors in discussing the idea last night seemed to be much enthused over the proposition and now it remains to see what the stockholders think of the idea. Some of the directors last night, H. C. Peckham, Mateo Lettunich and C. H. Baker in particular, were of the opinion that the exhibits at the show

if held in San Francisco would be greater than ever and that many carload exhibits would be entered..."

EP; 8 May 1914; article: "Miss Mary Matulich, who resides on California Street with her brother, Paul Matulich, will become the bride here next Monday...of George Matulich of Hollister. After the wedding a big dinner will be enjoyed by the wedding guests at the home of the bride's brother."

EP; 8 May 1914; item: "A warrant charging battery was sworn out last night in Police Judge Bridgewater's court against Ben Freitas by Peter Slavich. The charge is the result of an affray that is alleged to have taken place last night but when the police arrived the trouble was all over. Freitas had not been arrested at noon today."

EP; 9 May 1914; item: "Ben Freitas came into Police Judge Bridgewater's court yesterday afternoon and pleaded 'not guilty' to the charge of battery preferred against him by Peter Slavich. He was ordered to appear for trial on Friday next..."

EP; 9 May 1914; ALL: Joseph Gospodnetich, John Kotlar, Geo. Kusanovich, V. P. Pokavich [Pokovich], N. Spesovich, John Vukovich.

EP; 9 May 1914; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, May 8, 1914, to George Matulich, age 29, of Hollister, a native of Austria, and Margaret Matulich, age 26, of Watsonville, a native of Austria."

EP; 11 May 1914; married: "Miss Mary Matulich of this city became the bride this morning at St. Patrick's church of George Matulich of Hollister, the wedding being attended by a large number of friends and relatives. After the ceremony all adjourned to the home of Paul Matulich, the bride's brother, on California street where a bountiful wedding dinner was enjoyed. This afternoon the bride and groom departed on their honeymoon and they expect to reside in Hollister. The bride is well known here and is a charming young lady while the groom is popular in the hay city."

EP; 11 May 1914; born: "In Watsonville, May 11, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Blasich [Vlasich], a son." [*Peter; +1944 in WWII*]

EP; 11 May 1914; married: "Watsonville, May 11, 1914, at St. Patrick's Church, Miss Mary Matulich of Watsonville and George Matulich of Hollister."

EP; 12 May 1914; married: "HELEN PECAREVICH WEDS PETER STOLICH...this morning Miss Helen Pecarevich of this city was united in holy wedlock to Peter Stolich, the well known local fruit man, the mar-

riage ceremony being performed at St. Patrick's church by Rev. Father John Cawley. Nicholas Stolich, a brother of the groom, acted as best man and Mrs. Peter Resetar, a sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid. A large number of invited friends attended the wedding and after the ceremony the happy couple and their guests adjourned to the Resetar packing house in the rear of the Resetar residence on West Lake Avenue where a bountiful wedding dinner was served. This afternoon the happy couple departed for San Francisco to enjoy their honeymoon and upon their return they will reside at 166 West Fifth street.

"The groom is a senior member of the firm of Stolich Brothers and conducts a packing house on West Fifth Street. He has lived here many years and has a host of friends. The bride is the sister of Mrs. Resetar and has resided with her sister for several years. Both are well known here, especially in the local Austrian colony, and the many friends of both will extend congratulations and best wishes."

EP; 12 May 1914; married: "Watsonville May 12 1914, at St. Patrick's Church, by Rev. Father Cawley, Peter Stolich and Miss Helen Pecarevich, both of Watsonville."



Fig. 4-58.
Seated:
Peter Stolich (1873-1952),
Helen Pecarevich
(1891-1985).
Standing:
Nick Stolich (1882-1966),
Anna Pecarevich Resetar,
(1889-1975).

EP; 12 May 1914; item: "Attorneys George W. Smith and George P. Burke are in San Francisco on the Lettunich-Eggers case."

EP; 12 May 1914; item: "Miss Anita Burin has returned to San Francisco after visiting here with her sister, Mrs. John Alaga. Mrs. Abrams of the metropolis has remained here with the Alagas."

EP; 14 May 1914; item: "JURY DISAGREED...In the case of M. B. Lettunich vs. Sheriff Eggers of San Francisco, involving Lettunich's celebrated automobiles the jury in Judge Mogan's court, in the metropolis yesterday, after lengthy session, disagreed, standing seven for Eggers and three for Lettunich. The case was tried, by consent, with 10 jurors. J. H. Covell was one of the star witnesses for Lettunich yesterday, as an expert on autos. He stated that he could tell from the mere appearance of a machine, how many miles it had traveled; that Lettunich's machine had traveled 25,000 miles, and that it was worth \$1000. On cross-examination he testified that he

was keeping this machine in his garage without charge or any expense; that he came to San Francisco voluntarily and without charge to testify in the case. Mr. Covell was bitterly denounced by Attorney Geo. W. Smith in his argument for defendant before the jury."

EP; 14 May 1914; item: "A BIG NUISANCE... Considerable complaint is heard regarding the way East Third street, corner of Main street, is blocked up by the building operations on the new Lettunich building. Patrons of the post office are the worst sufferers, although the business houses along the Odd Fellows block are hit hard also. It is held that all those building operations should be handled by the Messrs. Lettunich on their own lot, back of the new building, instead of blocking up a main thoroughfare, and the board of aldermen come in for considerable criticism for allowing it.

"On the other hand no one wants to start a complaining petition, as the Messrs. Lettunich are spending an immense amount of money for the betterment of past conditions, and it is held that it is better to stand the present inconvenience, and bear it grinningly, than to put them to any great inconvenience, as they are improving the town..."

EP; 14 May 1914; article: "APPLE SHOW IS TO GO TO METROPOLIS. The 1914 and 1915 California Apple Shows will be held in San Francisco, the show this year to be held on the large McCreary lot at Eighth and Market streets and the 1915 show to be held on the world's fair grounds. This was the unanimous decision arrived at last night when representatives of 3470 shares of stock, which was a majority, met at the auditorium to decide whether to hold the show in San Francisco or not at all. Every speaker during the evening favored the show going to the metropolis and to show their future good faith in the project that ten announced that they stood ready to guarantee the sum of \$250 each toward the show, a guarantee fund of \$5000 being necessary.

"Harry Perkins will be manager, majordomo and generalissimo of the 1914 apple show. He was present last night, and as usual was crammed full of facts, figures and boost talk, his remarks being applauded every time he spoke. The entire meeting was alive with the old time apple show enthusiasm and the fact that the show was to knock at the gates of San Francisco for recognition from the hundreds of thousands of people in the Bay cities seemed to cast a more glorious spell over the audience and seemed to charge the atmosphere with enthusiasm, life and energy.

"...Those present were J. E. Gardner, Otto D. Stoesser, Miss Anna M. Farlin, T. M. Wright, R. H. Goodchild, Harry Perkins, A. W. Cox, George W. Sill, Richard Buckhart, C. F. Langley, W. R. Radcliff, E. W. Sherman, C. B. Lewis, E. Steinhauer, John Coop, J. H. Rowe, M. N. Lettunich, Henry Cowles, H. C. Peckham,

Peter Storm, Julius Schanbacher, W. L. Granger, F. P. Krough, Lew I. Bay, E. H. Nohrden, George P. Martin, Dr. S. C. Rodgers, D. J. Daly, C. H. Baker, Percy Whinton, F. L. Selleck and O. Olesen.

"President Stoesser opened the meeting by explaining the object of the session and boosting for the holding of the show in San Francisco this year. He said the show could not be held successfully here because the necessary money could not be raised and the attendance from the outside would be much smaller this year. He said the show treasury had been depleted to the amount of \$2500 last year and if the show was held here this year the loss would be even greater. He called attention to the fact that the association through Harry Perkins had secured an option on the big lot at 8th and Market from September 15 to October 15...

"Chairman J. E. Gardner of the finance committee was the next speaker. He declared that last year it was decided to raise \$5000 in advance to hold the 1913 show. Between 1000 and 1500 letters were sent out to growers in the valley. It being thought that as the growers were so directly benefited by the shows that they would of course contribute liberally. Mr. Gardner then declared that out of the 1000 or 1500 cards sent out only 127 answers were received and only 105 of these subscribing. The matter was then taken up with the local business men and the contributions of the year before were doubled in nearly every instance. The big merchants donated their twofold contribution willingly but most of the smaller business men fell down. The result was that the total contributions amounted to about \$3000. This year, Mr. Gardner stated, the money could not be raised here for a show in Watsonville. The hard times of the past two years, the fact that so many residents failed to do their part last year and the difficulty to get local packers to exhibit[,] all would work against the show this year. But if the apple show was abandoned Sebastopol and other apple growing sections would step in and start the State apple show and the news would get abroad that Watsonville had 'petered out'...

"A number of those present were then called on for remarks and in substance they said as follows:

"...M. N. Lettunich—I am willing to exhibit in San Francisco but do not think you will get as many smaller exhibits there from here..."

"Mr. Cox then moved that the apple show be moved to San Francisco and that the show be financed by the association entirely if possible and if that was not feasible for the guarantee method to be considered. This motion was carried unanimously, not one present voting against it.

"Those that have announced their willingness to guarantee \$250 each are [no Slavs]..."

EP; 15 May 1914; item: "Stephen Scurich, as administrator, vs. George Carstulovich—Reset for May 20."

EP; 15 May 1914; item: "Bond and specifications of T.C.

Electrical Works for electrical work on Lettunich building, Watsonville.”

EP; 16 May 1914; item: “CASE IS DISMISSED. Owing to the non-appearance of George Slavich, the prosecuting witness, the battery charge against Freitas has been dismissed by Police Judge Bridgewater. Attorney George W. Smith represented Freitas.”

EP; 16 May 1914; honor roll: High 7th: Helen Strazicich; High 5th: Anna Knego; High 4th: John Castropelli, Tone Dubreta; Low 3rd: Annie Matson; High 2nd: Tony Scurich; Low 2nd: Katie Lubenko, Annie Uvodich.

EP; 16 May 1914; item: “TENT IS SECURED... Word was received from manager Harry Perkins of the California Apple Show from San Bernardino that the big tent owned by the San Bernardino orange show, which housed the Land Show in San Francisco last fall, had been secured for the California Apple Show this year in San Francisco. The San Bernardino tent is a large affair and will be the principal tent at the apple show this October in the metropolis. Perkins left Thursday for San Francisco but was halted at Palo Alto by President Stoesser, who instructed him to head back to San Bernardino to attend to the matter of the tent...”

EP; 16 May 1914; item: “Foreman Patterson of the Lettunich’s new building is making rapid progress on the structure. He starts pouring the cement tomorrow for the second story, and figures that he will have all the cement work in place in about six or eight weeks. The proposed building is commencing to assume proportions and will certainly be a great addition to the town.”

EP; 19 May 1914; item: “The estate of John Colendich, deceased—Decreases showing that due and legal notice to creditors has been given.”

EP; 19 May 1914; item: “Stephen Scurich, adm., vs. George Carstulovich—Reset for May 28th.”

EP; 19 May 1914; item: “[Re: 4th of July celebration]... Those present last night, who endorsed the celebration and who all spoke briefly on the plans were R. H. Hudson, O. D. Stoesser, D. J. Daly, Lew I. Bay, C. B. Overhulser, J. H. Rowe, H. A. Harrison, J. W. Stowe, Richard Buckhart, Fred Hudson, M. M. Swisher, O. A. W. Schuchard, Miss Anna M. Farlin and E. H. Lorensen.”

EP; 20 May 1914; item: “Estate of John Colendich, deceased—First and final account and petition for distribution: May 29 set as date for hearing same.”

EP; 21 May 1914; item: “**Suit Over Sale of Apples Decided in Favor of Plaintiffs.** An interesting decision

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
GEORGE W. SMITH
 Hereby announces himself as a candidate for the nomination for
District Attorney
 Subject to decision of the voters at the
August Primaries, 1914

Fig. 4-59. Display ad in the *Evening Pajaronian* of 20 May 1914.

to fruit packers was rendered this morning by Judge A. B. Hawkins when he handed down a decision in favor of the plaintiff for \$185 in the case of Alfred W. Otis & Co., against Peter Vlasich & Company.

“On September 25th, 1912, Otis, through H. P. Kane, his agent, advanced to Vlasich & Co. \$330 on two cars of apples. The apples brought small returns and Otis sued for the difference between the return and the amount advanced.

“The defendants claimed that the money was advanced on a guarantee of the amount advanced.

“P. Vlasich and J. Mihjinich testified that Mr. Kane guaranteed that the apples would bring at least 25c per box. Mr. Kane denied that there had been a guarantee, and clenched his case by producing a draft upon which there was written that the money advanced was in the nature of a loan. The defendants claimed that they did not read the draft, but merely signed it.

“The case was argued at some length by E. J. Kelly on the plaintiff and Geo. W. Smith for the defendants. The defendants will appeal.”

EP; 23 May 1914; item: “A large delegation of members of the Watsonville Woman’s Club left today for Salinas to be the guests this afternoon of the music section of the Salinas Civic Club. Among those to go from here were... Florence Smith...”

EP; 25 May 1914; obit: “Anton A. Jerinich, a resident here for the past two years, died yesterday morning at his home at 347 Locust street after a lingering illness. He had been ill for the past eight months...”

“The deceased was a native of Dalmatia, Austria, and was aged 49 years, eight months and 25 days. He first came to America in 1883 but returned to Austria four different times since that year. He came here from his fourth trip in June, 1913 and had resided here ever since. He had resided for 25 years in South Dakota where he followed the mining business. Besides his widow he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Louis Secondo, a nephew, A. N. Jerinich, who lives here; a brother-in-law, Nick Scurich of this city, and a sister. Mr. Jerinich, was regarded by all that knew him as an estimable gentleman and all his friends will learn of his death with regret.”

EP; 25 May 1914; obit: “Watsonville, May 24, 1914, Antone Jerinich, a native of Austria, aged 49 years...”

EP; 26 May 1914; article: “**Plans for Celebration Discussed**...With all the Fourth of July committees represented last night and with other interested citizens on hand the preliminary plans for the 1914 Fourth of July celebration in this city were discussed at length. If all the events talked over last night are to be held on the Fourth this year the day will be filled from daybreak to midnight with something doing every minute and the celebration will be an event that will not soon be forgotten...

“Lake Watsonville came in for a lot of talk...it being the unanimous opinion of those present that the lake should be secured this year if possible. Ways and means of getting the lake were discussed and it was decided that if the contributions were enough to warrant the expenditure for the lake there would be a Lake Watsonville this year. All that is needed now is enough money on hand so that the work of damming the river and building the lake can be started immediately...

“Aviation will likely be a feature of the Fourth this year. Robert G. Fowler, the only living man to fly across the continent and who recently flew with a motion picture man over the Panama Canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific, wants to fly here and he would be a first-class man to secure for the day, as he is one of the greatest flyers in the business today. He will be communicated with immediately in regard to his terms. Christofferson, the former Watsonville birdman, also wants to come here to fly...

“Those present last night were Mayor W. A. Trafton, H. C. Peckham, J. H. Rowe, Richard Buckhart, H. H. Hudson, H. B. Smith, Lew I. Bay, D. F. Leddy, D. J. Daly, R. H. Goodchild, Mateo Lettunich, Julius Schanbacher, O. D. Stoesser, E. Steinhauser, D. F. Maher, John M. Conlan, George W. Wells, P. A. Callaghan, E. W. Sherman, F. P. Krough, Percy Whitton and Miss Anna Farlin.”

EP; 29 May 1914; item: “Estate of George Valjalo, deceased—Inventory, \$529.76.”

EP; 29 May 1914; item: “Stephen Scurich as adm., vs. Geo. Carstulovich—Dropped from calendar to be re-set.”

EP; 30 May 1914; article: “A delightful song recital was given last night at the Guild Hall on Carr street by the pupils of Miss Helen Balch...The program was as follows:

“...Miss Anna Farlin—‘Cavatina’ from the opera, ‘Robert Le Diable,’ Meyerbeer; ‘Swallows,’ Cowen...”

EP; 30 May 1914; article: “Miss Delo Rider last night was the hostess to a large number of her young friends at her home on Rodriguez St., those present being her fellow members of the eighth grade in the local grammar school...Those present were...Lena Strazicich...[of 31]”

EP; 30 May 1914; item: “M. L. Milcovich has departed for a business trip to San Francisco.”

EP; 2 Jun 1914; item: “The annual commencement exercises of Moreland Notre Dame Academy took place this forenoon at the Academy. They were held in the beautiful grounds of the Academy where nature furnished the decorations in the beautiful pepper and walnut trees of the grove...

“...16 very pretty and sweet little girls, with Miss Anna Scurich, as accompanist, gave a charming song...

“The junior class pupils then gave a pleasing recitation, ‘A Patriotic Girl,’ and were followed by ‘Our Boys’ in ‘Little Tradesmen,’ with Miss Anna Scurich as accompanist...

“D’Alberti’s ‘Quatuor’ for pianos, rendered by the Misses Elaine Chapin, Anna Scurich, Francis Kane, and Marie Sullivan...

“...[T]he exercises were brought to a close with a grand musical selection, a Rondo arranged by S.N.D., in which the following pupils took part: Pianos: ...Anna Marinovich...First Mandolins: ...Anna Scurich...

“...The Commercial graduates are...Anita Chargin and Mamie Long, of Watsonville.

“The Palmer diplomas for penmanship were bestowed upon...Lena Strazicich...”

EP; 2 Jun 1914; ALL: Stepo Jakobovich.

EP; 3 Jun 1914; article: “**THREE TENTS FOR FIFTH APPLE SHOW**...The floor plan of the 1914 California Apple show was shown last night at the meeting of the show directors by Manager Harry Perkins, who came down for the meeting from San Francisco. The plan met with the commendation of the directors and Mr. Perkins returned to the metropolis this morning to go ahead with his plans. The plan calls for the show this year in San Francisco, for three large tents, all three to be as large as the big tent used here, which will be one of the tents. There will be space for 200 exhibitors in the industrial section and other tents will hold the apple and feature displays.

“It is planned to have 20 feature displays and the room arranged for in the tents calls for nine carloads of fruit. Two carloads of fruit will be arranged in the center of the two tents and the features will be shown on the side of these cars. The box exhibits will be arranged in the corners and on the sides and ends[,] and the show will be arranged in a beautiful as well as novel manner. There will be the usual exhibits of apples from plates up to the 50 box lots, the exhibits being limited to plates, one, five, ten, 25 and 50 boxes and carloads. A charge of 75 cents per square foot for the first 100 feet and 50 cents for each additional square foot will be made for industrial exhibits.

“Those present at last night’s meeting were President Otto D. Stoesser, Directors John Gardner, Mateo Lettunich, George W. Sill, R. H. Goodchild, A. Wilcox, E. Steinhauser, J. H. Rowe and J. M. Wright, Secretary Anna Farlin and General Manager Harry Perkins.”

EP; 3 Jun 1914; article: “[results of board of aldermen meeting]...The following licenses were ordered canceled: Misses A. Morton, G. Matsuoka, Horn Company, M. V. and B. Pista, Mekies & Pekoch, Lettunich Bros., John Scurich, Sang Chang Co., Tom Donley and Dr. J. H. Mules...[no other explanation]

“The following claims were passed last night: Labor: ...M. Glech, \$70...Supplies: M. N. and Mateo Lettunich, \$18.75...”

EP; 4 Jun 1914; board of supervisors, payments: “...Riverside Road Fund: ...John Vocovich, \$54...Nate Violich \$14...County Fund: ...John Vocovich, \$6...Jack Novichich [Novvich], \$46.80...Soquel Road Fund: N. Skocko, \$12.50...”

EP; 5 Jun 1914; item: “The case of Lettunich vs. Sheriff Eggers, of San Francisco, involving the ownership of ‘Nick’ Lettunich’s celebrated auto, has been set for trial for Sept. 14th.”

EP; 5 Jun 1914; item: “Stephen Scurich, as adm., vs. George Carstulovich—Dropped from calendar.”

EP; 6 Jun 1914; item: “The graduation social of the Eighth grade boys was enjoyed at the residence of Henry Payton on Peck avenue last evening...”

“Features of the program were...selections by the class quartet, George Breedlove, Joe Raberlo, Albert Coffen and John Strazicich...”

EP; 6 Jun 1914; born: “In Watsonville, June 5, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gospodnetich, a daughter.” [*Anna*; +1926]

EP; 6 Jun 1914; item: “**The Following Property Holders Are on the Delinquent List Published in the ‘Santa Cruz Surf’ in City of Watsonville.** Butier, Michael P., \$4.50...Gospodnetich, T. and J., \$11.37; Gospodnetich, P. and Thos. Zeger [Zegar], \$9.00...Matulich, Jacob, \$7.27...Peckoch [Pekoch], Stephen \$4.50...Pista, Blas, \$25.43; Radovan, Frank, \$53.08...”

“In Pajaro Road District: Radovan, Frank, \$117.08...”

EP; 8 Jun 1914; item: “Estate of Peter Carstulovich, deceased—Petition for leave to compromise claim; June 19th set as day for hearing.”

EP; 8 Jun 1914; item: “George Hrepich has departed for a visit to Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 9 Jun 1914; item: “In the estate of the late Peter Carstulovich, the administrator has petitioned for leave to compromise the matter of claims between the estate and George Carstulovich, giving as a reason that the attorney fees would amount to considerable and that the settle-

ment of the estate would long be delayed. All the heirs and the wife of the deceased are willing that such a settlement should be made.—Sentinel.”

EP; 9 Jun 1914; item: “John Balovich is going to Tassajara Springs for a vacation.”

EP; 11 Jun 1914; item: “Peter Blas Marinovich, the 18-year-old son of F. P. Marinovich of this city, graduated yesterday from the Santa Clara University commercial department and has returned to this city. He graduated from the school with the highest honors in his class and was awarded a ribbon for being at the head of the class in bookkeeping and other commercial studies. It is possible that the young Marinovich may return to the university to take up medicine or law. He deserves credit for his high showing at the college and shows that he is a bright young man.”

EP; 11 Jun 1914; item: “The little son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Alaga was bruised this morning near the residence of his parents at Menker and Second streets as the result of being run over by a grocery delivery wagon. The little boy started across the street and how the wagon ran over him without the driver stopping in time is not known. He was rushed into his home and a physician summoned but an examination disclosed the happy fact that the little chap was suffering from a gash on the forehead, several minor bruises and shock, but nothing more serious. All who know that Alaga family and are acquainted with the bright little boy will be pleased to hear that he was not seriously hurt and is out of danger.

“The driver of the grocery wagon did not stop when he had run down the little boy but kept on driving ahead, leaving the little boy unconscious on the street. The least that the driver could have done was to have stopped his horse and helped to take care of his victim.”

EP; 11 Jun 1914; born: “In Watsonville, June 11, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Grizich, a son.” [*Paul*; +1991]

EP; 12 Jun 1914; promotions: high 8th to high school: John Strazich; high 7th to low 8th: Helen Strazich; low 6th to high 6th: Chas. Sambraillo; high 5th to low 6th: Anna Knego; high 2nd to low 3rd: Tony Scurich; high 1st to low 2nd: Marie Rolovich [Rilovich], Martin Franich, Mary Matson; low 1st to high 1st: Louie Bonicich.

EP; 12 Jun 1914; article: “The entertaining merits of the benefit shows to be given on next Wednesday evening, at the Opera House, by Canton Watsonville No. 32, Patriarchs Militant...should pack the house at both shows...”

“Incidental to the above comedy, Mrs. Eva Murphy, (who is getting up the features of this entertainment) will introduce the following specialties: ...‘That English Rag,’ Soloist, John Sheehy; Chorus, Misses Jean John-

ston, Ruth Heron, Lucile Krough, Anna Scurich, Della Gill and Florence Smith...”

EP; 15 Jun 1914; Monterey Co. board of supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: Chris Milanovich, \$4...Nick Matezaserich [Matiasevich], \$30...”

EP; 16 Jun 1914; item: “Miss Anna M. Farlin, Miss Myrtle Byrd, Mrs. W. L. Granger, William Terra and C. E. Key, all of this city, were in Soquel this morning to sing during the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Father P. J. O’Reilly. The local vocalists beautifully rendered several selections during the high mass...”

EP; 17 Jun 1914; promotions by exam: High 8th to high school: Lena Strazich; high 7th to low 8th: Jennie Dubretta; low 7th to high 7th: Stephen Marinovich; low 6th to high 6th: John Allegretti, Mike Glage; high 5th to low 6th: Martin Rilovich; high 5th to low 6th: Kathryn Strazich, Mark Rilovich; high 6th to low 7th: Katie Rilovich, Chris Rilovich; low 5th to high 5th: Matthew Derganc, Kate Arbanas, Nick Castropelli; high 4th to low 5th: John Castropelli; high 4th to low 5th: Lazarus Matson, Tone Dubreta, Paul Dubretta, Louis Arbanas, Frank Uvodich; low 4th to high 4th: Nellie Puheira [Puhiera], Frank Saveria; high 3rd to low 4th: Martin Ljubenka [Lubenko], Willie Sambrailo, Anna Ljubenka; low 3rd to high 3rd: Nick Dubretta, Annie Matson; low 2nd to high 2nd: Nick Radimer [Radimir], Annie Noodich, Katie Lubenko; low 1st to high 1st: Martin Grizich.

EP; 17 Jun 1914; item: “According to a letter received today by Miss Anna M. Farlin, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, from the Salinas Chamber of Commerce there will be a large crowd of Salinas people here on the Fourth of July and the Salinas Chamber of Commerce secretary says that the officers and members of that organization are boosting our Fourth of July in every way possible...”

EP; 18 Jun 1914; born: “Near Watsonville, June 17, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Blas Kelez, a daughter.” [*Katherine*; +1999; married Bourland]

EP; 18 Jun 1914; item: “Luke Scurich et ux. to James Dethiefsen—Land on county road leading from Watsonville to Santa Cruz.”

EP; 19 Jun 1914; item: “Prosper Lettunich of San Francisco is here visiting his father, M. N. Lettunich.”

EP; 19 Jun 1914; item: “Attorney George W. Smith of this city is to be one of the principal speakers tomorrow night at Santa Cruz when the Eagles of that city hold a big initiation and banquet. State President J. W. Kavanagh, former secretary of the local apple show, will

deliver the principal address and he will be followed by Mr. Smith.”

EP; 20 Jun 1914; ALL: John Bekoch, Luko Drobaz, Stephen Miloslovich, Nicholas Moncovich, Pakeri Bralic & Co., Steve Stanich, Mark Svagal, Anton Zadjelovich.

EP; 22 Jun 1914; born: “Watsonville, June 20, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Sapso [Sapro], a son.” [*Peter J.*; +1999]



Fig. 4-60. Peter Sapro.

EP; 25 Jun 1914; item: “H. S. Fletcher, commissioner, to Mateo Lettunich—22.278 acres and 13.374 acres, Bolsa del Pajaro Rancho, also right of way.”

EP; 26 Jun 1914; item: “Mrs. Nicholas Strazicich has departed for a brief visit to Oakland.”

EP; 29 Jun 1914; item: [photo] “Attorney George W. Smith of this city has been selected to deliver the Fourth of July oration and the committee has made a wise choice. As the local celebration is to be a ‘Homecoming’ celebration it is appropriate that a Watsonville man deliver the oration of the day. Mr. Smith has long been a Watsonville resident, he is truly a Pajaro Valley product, is one of the leading attorneys of this city and is a young man of brilliant attainments. He is well known here as an orator of promise and his oration next Saturday will doubtless be heard by a large crowd. He is deserving of a good audience.”



Fig. 4-61. This is the photo that was printed with this article. It is the only photo we have found of George Smith.

EP; 29 Jun 1914; item: “Estate of Peter Carstulovich, deceased—Court grants petition directing administrator to compromise suit with George Carstulovich, widow of deceased consenting.”

EP; 1 Jul 1914; item: “George Hrepich of the California Restaurant has returned from a vacation trip at Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 2 Jul 1914; item: “A reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Blizzard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. West on Sixth St...The evening was pleasantly spent with games and music. Refreshments were served at a late hour, and all had a jolly time. Among those present

were Mr. and Mrs. John Chapin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fay and family, Mrs. Simunovich, Mrs. Stolich, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Uren, Mrs. Joe Uren, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Tyndall, Mrs. H. E. West, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Blizzard, the Misses Ellen and Antoinette Balovich, Hannah Bald, Mona Uren, Lois Uren, Dorothy Uren, Edna Tyndall, Catherine West, the Messrs. Paul Werner and Clarence Bailey.”

EP; 3 Jul 1914; text ad: “FREE BULLSHEAD LUNCH. At Matulich & Ostoja’s saloon, No. 253 Main St., on tomorrow, Fourth of July, from 11 a.m. Come and try it. It will be fine.”

EP; 6 Jul 1914; article: “SPLENDID ORATION IS GIVEN BY GEO. W. SMITH. After the parade last Saturday morning a large audience gathered about the plaza bandstand to hear the literary exercises, the feature of which was the oration by George W. Smith of this city. The crowd was attentive to the program and each number on the program was heartily applauded. Mr. Smith in particular being interrupted at frequent intervals by loud and enthusiastic applause...

“It is to be regretted that the lack of space will not permit the publication of the address by Mr. Smith in whole or in part. Mr. Smith deserves high praise for the excellent address that he delivered and it was easily one of the best Fourth of July speeches ever heard here. Mr. Smith in his talk did not confine himself to empty platitudes or meaningless generalities but handled such burning questions of the hour as the Mexican trouble, the Philippine question, the Japanese problem and the trust question in a splendid and forceful manner. His utterances struck a responsive chord in the minds of his auditors for he was interrupted many times by applause. Mr. Smith’s address was pleasing in every way, was eloquently delivered and it stamped him as an orator of promise and ability.”

EP; 6 Jul 1914; item: “George W. Smith and family will leave tomorrow for a vacation trip to John Royce’s camp, ‘Dandyfunk,’ on the Pescadero.”

EP; 7 Jul 1914; item: “A number of the local Odd Fellows...journeyed to Santa Cruz in Harry Cornell’s auto truck to attend the joint installation of the San Lorenzo and Branciforte lodges. All had a delightful time and came home filled with words of praise for the hospitality of the Santa Cruz Odd Fellows. Those that made the trip were District Deputy A. S. Christensen, J. B. Milks, A. J. Lewis, C. R. Taylor, G. A. Blizzard, Albert Heagney, Karl Stoffers, J. M. Waugaman, Frank Curtiss, John Hrepich, A. P. Gourley, H. P. Kraemer, D. W. Cole, and Mr. Olsen.”

EP; 7 Jul 1914; born: “Watsonville, July 7, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Emile Strazicich, a daughter.” [*Mary; married Molina; +2008; see next Fig.*]

Fig. 4-62.
The 3 children of Emile Strazicich. Mary, the oldest, was the 1st second-generation Slav born in Watsonville. Also in this photo are Emile (“driving”) and Angela.



EP; 9 Jul 1914; item: “Tony Subasich to Peter Milat et al.—25, Quinn’s addn. to and subd. of City of Watsonville.”

EP; 9 Jul 1914; item: “Miss Isabel Donovan of San Francisco is here visiting Mrs. John Alaga and other friends.”

EP; 11 Jul 1914; item: “George Carstulovich...filed an affidavit with the county clerk in the estate of Peter Carstulovich, deceased. He alleges that a declaration of homestead setting apart real property on Locust street and of \$2557.95 life insurance to Regina Carstulovich, the widow, was made without the knowledge of Margaret and Antonio Carstulovich, parents of the deceased, who reside in Austria and who are heirs at law.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 13 Jul 1914; item: “George W. Smith and family have returned from a week’s trip to the Pescadero.”

EP; 13 Jul 1914; item: “Miss Marie Burin has returned to San Francisco after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. John Alaga.”

EP; 13 Jul 1914; item: “A. B. Rilovich of San Mateo is here on business.”

EP; 14 Jul 1914; item: “George W. Smith of Watsonville was in town yesterday relative to his candidacy for the office of District Attorney. Mr. Smith stated that it might be advisable and proper for all of the candidates to hold joint meetings throughout the county, and by thus appearing before the voters together, a fair estimate of their respective abilities and fitness could be had.—Sentinel.”

EP; 15 Jul 1914; item: “SOCIAL DANCE. Given by Club Croatian Falcon at Rappe’s hall, Saturday evening, July 18th. Popular dance music. Fine time guaranteed.”

EP; 16 Jul 1914; article: "With over 300 Eagles from Watsonville, Santa Cruz and Hollister present, with a large class of candidates to initiate, with band music, speeches, a bullshead supper and other features the meeting here last night of the Eagles of the three cities was one of the best fraternal events held in this city in many months..."

"...The feast was a happy event and merriment reigned supreme until a late hour. Dr. E. E. Porter officiated as toastmaster and stirring speeches were made by Dr. O'Donnell and Charles Shaw of Hollister, B. F. Blaisdell and John Roney of Santa Cruz and George W. Smith of Watsonville. The address of Mr. Smith was particularly eloquent and the local man brought the audience to its feet in cheers and applause on several occasions. He also extended the welcome of Watsonville to its many guests..."

"The candidates initiated last night were Des Jansoni, J. B. Lopes, Nick Lamat, P. Scrivani, P. P. Frey, Joe Battaini, John Soto, F. Nelson, J. S. Herbert, Sidney Smith and James Storm." [*this Sidney Smith was likely the brother of George W. Smith*]

EP; 16 Jul 1914; item: "Miss Catharine Cumbelich of Oakland is visiting here with her sister, Mrs. Nicholas Strazicich."

EP; 17 Jul 1914; item: "County Clerk H. H. Miller has issued the following statement:

"In the Superior Court of this county, the petitions of the following named applicants for naturalization appear upon the court calendar for hearing on Tuesday, July 21st, 1914, viz:

"...Rade John Evanisevich, Nick Baulle...George Hrepich...Martin Prokurica..."

"If the petition of the applicant is not heard within six months after filing the same and the applicant fails to appear in court at the time appointed for hearing or at the time to which the hearing may have been continued and no good cause is shown for his absence or for a further continuance, his petition may be dismissed by the court."

EP; 18 Jul 1914; item: "Estate of George Valjalo, deceased—Decree showing that due and legal notice to creditors has been given."

EP; 18 Jul 1914; item: "Estate of Almon Anthony, deceased—Hearing of petition of Mitchell Krilanovich that E. M. Anthony, administrator, be authorized to issue a deed to certain premises as described in agreement; demurrer to petition overruled; evidence is submitted and July 30th set as date for argument."

EP; 20 Jul 1914; item: "Nick Lettunich yesterday bagged an 85 pound buck in the hills near Loma Prieta."

EP; 23 Jul 1914; item: "John Nemanich is recovering

from injuries on his left side, which he accidentally received last Tuesday when he was kicked by a horse. He had been working the horse and for some reason the horse kicked out at him, striking him on the side. The accident occurred on Second street. His friends will be glad to know that the injuries were not serious."

EP; 25 Jul 1914; ALL: G. L. Ivancovich, Bal Tomich.

EP; 25 Jul 1914; item: "George W. Smith, candidate for district attorney, says he may hold a meeting in Santa Cruz and turn loose some forensic thunder that will force Messrs. Leonard, Kramer, Taylor and Clark to cry for help. They are to be invited. On with the thunder and the meeting, but don't forget to appraise Dune and Arty, George, of date and place. Leonard, Clark and Kramer are some thunderers themselves. It should be a very talkative affair and a good chance for the people to judge of the address, poise and speaking abilities of the candidates.—Santa Cruz News."

"Attorney George W. Smith has returned from a campaign tour to Santa Cruz, Boulder Creek, Ben Lomond, Felton, Soquel, Brookdale and other sections in the northern end of the county in the interests of his candidacy for District Attorney. He reports that he met with much success on his trip and received a warm greeting all along the line."

EP; 27 Jul 1914; article: "[photo of building] WILL BE MODERN STRUCTURE. As conclusive proof of the fact that Watsonville ranks as one of the most progressive and up-to-date cities in the State one has but to look at the type of buildings constructed here in the past few years, the new Lettunich building being the latest as well as the most modern of these structures. The Lettunich building is today the only 'skyscraper' on Main street and standing as it does on the busiest street corner in this city it gives this city an enterprising, modern appearance as the structure is the equal if not the superior of any other business structures built in the smaller cities of California.

"The Lettunich building is a four-story structure, stores and business houses to be located on the first floor and offices in the three upper stories. The offices will be 87 in number. The offices are fitted up in the very latest style and every modern convenience that can be found in the metropolitan skyscrapers will be provided in the new Lettunich building. All will have quarter connections, a large number will be equipped with compressed air and all will have electric lights and other electrical appliances necessary in offices. Each office will be connected with a mail chute as is found in all modern buildings.

"The building will have an electric elevator, a vacuum cleaning plant, a steam heating plant and other modern equipment. The corridors will all be fireproof with tile floors and marble wainscoting. The main stairway will

be fire proof and will be constructed of marble and steel. Fire escapes will be provided on all floors. The building represents the latest type of re-enforced concrete structures, the exterior to be of concrete and enameled terra cotta. One of the features of the building will be the main entrance on Main street, the motif for the ornaments being the fruits of the Pajaro valley, the apple predominating. The entrance will be of terra cotta and will present a beautiful effect.

“The glass on all the street fronts for the stores will be of heavy plate and the show windows will be of the very latest type. Hose reels will be found on each floor with four inch stand pipes for use in case of fire. The building will be 122 feet long on Main street and will run 112 feet on West Third street...W. H. Weeks, the architect, deserves credit for designing such a magnificent building for this city and the building will be a monument to his skill and ability. James Patterson of San Jose has been the foreman of construction and no harder worker can be found in this city than that estimable gentleman...

“The chimney of the new building will be a massive as well as fireproof feature of the structure. The interior is of terra cotta, with a middle lining of sheet iron and an exterior of concrete. In order that the people can get an idea of how much a building such as the Lettunich block will cost, it might be said that the mail chute will cost over \$500 alone. It is the very latest patent and will be almost entirely of glass.

“In addition to their new structure the Messrs. Lettunich will renovate and improve the old Mansion House. Work started on the old building today and will be rushed to completion. The building will be rewired, reheated with steam heat from the new building, will be replumbed throughout and will be connected with the vacuum cleaning plant in the new building. A new front will be built to correspond in part with the new structure, the rooms in the building will be fitted up with new mattresses, new carpets, new blankets and will be equipped with hot and cold water, steam heat and other conveniences. It will contain 43 rooms and have a fine grill on the lower floor.

“Messrs. M. N. and Mateo Lettunich, the owners of the building, are deserving of the thanks and appreciation of the community. The new building that they are having erected on the leading corner of this city will reflect great credit upon the foresight and progressive ideas of these two men. The fact that the Messrs. Lettunich have had confidence in the growth and continued prosperity of the community will cause other building in this city and their confidence will be an inspiration to others. Their new structure is certainly an imposing one and will be one of the biggest assets of this city from an advertising standpoint to show that this community is a prosperous one...”

EP; 29 Jul 1914; item: “C. W. Rowe vs. Frank Matulich—Affidavit to obtain order for examination of judgment debtor.”

EP; 29 Jul 1914; item: “Miss Kathryn Zar, who is at present employed in the office of Sheriff Trafton, is here today from Santa Cruz.”

EP; 29 Jul 1914; item: “Estate of John Colendich, deceased—Receipt of sole heir.”

EP; 30 Jul 1914; item: “Belle Lindsay, the Santa Cruz lady who is seeking the nomination for county recorder at the primary election was in town yesterday accompanied by Miss Kathryn Zar, who introduced her to scores of voters. The canvass for votes for the nomination is being actively prosecuted by Belle Lindsay, who is letting no opportunity escape to place her name before voters. She has sent out hundreds of cards, and keeps everlastingly at it.”

EP; 30 Jul 1914; item: “Prosper Lettunich has returned to San Francisco after spending his vacation here.”

EP; 1 Aug 1914; born: “In Watsonville, July 31, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Yakobovich, a son.” [*August Nicholas*; +1992]

EP; 3 Aug 1914; item: “Estate of John Colendich, deceased—Decree of final discharge of administrator.”

EP; 3 Aug 1914; item: “Estate of George Valjalo, deceased—Decree of settlement of first and final account and final distribution.”

EP; 3 Aug 1914; item: “Nick V. Lettunich of San Francisco is here on business.”

EP; 3 Aug 1914; item: “Mr. and Mrs. N. Strazicich have departed for a week’s trip to Monterey and San Francisco.”

EP; 3 Aug 1914; class. ad: “FOR SALE. A good, gentle driving mare, 7 years old. Also buggy for double driving. Cheap. Apply to PETER KOSOVAC, 809 Rodriguez.”

EP; 4 Aug 1914; board of aldermen payments: “...Labor: T. Pavisha, \$2.50...M. Glech, \$83.75...Supplies: Central Electric Works, \$95.40...”

EP; 5 Aug 1914; item: “Leo Atteridge, George W. Smith and J. L. Hippeli are in Skyland today, the two former named local citizens being on a campaign trip.”

EP; 6 Aug 1914; article: “About midnight last night, says this morning’s Salinas Journal, Wm. H. Martin...was killed in an automobile accident near...Blanco. He was in the machine with Dave McFadden, Chas. MacFadden and another man whose name the Journal could not learn. “Charles McFadden was driving the machine. Only

three cylinders were working and the machine was giving him some trouble. In an attempt to get more power he let the machine get out of the road and it went against a bank and overturned. Mr. Martin fell under the machine and when they got him out he was dead...

"Sheriff Nesbitt brought Chas. McFadden and Mike Zar, the other man, in to the Abbott at 2 o'clock. McFadden's head was somewhat bruised and Zar had his hip hurt..."

EP; 6 Aug 1914; article: "The Salinas Index, of last evening, had the following additional particulars regarding the overturning of McFadden's auto...last Tuesday night:

"The quartet, composed of Martin and his three companions, returned last evening from a hunting expedition in the mountains. After remaining in town several hours to talk over the events of the trip with friends, they started for the McFadden ranch...Charles McFadden was at the wheel. He is a careful driver and is familiar with the road, but the night was extremely foggy. Everything went smoothly until they reached a turn in the road... There the driver seems to have lost his bearings. In the dense fog he could see but little ahead and he failed to slow up sufficiently when the machine came to the turn. A drainage ditch several feet deep and with an almost perpendicular bank on the side next to the fence, parallels the road at this point...When the machine left the road the right front wheel struck the bank of the ditch. The machine turned over and slid along the bank...about 40 feet before coming to a halt and sliding back into the ditch..."

"When the machine upset[,] the two McFaddens and Zar fell clear, but Martin was in some way caught by the steering wheel and a gun he was carrying and was pinned beneath the machine. That Charles McFadden...fell clear, was due to the fact that he was leaning outward trying to see the way ahead...Charles McFadden sustained bruises and his face was cut. Zar was injured about the hip...The injured were taken to the Jim Bardin Hospital for treatment. Charles McFadden and Mike Zar were able to leave afterward..."

EP; 6 Aug 1914; item: "Mike Zar, who was in the accident yesterday morning that resulted in the death of William H. Martin near Blanco, was here today to see old friends and outside of a few bruises and cuts appears none the worse for his narrow escape from death. Mr. Zar, who owns the Edison theatre in San Francisco on Eddy street, had gone to Salinas to join the McFadden brothers on a hunting trip. His many friends here are all glad to see him in the land of the living and are congratulating him upon his narrow escape."

EP; 7 Aug 1914; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matulich have returned to Hollister after spending their honeymoon here."

EP; 7 Aug 1914; item: "Attorney George W. Smith has returned from a successful campaign trip in the northern end of the county. He reports much strength to his candidacy in that section."

EP; 7 Aug 1914; board of supervisors, payments: "County Fund: ...Jack Novcich [Novcich], \$18...John Nemanich \$4... Pajaro Road Fund Special: ...John Nemanich, \$33...John Vocavich, \$28.25...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Jack Novcich [Novcich], \$105.30...Riverside Road Fund: ...John Vocavich, \$14..."

EP; 7 Aug 1914; item: "John Franich petitioned yesterday for letters to admit him to citizenship. He resides at Watsonville, is a native of Austria and arrived first at New York, May 21, 1901. His witnesses are Andy Balich, Nick Baulle, Luke Scurich and Peter Stolich.—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 7 Aug 1914; item: "SOCIAL DANCE. Given by Club Croatian Falcon at Rappe's Hall, Saturday evening, July 18th. Popular dance music. Fine time guaranteed."

EP; 8 Aug 1914; item: "Estate of Peter J. Carstulovich, deceased—Hearing of motion of Margaret Carstulovich and Antone Carstulovich to vacate and set aside order setting apart exempt property is continued to August 28th."

EP; 10 Aug 1914; item: "Notice of completion by Woods & Huddart of building owned by M. N. and Mateo Lettunich at corner of Main and Third Streets, Watsonville."

EP; 10 Aug 1914; item: "M. Jeftich, editor of the Servian Herald of San Francisco, was the principal speaker at the mass meeting of local Servians held yesterday afternoon in Rappe's Hall. V. Lister of this city presided. Mr. Jeftich delivered a strong address and especially urged his auditors to assist the Red Cross Society in caring for the wounded Servians in the European war. President Lister will appoint a committee this week to take up the question of raising money to aid the Red Cross and the mass meeting unanimously resolved to come to the aid of the stricken Servian soldiers. Several hundred attended the meeting yesterday and there was much enthusiasm displayed."

EP; 11 Aug 1914; item: "Stephen Scurich as adm., vs. George Carstulovich—Agreement of compromise and request for dismissal."

EP; 14 Aug 1914; item: "Attorney George W. Smith, candidate for district attorney, and Julius L. Hippeli have returned from a campaigning trip in the northern part of the county and they report that the candidacy of Smith was received with much enthusiasm. Everywhere his friends are rallying to his support and many even predict that he will win the office at the primaries. George is

much elated over the reception he has received throughout the county.”

EP; 14 Aug 1914; item: “Andy Balich is here today on business from Santa Cruz.”

EP; 15 Aug 1914; item: “Among those from Watsonville in Santa Cruz last night to see ‘The Toad’ were Mayor and Mrs. W. A. Trafton, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith, Miss Theresa Raunegg, Miss Bessie Whitney, Miss Ellen Zar, Misses Ruby and Marjory Waite, Miss Belle Richardson, Julius Schanbacher, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith, James Enemark, George Hrepich, Mrs. Mary Atteridge and Mrs. Oscar Holohan.”

EP; 17 Aug 1914; item: “Yesterday John Fianusich [Franusich], cook for M. Resetar, came into the police court and had his employer arrested on a charge of battery, charging that Resetar had struck and kicked him. Officer John Corr arrested Resetar and this morning his case was scheduled to come up in court...But the complaining witness refused to prosecute, he tried to minimize the extent of his alleged injuries and finally the case against Resetar had to be dismissed. Fianusich probably had little ground for his grievance else he would have been on the warpath today like he was yesterday.”

EP; 18 Aug 1914; article: “LETTER TO PUBLIC BY GEORGE W. SMITH. To the Voters of Santa Cruz County—Fellow Citizens: A few days more and the most unique campaign in the political annals of the State of California will have passed into history.

“The provisions of the Primary Act, and the extent of our great county have made it a physical impossibility for a candidate to personally interview but a small portion of the electorate, and, therefore, necessitates an open letter of this character, so that the citizenship of this county may learn the REAL truth of my candidacy, and the principles that I am pledged to and will carry out if fortunate enough to receive at your hands the great honor of acting as your advocate for the ensuing four years.

“It is unnecessary to state that the office of District Attorney is second to none in importance, and that its administration and conduct concerns each and every resident of the county.

“The district attorney, with the aid of the sheriff, is charged with the duty of protecting the life, liberty and property of each and every one of us. He advises and guides, in the discharge of their duties, each and every public official, safeguarding the finances and property of the county.

“The very nature of the office requires one particularly skilled in the criminal law, and one of sound business judgment and acute legal acumen.

“It is not a training school for the inexperienced. Your business is of too great an importance to be trifled with.

Remember that the District Attorney is called upon, in the discharge of his duties as your attorney to protect and maintain the peace and dignity of the county, and in so doing is called upon to face the best talent oft-times, that money can buy.

“In coming before you and asking your suffrage, aid and support, I have no apologies to offer. I have been a resident of this county for the past 16 years or more, coming here in the month of June, 1898, from the town of Tombstone, Arizona, where I was born some 27 years ago.

“Shortly after my arrival at Watsonville, which has been my home for 16 years, I entered the common schools, graduating from the grammar school and commercial department of the Watsonville high school.

“Conditions arose on my graduation from the grammar school that necessitated my going out into the world and taking up the duty of supporting my mother, two sisters and brother. This I did by hard manual labor, at the same time reading law at nights and taking a course in the commercial school.

“I obtained my commercial school diploma in 1902, and took up stenography, and entered the law offices of James A. Hall, at Watsonville, and after strenuous effort, aided by his kind interest in me, in January, 1904, was admitted to the bar by the District Court of Appeals at Sacramento. I remained with Judge Hall as his partner and associate until his election as Mayor of Watsonville, a year or so after my admission to the bar.

“During the five years that I have been a practicing attorney my record has been above reproach, both as to ability and integrity.

“I have tried and won more criminal cases during the past four years than all my opponents combined. I have had as my opponents some of the most capable prosecutors in the State. In fact, I am pleased to say, that my ability to fill the office has not been questioned by even my adversaries.

“I have been successful in the carrying on of my private business, and it follows as a matter of logic that unless a person can conduct his own business he cannot hope to conduct the business of the people.

“It has been whispered by malicious individuals that I am the candidate of certain interests, and that I am opposed to the freedom of the press. Permit me to say now that I have but one pledge and that is the enforcement of the law, WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR, and absolute fidelity to the sacred oath of office. As to the other insinuation, I am an American citizen, loyal to his country and a firm believer in its principles—the right of every man to think and speak his honest convictions. Respectfully submitted, GEORGE W. SMITH.”

EP; 18 Aug 1914; item: “E. V. Moody, George Carstulovich and Andy Balich were here last night from Santa Cruz.”

EP; 19 Aug 1914; item: "Attorney Geo. W. Smith, candidate for district attorney of Santa Cruz county, will deliver an address to the voters of Aptos next Saturday night, Aug. 22d, in Aptos hall, on the issues of the campaign. The residents of Aptos should turn out en masse if they delight in good public speaking for as an orator George is among the best in this section of the State."

EP; 19 Aug 1914; born: "Near Watsonville, Aug. 18, 1914 to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Janich, a daughter." [*Danica*; +1983]

EP; 20 Aug 1914; item: "John Alaga has returned from a business trip to Los Angeles."

EP; 20 Aug 1914; item: "Miss Marie Emerson of San Francisco is here visiting Mrs. John Alaga."

EP; 21 Aug 1914; item: "John Seconda, a native of Austria, residing at Watsonville, took out his first naturalization papers yesterday, with Joseph Secondo, Andrew Balich, Nick Baulle and Mitchell Secondo as witnesses. Secondo landed at New York on May 19, 1900."

EP; 21 Aug 1914; item: "Joseph Radovich, a native of Austria, has applied for letters of citizenship. He resides at Watsonville, first arrived in the United States on November 13, 1902. The witnesses are Nick Baulle, Joseph Secondo, Stephen Scurich and Nick Pulich."

EP; 22 Aug 1914; article: "[photo] GEORGE W. SMITH TO SPEAK HERE TONIGHT. This evening at 8 o'clock Attorney George W. Smith of this city, candidate for district attorney, will address the voters of this valley in the I.O.O.F. hall and he deserves a packed house. Last Saturday night Mr. Smith addressed an audience of over 100 at Aptos and was greeted with warm enthusiasm on all sides. He delivered an address that was a masterpiece and at the conclusion the entire audience gave him three hearty cheers and several dozen men and women rushed toward him to shake him by the hand and wish him success.

"If Mr. Smith delivers the same address tonight that he gave at Aptos it will be worth going to hear. Mr. Smith's ability as a public speaker and as an attorney is well known and those that attend his meeting tonight will hear something that will be of interest. James A. Hall and George P. Burke delivered addresses Saturday night at Aptos and both praised Mr. Smith and heartily endorsed his candidacy. George will pay his respects tonight to E. C. Kramer, one of his opponents, and will also have a few words to say on other topics of interest to the voters. Mr. Smith is a Watsonville boy and deserves a big crowd tonight. Don't forget the place or the hour. Bring along your friend and be prepared to hear some facts that will make you sit up and take notice."

EP; 24 Aug 1914; item: "Attorney George W. Smith, one of the aspirants for the nomination for the district attorneyship, has been retained by the San Francisco relatives of C. L. Mabb to defend the man when he comes to trial on the charges of burglary. Mabb is the man who was shot in the leg by Police Officer Robertson about a week ago as he was running down Front street. He is alleged to be the man who a few minutes previously entered the Chinese warehouse next to the armory. It is intimated by Mr. Smith that the defense will claim that the shooting was unnecessary.—Santa Cruz News."

EP; 25 Aug 1914; article: "DISASTROUS FIRE... Three packing houses owned by Stephen Scurich and Peter Mengol on West Third street across the tracks of the Southern Pacific and opposite the depot were destroyed by fire early this morning, the fire breaking out in the Scurich packing house about 12:45 o'clock and not being under control until nearly 4 o'clock. The packing houses were occupied by Stephen Scurich, Antone Balich, Peter Mengol and the Western Apple Company. A portion of the M. N. Lettunich Company packing house was damaged and the entire loss will be close to \$30,000, there being insurance to cover a portion of the loss.

"The fire had such a headway that when the fire department arrived on the scene it could be seen there was no chance to save the building. The Southern Pacific Company sent over two switch engines from Watsonville Junction and with the railroad men and the city firemen working for three hours the adjoining buildings were saved by hard work. For a time it looked as if the packing houses of McDonald & Sons, the Loma Fruit Company and the M. N. Lettunich Company and the Loma Prieta Lumber Company yards would be destroyed but the exertions of the firemen and the Pajaro engines saved them by a scratch...

"The work of the crews from the S.P. yards at Watsonville Junction deserves high praise and was the subject of general commendation in connection with the work of our own fire department. The Junction boys succeeded in getting two streams on the fire and contributed materially to the saving of several of the packing houses. The boys got thoroughly soaked with water also, and were a very tired bunch when the fire was finally subdued.

"The flames started in the Scurich building, which was occupied by the packing establishment of Stephen Scurich and Tony Balich, and for a time the Lettunich building adjoining was threatened but the firemen kept the flames the other way and managed to save the Lettunich structure, only one end of the building being damaged. In the meantime the buildings on the other end, occupied by the Western Apple Company and Mengol, had caught afire and the flames were endangering the MacDonal & Sons establishment, which stands at the end of the row. The firemen realized that the three buildings were doomed despite their most valiant efforts so an effort was

made to save the Loma Prieta Lumber Company yard and the MacDonald packing house...

"The buildings did not contain much outside of considerable box shoo and paper, all of which was destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known. The flames were first seen from the Loma Prieta Lumber Yard and the alarm turned in immediately. A number of freight cars in the railroad yards had to be hurriedly switched to other tracks further from the fire else they too would have been destroyed.

"Praise is also due the large number of volunteer firefighters, who labored valiantly last night. A large number of prominent local citizens gave their services willingly and were of great assistance to the firemen and railroad men in checking the flames.

"The M. N. Lettunich Company lost 16,000 boxes in the fire while in the Scurich packing house a large quantity of fruit was destroyed as well as the boxes."

EP; 25 Aug 1914; article: "SPLENDID ADDRESS BY GEORGE W. SMITH. An audience that not only packed the I.O.O.F. hall to almost the suffocation point but which overflowed into the hallway and stairway of the building last night heard a splendid address by George W. Smith, candidate for district attorney of Santa Cruz county. The crowd was one of the largest in attendance at any political meetings ever held in this city except the recent Johnson-Eshleman meeting[,] and scores who tried to enter the hall were forced to stay outside, many standing across the street in the plaza to hear what they could of the address.

"Attorney Smith delivered an address that held the close attention of his audience from the start and which was applauded enthusiastically at many intervals. He was not only eloquent and really oratorical but his enunciation and delivery was so clear that every word could be heard distinctly all over the hall. At the close of the speech he was heartily applauded and three lusty cheers were given for him. He was also tendered an ovation not only when he arose to speak but when he entered the hall. As far as his speech was concerned it was one of the best heard here in years.

"Smith did not mince matters in telling the voters what he thought of E. C. Kramer, one of his opponents, and the World Issue, a Socialist paper in Santa Cruz, both of which have been slandering Mr. Smith during the campaign. In his address he paid a tribute to his three other opponents, whom he said had all fought a clean and honorable fight. He was introduced by Ex-Mayor James A. Hall, who praised the integrity and ability of Mr. Smith.

"The feature of his address was the producing of the record of the superior court in 1911 when Attorney Kramer and a man named Klawitter were forced to turn over about \$1500 to the estate of an old German man of Santa Cruz, Smith charging that the two men, one of them his opponent, had tried to cheat and defraud the widow of

this money. Smith traced the history of the case from the deathbed of the old German, Jacob Swan, to the time when an adopted daughter of the deceased suspected that Kramer and Klawitter had tried to fraudulently secure the \$1500 and then Smith told how Superior Judge Smith had ordered the money returned to the widow. As Mr. Smith bored into Kramer the audience applauded warmly and his remarks on that subject made a great impression.

"He called attention to the fact that he did not desire to say anything about his opponents and would not have shown up the Kramer matter had not Kramer appeared in Valencia a few nights ago and attacked Smith, accusing him of being the Royal Arch attorney. 'I have red blood in my veins and am that kind of man that when I am hit I hit back,' declared Smith as the crowd cheered him on. He then went on to deny any connection with the Royal Arch and said that organization had gone out of existence here over a year ago.

"Smith then paid his respects to the World Issue, which has time and again asked the voters to cast their ballots against Smith because he is a Roman Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus. In this connection Mr. Smith called attention to the fact that the World Issue had laid itself liable for publishing a fake oath of the Knights of Columbus. Smith reading the real oath, which calls upon all members to support the American constitution, to respect the American flag and to protect the best interests of the citizens of the country. When Smith read the real oath and said he was proud to subscribe to such worthy sentiments the crowd cheered him again.

"Mr. Smith said that he believed in religious freedom and declared that he was entitled to his own religious beliefs just as any other man or woman was so entitled. He promised to uphold the law in every respect if elected, he promised to conduct the office in an able manner and a manner that would be a credit to the county as well as to himself and he asked those present to support him.

"Preceding the address the Watsonville City Band, which had been hired by friends of Mr. Smith, rendered several selections in front of the hall in honor of Mr. Smith."

EP; 25 Aug 1914; item: "Second street is to be opened from Main to Rodriguez streets according to a decision reached at the last meeting of the city trustees."

EP; 25 Aug 1914; item: "The M. N. Lettunich Company desires to extend through the columns of this paper, their sincere thanks for the services rendered them by the public in general, and especially the Southern Pacific Company and the Watsonville Fire Department, in the disastrous fire that came near destroying their building last night."

EP; 25 Aug 1914; disp. ad: "BIDS INVITED. Apples for Sale—Sealed bids will be received up to and including Saturday noon, Aug. 29, 1914, for the crop of apples in

two orchards on the Salspuedes road, known as the Peckham places. Bids will be received at the office of H. C. PECKHAM, Farm & Forest Realty Co. All bids private. Owners reserve the right to reject any and all bids. PAUL ARBANAS, M. PEROVICH. For any further information see H. C. Peckham."

EP; 26 Aug 1914; article: "One of the most exciting county elections that have occurred in Santa Cruz county in years and the first election in this county under the new primary law is over and today the voters are treated to a number of surprises..."

"George W. Smith, candidate for district attorney, is leading all over the Pajaro Valley except in the Corralitos precinct and his majority over all his opponents combined is around the 275 mark. George won out in every precinct in this city by a lopsided vote and will be in the race next November..."

EP; 27 Aug 1914; item: "...George W. Smith of this city leads the entire field for district attorney receiving 473 more votes than E. C. Kramer, who will fight it out with Smith in November. Roscoe Taylor was third with 1486 votes, J. H. Leonard was fourth with 1091 and D. O. Clark received 495 votes..."

EP; 28 Aug 1914; item: "George W. Smith, the leading candidate for district attorney in this county, has filed his expense account in his race for the primary nomination and his expenses amounted to \$409.95. Of this amount his publicity cost \$213 while the other expense was for traveling expenses, the filing fees, expenses on election day and other expenditures. It costs money to run for office these days."

EP; 29 Aug 1914; item: "Bob Vukosavich [Vukasovich], who was believed to have stolen a bicycle from a shop in Sunnyvale, was arrested here this morning by Officer John Corr and the bike recovered. The prisoner said he had rented the bike but had not paid the rent of the wheel. His stories were so conflicting that he was taken in by the police and held for investigation. Finally a friend of his paid \$3 for the rent of the wheel and succeeded in vouching for the honesty of Vukosavich and the latter was released by Chief Whitsitt."

EP; 29 Aug 1914; item: "Verified statement of George W. Smith, candidate for nomination for the office of district attorney, showing primary election expenses to be \$397.42."

EP; 29 Aug 1914; ALL: John Gikovich, Luka N. Ranonic, Nicholas Violich, J. J. Viovodich [Voivodich], Miss Katte A. Wajalo [Valjalo/Wayalo].

EP; 31 Aug 1914; item: "**Local Servians Are to Aid**

Fighting Brethren in Europe. Tudor Demitrigevich, a Servian, who is touring the United States at the instance of Professor Pupin of Columbia University and the Servian consul in New York City, last night addressed a large audience of his countrymen in the Rappe hall, his subject being the present war in Europe. The speaker told of the autocratic rule of Austria, the nefarious landlord system that was grinding down the poor and he told of the causes of the war. His mission in this country is to raise money to aid the Red Cross in Servia and to organize Servian committees in this country to aid the fatherland. His talk was enthusiastically applauded and at the conclusion of his remarks the committee appointed to raise funds consists of the following: J. Kovacina, H. Yovanovich, Y. Mracevich, Peter Yovabovich, P. Gospodnetich, J. Dropo and L. Radunovich."

EP; 31 Aug 1914; obit: "The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Margaretich, of this city, died yesterday..."

EP; 31 Aug 1914; obit: "At Watsonville hospital, Aug. 30, 1914, Elsie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Margaretich, aged 4 days."

EP; 1 Sep 1914; political card: "GEORGE W. SMITH, primary Nominee For District Attorney."

EP; 1 Sep 1914; item: "Bill of sale—Mike Cordich to Waldie J. Simpson, all personal property on 210 acres of Bolsa del Rio Pajaro."

EP; 1 Sep 1914; disp. ad:

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT

The place to eat your meals and get that satisfied feeling which comes after a good meal.

EVERYTHING THE BEST

ALWAYS OPEN

Hrepich & Wells

255 Main St. Phone 36

EP; 2 Sep 1914; item: "Paul Milladin has sold his interest in the Pippin saloon at 310 Walker street to his partner, Paul Alaga, who will conduct the business hereafter."

EP; 2 Sep 1914; class. ad: "NOTICE OF SALE—This is to notify all patrons that I have this day sold my partnership in the business known as the Pippin Saloon, 310 Walker Street, to my partner, Paul Alaga, who will from this date on conduct the business. All bills against the firm are to be paid by Mr. Alaga. Dated Sept. 2, 1914. PAUL MILLADIN."

EP; 3 Sep 1914; disp. ad:

HOUSE WIRING

Electrical Supplies

Central Electrical Works

Phone 209 246 Main Street

EP; 4 Sep 1914; item: "Notice of action—Martha F. Graves plaintiff, vs. Frank Radovan et al., defendants; foreclosure."

EP; 4 Sep 1914; item: "Mike Nirich, who is well known in this city through his long residence here, has purchased Tom Anderson's interest in the Watsonville Bottling Works on Kearney street and will conduct the business hereafter. He will handle Santa Cruz and Salinas beers and intends to stick close to business, give his customers the best of service and will try to build up the concern. Mike has a host of friends here and all hope for his future success."

Fig. 4-63.
Ad in
Evening Pajaronian
of 4 Sept. 1914.

NEW MANAGEMENT

OF THE

Watsonville

Bottling Works

MIKE NIRICH, Prop.

Handles Santa Cruz and

Salinas Beers

All kinds of Soft Drinks
and Seltzers; Mineral
Waters

Phone 75 33 Kearney St.

EP; 5 Sep 1914; item: "W. A. White and A. Balich motored to Watsonville yesterday. They report their apple crop moving notwithstanding the war.—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 8 Sep 1914; item: "Luke Scurich of this city received a letter a few days ago from his brother, John, residing in the little town of Cavtat, Austria, stating that he (John) had been called to join the Austrian troops. He said that Austrian army officers went over the country, calling all men from the ages of 18 to 50 to arms, everyone being accepted. The letter was dated on the 27th of July, and said that he left for the front that morning, but did not know where he would be stationed. John Scurich left behind him besides his father and mother, who reside in Konavle, Province of Dalmatia, a wife and five children, two girls and three boys, who reside in Cavtat. Another young son had died only a short time ago. John Scurich is a brother of Luke and Stephen Scurich of this city."

EP; 8 Sep 1914; item: "Among those from Watsonville at the Elks' outing at the Big Trees yesterday were J. L. Hippeli, L. P. Cox, George W. Smith, A. W. Sans, Ed-

ward Kelly, E. E. Lewis, Dr. G. P. Tolman, J. A. Seitz and W. N. Cumming."

EP; 10 Sep 1914; item: "SOME CLASSY APPLES. There is no denial of the fact that the quality of the apples in the valley this year is about the highest seen here in years. Out at the George W. Bird place in the Railroad district Mr. Bird has been offering one dollar to his pickers for every wormy apple found. So far out of about 10,000 boxes that have been picked only two wormy apples have been found. Bird's orchard is one of the finest in the valley and he will have some choice apples this year.

"The women sorters at the M. N. Lettunich & Company's packing house have found only one wormy apple out of 4300 boxes already sorted. These two instances are but a few of the many that can be named in the valley. The quality of the Pajaro Valley apple crop this year will be hard to beat in any apple growing section in the country."

EP; 10 Sep 1914; item: "John Sapro and Tony Stolich, the owners of the Third street restaurant, will start work in a few days on the remodeling of their place of business on West Third and when the work is completed they will have one of the best restaurants in this city. They plan to place the kitchen in the rear, to entirely remodel the front with plate glass, to put the lunch counter on one side of the building and a ladies' entrance for the boxes on the opposite side. They will operate the restaurant day and night when the new place is opened and intend to make it a modern and first class dining room in every respect. Messrs. Sapro and Stolich deserve credit for their enterprise."

EP; 12 Sep 1914; article: "**AUSTRIAN SLAVS. Have No Heart for the Present European War.** In conversation with a representative of the Santa Cruz News recently, Andy Balich, the well-known business man, gave some very interesting sidelights on the European war situation.

"Mr. Balich is a native of the city of Ragusa [Dubrovnik], a city situated on the Adriatic sea, in the province of Dalmatia, which is part of the Austrian empire.

"Dalmatia was at one time an independent republic, and the city of Ragusa, of which Mr. Balich has a large picture, is a very beautiful place.

"The old part of the city bordering on the sea is entirely surrounded by a wall on which six soldiers can march abreast. Ingress and egress was formerly had by means of big iron gates and before the days of modern high-power guns, this wall was sufficient to repel all invaders. The city is now very strongly fortified with forts on the surrounding hills and on an island immediately in front of the city.

"Mr. Balich states that to a person conversant with the

situation it is not hard to explain the success of the Russians against the Austrian army, simply because the heart of the Austrian troops is not in the war. The people of the southern part of the empire are Slav and regard the people of Servia and Russia as kindred.

“They have no love for the Austrian empire, and are simply forced into the army. With no cohesion among the troops, no regard for the empire, and a feeling that they are fighting their blood brothers, they have no incentive and victories over them are easily won.

“Mr. Balich further says that it has been the common belief in Austria, as far back as he can remember that the death of Emperor Franz Joseph would mean the breaking up of the empire, and that the different States would become independent republics. He does not even regard it as probable that they would form a combination, as their languages and customs are so dissimilar, there being at least 13 or 14 different peoples with 24 different dialects in the empire.

“Regarding the taking of the city of Cattaro [Kotor, Montenegro], which the news dispatches have reported the fleets as bombarding, Mr. Balich says that he considers the taking of this place by a fleet as next to impossible, as the guns surrounding it are set in cement and the whole entirely surrounded by water, the guns also being on a pivot so that a shell striking them would simply cause them to revolve, and their destruction would be almost impossible. He thinks that the only way this place could possibly be taken would be from the land side.”

EP; 12 Sep 1914; item: “DANCE SATURDAY EVENING. Given by Croatian Falcon Club at Rappe’s Hall, on Saturday evening. Gents, 50c; ladies free.”

EP; 12 Sep 1914; item: “Attorney George W. Smith and Julius L. Hippeli left today for Fresno by automobile where Attorney Smith will defend Jose Garcia, a former Calabasas resident, who is accused of assault with intent to commit murder in the Raisin City. Messrs. Smith and Hippeli will be away several days and will visit other San Joaquin Valley points before returning to this city.”

EP; 14 Sep 1914; item: “In the first afternoon game the News Company defeated the Woodmen by a score of 10 to 5. The Newsies landed hard on Blas Skocho [Skocko], the Woodmen pitcher, early in the game and piled up a lead that the woodchoppers could not head off although Pitcher Arias was shaky in parts of the contest...”

EP; 15 Sep 1914; item: “Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Demurrer.”

EP; 15 Sep 1914; item: “Mrs. Paul Alaga has departed for Berkeley to visit friends and relatives. Her father, Philip Krausgrill, accompanied her to the college city after a visit here.”

EP; 16 Sep 1914; article: “One of the most talked of features of the new Lettunich building is the cornice on the structure, which has just been completed by the P. J. Freiermuth Company of this city. The cornice, sheet iron, ventilators and skylights were furnished by the local firm as was the labor in connection with the contract. The job would be a credit to the largest firm doing that kind of galvanized iron and cornice work in the State and the Freiermuth Company deserves high praise for the excellence of its workmanship.

“E. E. Coltrane was the superintendent of the work and he is also deserving of credit for his part in the job. The Freiermuth Company has the largest cornice department of any hardware store between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The cornice work on the Lettunich building is the biggest job of any building south of the metropolis and it speaks volumes for the efficiency of the Freiermuth Company that it secured the contract and performed the work so well.

“The cornices are 112 feet long on Third street and 122 feet long on Main. Electric lights are arranged between the medallions or brackets along the top of the building as well as down the corner cornices. The total number of globes is 123. Fifteen skylights are located on the roof and six star ventilators are located on the main roof. It is a credit to any city to possess a progressive firm like the Freiermuth Company that can do such high class work.”

EP; 16 Sep 1914; item: “Mrs. Steve Strazicich is confined to bed at her home on Maple Avenue with a serious attack of illness.”

EP; 17 Sep 1914; honor roll: High 6th: Emma Grizich, Kathryn Stragicich [Strazicich], Mark Rilovich; Low 5th: Tone Dubreta, John Castropelli; High 4th: Stephen Nemanich; Low 4th: Martin Ljubenko; High 3rd: Annie Matson; Low 3rd: Mary Castropelli, Tony Scurich, Frank Gospodnetich; High 2nd: Annie Uvodich; Low 2nd: Martin Franich, Marie Rilovich.

EP; 18 Sep 1914; item: “Estate of Peter Carstulovich, deceased—Order of court: The matters relating to this estate have been amicably settled and it is now too late to open the matter up for further litigation. The motion to set aside and vacate order setting apart homestead is therefore denied.”

EP; 19 Sep 1914; item: “It is rumored about town that Jack Novacich [Novcich] and Herman Steglich have leased the building now occupied by the Dye Brothers’ barbershop, in the old Mansion House building, and will run the same as a combination cigar store and shoe repairing shop. Mr. Steglich plans to have charge of the repair shop which will be located in the rear of the building. Having formerly been the proprietor of the shoe

shop on the upper Main street, he needs no introduction to the public. The cigar store will be run by Mr. Novacich and will occupy the front half of the building. Mr. Novacich is also well known here.”



Fig. 4-64.
Jack Novcich (1888-1991).
Jack's Smoke Shop is still there, in back of the main buildings on Main St. It is now owned by Jack's niece and her husband.

EP; 21 Sep 1914; Monterey Co. supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Matijasevich: \$6..."

EP; 21 Sep 1914; article: "[Woman's Club meeting] ...Mrs. John Alaga rendered a violin solo, which was so excellent that she had to respond with an encore. Miss Anna Farlin rendered a vocal solo, that was also so excellent that an encore was demanded and given..."

EP; 21 Sep 1914; item: "The trial of the lawsuit of M. B. Lettunich vs. Sheriff Eggers will be resumed today...in the superior court of the county of San Francisco. George W. Smith and George P. Burke, who are attorneys for Sam Hrepich [Hrepich], left last evening for the city. This is the litigation growing out of the seizure of an automobile, belonging to Nick Lettunich under a judgment obtained by Hrepich against Lettunich and claimed by the latter's brother under a chattel mortgage, which Hrepich claims to have given in fraud of Nick's creditors. The case promises to be hotly contested and some sensational testimony is expected."

EP; 22 Sep 1914; article: "**M. B. Lettunich is on the Stand and Sheriff is Looking for Nick Lettunich.** A telephone message this afternoon from Attorney George W. Smith, who is in San Francisco representing Sam Hrepich in the case of M. B. Lettunich vs. Sheriff Eggers, stated that the jury was completed...yesterday and that M. B. Lettunich, the complainant, was the first witness. He was on the stand one hour in direct examination and is now being cross-examined by Attorney Smith. He withdrew a few moments this morning to allow J. H. Covell to testify as to the value of the Lettunich automobile which is the issue in the case. Covell testified that the machine was worth \$1000. He further stated that Mateo Lettunich had sent for him but he had gone to San Francisco at his own expense.

"In his testimony M. B. Lettunich stated that he had asked his brother for security in May, 1913, but had not received it. He said he again demanded security in August, 1913, and that his brother owed him \$3500 at that time. He was asked how he arrived at these figures and he replied that he received the information from his

books. When asked to produce the books he replied that he had lost them. He further stated that he had just released a \$2150 mortgage to his uncle, Mateo Lettunich, without any consideration.

"A subpoena was issued for Nick Lettunich and it was learned that he was missing. Sheriff Eggers has deputies all over San Francisco searching for Nick who had not been located at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. He was seen in court at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and Attorney Smith will so testify this afternoon, Smith to take the stand for that purpose. M. B. stated on the stand that he had not seen his brother for four or five days and the last time he saw him he was in San Jose.

"Luke Scurich, Tony Alaga, John Alaga and J. M. Miloslavich will testify this afternoon that when M. B. had the Murphy ranch he agreed to give his brother ten per cent. He turned over the ranch to his uncle, Mateo Lettunich, in December, 1913, and did not inform his hired men of the change. He testified that when his employees asked for their wages he replied he could not pay them because he had turned the place over to the uncle."

EP; 22 Sep 1914; article: "SMITH CHALLENGES KRAMER TO DEBATE. Watsonville, Sept. 21, 1914. To E. C. Kramer, Esq., Candidate for District Attorney.

"Dear Sir—You and I are candidates for the office of district attorney of this county.

"In justice to the citizenship of this county, it is necessary that the public should be informed as much as possible as to our respective abilities to fill this important office. With this in view, I am addressing, through the press, this open letter to you, and hereby offer to meet you in public debate, at any time and place agreeable to you, to then and there discuss publicly our respective qualifications for the office. Respectfully, GEORGE W. SMITH.

"(It would not be a bad idea to have this joint debate and thus settle a lot of rumors that are floating around. Mr. Kramer owes it to himself to take hold and crush out at once the rumors concerning his connection with the estate of the late Jacob Schwan. There is an alleged transcript of the record in the above case being shown around town here, and it makes interesting reading. Smith is eager to get at Kramer, as he alleges that the latter conducted his primary campaign in an ungentlemanly manner against him (Smith), and wants to get Kramer in a debate and ask him about certain cases which the latter handled. The fight for the district attorneyship in this county promises to add to the gayety of the coming campaign.—Ed. Pajaronian.)"

EP; 22 Sep 1914; article: "REMODELING RESTAURANT. Messrs. Sapro and Stolich, the enterprising proprietors of the Third Street Restaurant in the Hihn-Cooper building are engaged in making extensive improvements in their place of business, which when com-

pleted will make their eating place one of the neatest and most modern in this city. A new kitchen, 30x12, is being built in the rear where a big new range will be installed. All partitions between the kitchen and the front will be torn out and a dining room established in the center of the building. On one side a lunch counter will be placed while on the other side there will be a number of boxes for ladies and families, the boxes to be separated by a partition running the full length of the room. The entire front of the restaurant will be made of plate glass and the interior will be painted and plastered and all the fixtures in the restaurant will be brand new. Toilets and wash-rooms for men and ladies will be built in the rear.

"It is the intention of Messrs. Sapro and Stolich to keep the place open day and night. They are still doing business while the repairs and improvements are being made. The proprietors of the Third Street Restaurant deserve credit for their enterprise and when they open their new eating house they will have a place that will be as neat and up-to-date as any to be found in the State in cities this size.

"Joe Radonich, who has been chef at the restaurant for over two years, will continue to be in charge of the cuisine at the new place."

EP; 23 Sep 1914; article: "(Special to Pajaronian.) Santa Cruz, Sept. 23...The supervisors met this morning...to hear the protest against the Pajaro Protection district... The morning session and early part of the afternoon was devoted to hearing the opponents of the district but at this hour the supporters of the proposed protection work are having their inning. It is not probable that any definite action will take place today for or against the proposed work as the session will last late into the afternoon. A large crowd is present at the meeting from Watsonville.

"The following have signed the protest that was filed this morning with the supervisors: ...Steve Scurich...M. N. Lettunich, Mateo Lettunich...M. S. Milcovich...E. P. Marinovich...L. P. Cikuth...E. B. Lettunich..."

EP; 25 Sep 1914; item: "P. Secondo of Castroville is here on business."

EP; 25 Sep 1914; item: "**Non-Presence of Nick V. Lettunich Lost Case for Defense.** Attorney George W. Smith returned last night from San Francisco with the news that the jury in the case of M. B. Lettunich vs. Sheriff Eggers had rendered a verdict for the plaintiff and Eggers must now pay \$750 to Lettunich, this being the amount that the sheriff received when the automobile owned by Nick V. Lettunich and attached by Sam Hrepich was sold at an attachment sale. Attorneys Smith and George P. Burke represented Hrepich. The fact that Nick V. Lettunich skipped from the city and could not be located was a blow for the defense as they had planned to attack his evidence, he being the main witness for the

plaintiff. The automobile case is one that is well nigh famous here and it is of interest to many people. Attorney Smith stated this afternoon that the case would be appealed on the grounds that the mysterious disappearance of the main witness for the plaintiff made it impossible to put up a good defense."

EP; 26 Sep 1914; item: "Over 300 people last night attended the entertainment held in St. Patrick's Hall on Ford street for the benefit of the Sacred Heart booth at the coming Catholic fair. The committee of arrangements, Misses Kate Leonard, Myrtle Byrd and Anna M. Farlin, had arranged a delightful program, which was enjoyed to the utmost by all in attendance..."

"The program was as follows: Farce, 'A Pretty Piece of Business,' Arthur Prindiville, Capt. Felix Merryweather; August E. Earls, Dr. Launcelot Shee; Miss Myrtle Byrd, Miss Charlotte Shee; Miss Anna M. Farlin, Mrs. Fanny Grantley..."

"Vocal solo, Miss Anna M. Farlin."

EP; 26 Sep 1914; ALL: Dan Botnich, G. Gurich, Mitoer Trklja.

EP; 28 Sep 1914; article: "Three carloads of Pajaro Valley fruit were shipped Saturday night from here to the State apple show in San Francisco for exhibit purposes and three other carloads will be sent out tonight. This will make a grand total of six cars from the Pajaro Valley and the fruit is the choicest that could be found here. The carload exhibits are being put in by the Loma Fruit Co. and Snowden, Graves and Weeks. The rest are mixed exhibits, ranging from the plate displays to the 25-box exhibits.

"C. G. Redman, H. C. Peckham and J. H. Rowe are in San Francisco to superintend the installation of the various exhibits from far and near and by Thursday night the fifth California apple show will be ready for the people. At 7:30 o'clock Thursday night a big switch will be turned, which will throw on the thousands of lights all over the show grounds. There will be no official ceremonies on the opening night."

EP; 29 Sep 1914; item: "CAMPAIGN GETS WARM. George W. Smith, candidate for the district attorneyship, was in Santa Cruz yesterday. He intends to open his campaign in Soquel Friday night and later will speak at Corralitos. He said that he intends to make an active speaking campaign covering the entire county and will dwell particularly on his fitness to fill the position to which he aspires. Mr. Smith has been chasing down to its source a statement he lays at the door of his opponent, Mr. Kramer, to the effect that he (Smith) should not be elected to office because he changed his name at one time in his life.

"This is a horrible charge, if true, and the wonder

grows how George could have chosen Smith instead of Jones or Brown.—Santa Cruz News.

“(While Smith treats the above a rumor as too ridiculous to answer yet he can show documents to prove the falsity of the charge being advanced by his opponent.—Ed. Pajaronian.)”

EP; 29 Sep 1914; item: “Frank Radovan to Anna Radovan—Lots 1 and 2, block 7, of Watsonville Homestead Assn.”

EP; 29 Sep 1914; born: “Watsonville, Sept. 28, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Katavich, a daughter.” [*Rose*; +1991]

EP; 1 Oct 1914; item: “George W. Smith of this city will open his campaign for the office of district attorney of Santa Cruz county at Soquel tomorrow night where he will deliver an address. He has some interesting facts to tell the Soquel people and there will no doubt be a large crowd out to hear and see George in action.”

EP; 1 Oct 1914; item: “The case of the People vs. John Appen [Apan], who was accused by Tony Dragich of beating a board bill at the O.K. Restaurant, was dismissed this afternoon by Judge Hawkins in the justice court. P. J. McSherry appeared as the special prosecutor and the defendant was represented by Attorney Geo. W. Smith.”

EP; 1 Oct 1914; disp. ad:

FIFTH ANNUAL
CALIFORNIA
APPLE
SHOW
SAN FRANCISCO
October 1st to 11th
GRAND EXHIBITS
from All Apple Districts of California,
Box, Table, Plate and Feature Displays
Valuable Trophies and Prizes
REDUCED FARES
from All California Points.
Tickets on Sale Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, 9, and 10th
Return Limit October 12th
E. Schillingsburg, Dist. Pas. Agent,
40 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose
R. H. Davis, Agent, Watsonville.
SOUTHERN PACIFIC

EP; 2 Oct 1914; item: “Estate of Peter Carstulovich, deceased—Final account of administrator and petition for final distribution.”

EP; 2 Oct 1914; item: “Today the tickets for the Watsonville Day excursion to the apple show in San Francisco were placed on sale around town at the drug stores and

cigar stores and it behooves everyone planning to visit the metropolis next Wednesday to buy one or more of these tickets immediately. The rate for Wednesday will be \$2.80 and the ticket will be good for seven days. Otherwise it will cost the regular fare of \$5.60 except today or next Friday and Saturday when the rate will be \$3.75.

“R. H. Hudson, R. H. Davis, C. R. Taylor and Luke Scurich are the members of the committee in charge of the excursion...”

EP; 2 Oct 1914; item: “As the Pajaronian goes to press this afternoon the interclass football game at the high school is being played...the juniors and sophomores meeting the freshman and seniors. Both teams claim to be in fine shape and a good sized crowd is witnessing the contest. The lineups are as follows:

“Juniors and Sophomores—McGowan, O’Brien, Angel, Fleckner, Collins, Enemark, DeBeck, R. Apperson, Bill Grul, Crosetti, Bennett, Bryant, Peckham, [Lewis] Lettunich and Bronson.

“Seniors and Freshmen—G. Apperson, Beck, Flechner, Berry, Coates, Struve, McGrath, Morse, Belton, Laporte, Plaskett, Hansen, Lyma, Beck and Rich.”

EP; 3 Oct 1914; article: “Attorney George W. Smith of this city, candidate for district attorney, last night formally opened his campaign at Soquel where he addressed a fair sized crowd. The audience would have been large had it not rained earlier in the evening. The speaking was held in the I.O.O.F. hall and what the audience lacked in numbers it more than made up in applause and enthusiasm, Mr. Smith’s remarks being frequently applauded. A. W. Wyman, former supervisor, presided and a short talk was made by James A. Hall of this city.

“Mr. Smith called attention to the fact that in the past five years he had had more criminal work than all the other lawyers in the county combined, having defended 116 men on criminal charges and securing acquittals for 105 of these. In speaking of his opponent he called attention to the slanderous statements that were being spread in the county by Kramer and the World Issue and challenged his opponent to come out in the open and fight. Smith then attacked the career of Kramer, saying that Kramer had won but few cases in this county and that his success as an attorney was not great. In speaking of his opponent Mr. Smith called attention to the Schwan case, in which Kramer was ordered by the court to return the sum of over \$700, which it was alleged he had tried to fraudulently hold. Mr. Smith delivered a rattling good speech and after the meeting he was warmly greeted by those present, who promised him their support.”

EP; 3 Oct 1914; born: “Stockton, Oct. 2, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pulich, a 10-lb. daughter.” [*Harriet*]

EP; 5 Oct 1914; item: “A large crowd attended the dance

held last Saturday night in Rappe's hall for the benefit of the St. Charles booth at the Catholic fair. The dance was enjoyed by all in attendance and was a success in every way. The committee in charge of the affair deserve credit, the committee members being Mrs. Luke Scurich, Mrs. F. P. Marinovich, Mrs. L. P. Cikuth, Mrs. Antone Stolich and Mrs. M. L. Kalich."

EP; 5 Oct 1914; item: "Attorney George W. Smith is a business visitor in San Francisco today."

EP; 5 Oct 1914; item: "Mrs. J. Simunovich and her mother, Mrs. Sam Hrepich, have returned from a visit to San Mateo."

EP; 5 Oct 1914; article: "More apples are needed for free distribution on Market street in San Francisco next Wednesday, Watsonville Day, according to Frank E. Gates, who is chairman of the local committee collecting the apples. At least 250 boxes of eating apples are wanted and only about 150 have already been secured. Notify Frank Gates if you can spare a few boxes or bring the apples to the Loma Fruit Co. packing house on West Third St...These apples will be thrown by the Watsonville excursionists to the crowds on Market street..."

"Henry Peckham telephoned to this city...to the effect that all the old time Watsonville residents living in San Francisco are looking forward to meeting their friends from here at the apple show on Wednesday..."

EP; 6 Oct 1914; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...M. Glech, \$72...Steve Brautovich, \$2.50...Supplies: ...Hrepich & Wells, \$49.75..."

EP; 6 Oct 1914; item: "M. N. Lettunich has returned from a business trip to San Francisco."

EP; 8 Oct 1914; honor roll: Low 2nd: Martin Franich, John Gurich, Mary Matson; High 2nd: Katie Lubenko; Low 3rd: Tony Scurich, Mary Castropelli; High 3rd: Annie Matson; High 4th: Stephen Nemanich; Low 5th: Tone Dubretta, Louis Arbanas; Low 6th: Emma Grizich, Kathryn Strazicich; High 6th: Chas. Sambrailo.

EP; 8 Oct 1914; item: "The application of M. N. Lettunich to have his liquor license at the old Mansion House transferred to L. M. Kirk at the Hotel Royal was laid on the table, the necessary \$7.50 filing fee not having been deposited."

EP; 8 Oct 1914; county supervisors, payments: "County Fund: ...Jack Novich [Novcich], \$46.80...Pajaro Road Fund: ...John Vividich, \$52..."

EP; 8 Oct 1914; item: "Miss Anna M. Farlin is in San Francisco this week."

EP; 8 Oct 1914; item: "**Watsonville Exhibitors Are Winning Many Prizes at Apple Show in Metropolis.** The following additional awards have been made at the apple show in San Francisco:

"**25-Box Lots:** ...First prize, Bellefleur, M. L. Kalich, Watsonville: second prize, M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville.

"...Red Pearmain...second prize, Stolich Bros., Watsonville..."

"**10-Box Lots;** All First Prizes: Bellefleur, Stolich Bros., Watsonville..."

"...White Pearmain, Lucich & Lucich, Watsonville.

"**5-Box Lots;** All First Prizes: ...Langford Seedling: M. N. Lettunich & Co., Watsonville..."

EP; 8 Oct 1914; born: "Watsonville, Oct. 8, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. George Slavich, a daughter." [*Frances*]

EP; 9 Oct 1914; item: "Nick V. Lettunich of San Francisco was here last night."

EP; 10 Oct 1914; ALL: Micho J. Brajovich [prob. Brajevich], N. Muyo [prob. Mujo].

WReg, 11 Oct 1914; ALL: John Christa [Slav?], Micho J. Brajevich.

WReg, 11 Oct 1914; class. ad: "FOR SALE CHEAP—Second hand doors and frames, windows and frames, from the Mansion House block wreckage. Apply M. N. Lettunich & Co."

WReg, 11 Oct 1914; class. ad: "WANTED—Women to sort apples. Rilovich and Sresovich, 215 Ford street."

WReg; 11 Oct 1914; disp. ad:

EAT

with us

Meat Quality

Price Quality

Purse Quality

Your Stomach Satisfied

California

Restaurant

Always Open

EP; 12 Oct 1914; item: "Attorney George W. Smith of this city, the popular candidate for district attorney, has a strenuous campaign mapped out for this week, two speeches being a part of his program. He will speak in Santa Cruz on Wednesday night at Knight's Opera House and on Friday night will speak at Ceschi's hall at Corralitos. He expects to spend the greater part of his time this week around Santa Cruz. Mr. Smith is confident of victory on November 3d yet he is letting no grass grow under his feet."

EP; 12 Oct 1914; item: "Lewis Lettunich has returned from the apple show in San Francisco."

EP; 12 Oct 1914; item: "Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Conway and Master Clair Sinclair, all of Stockton, are here visiting the R. S. Chuckovich family."

EP; 12 Oct 1914; item: "Miss Anna M. Farlin, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has returned from a visit to San Francisco of several days' duration."

EP; 13 Oct 1914; item: "F. L. DeBack and son, Emory, were just leaving their residence on the Salsipuedes road, about 8:30 o'clock this morning, in their Rambler auto and had not proceeded over 200 yards, the machine going at about 10 miles an hour, when opposite the gate of J. W. Tullock they turned out to pass Mr. P. Arabanis [Arbanas], who in a 2-horse fruit truck was going out the road. Just as the vehicles were about to pass, Mr. Arabanis' dog which was accompanying the truck, jumped in front of the auto and was struck by the machine. The collision caused the machine to turn and skid across the road. Mr. DeBack thinks the dog was caught in the steering gear. The auto collided with the horses causing them to turn and the shock precipitated many of the boxes onto the road. The consequent clatter and collision caused the horses to run away. Mr. Arabanis, who was driving, stuck to his post for about 50 yards when he was either thrown or fell from his seat, receiving several bruises and cuts in the head. Passersby gave him assistance until Dr. Wayland, who had been summoned, arrived, and the sufferer was removed to his home. The auto was badly damaged by the collision..."

"The runaway team continued to this city, collided with a wagon on Bridge street and ended its mad race on Second street opposite Stoesser's alley, where they struck two buggies, damaging both slightly. One of the horses received a bad cut on the shoulder and was taken to the veterinary hospital."

EP; 13 Oct 1914; item: "Attorney George W. Smith of this city, candidate for district attorney, will be a busy man this week. On tomorrow night he will speak in Santa Cruz, on Friday night he speaks at Corralitos and on Saturday night he will be heard in Boulder Creek. Soquel, Aptos and Watsonville have already been visited by Mr. Smith. George is working hard for the office and is confident that he will be elected on November third."

EP; 15 Oct 1914; article: "**Local Candidate...is Given Ovation at Santa Cruz.** Attorney George W. Smith... addressed a packed house in Knight's Opera House at Santa Cruz and the greeting that he received from the big audience rivaled the welcome he received here in Watsonville...on the night before the primary election. Not only did the audience tender him a thunderous ovation

when he was introduced to speak last night but it cheered and applauded him every few minutes during his speech and at the conclusion of his talk three cheers were given by the crowd and dozens rushed to the platform to shake his hand. It was a cordial reception throughout for the local candidate and showed conclusively the high esteem in which he is held by the county seat people.

"Attorney John H. Leonard, candidate for the nomination for the district attorneyship before the primaries, acted as chairman and after paying a tribute to Mr. Smith's integrity and ability he urged all those that had voted for him (Leonard) at the primaries to vote on November 3d for Mr. Smith. When Mr. Smith arose to speak the applause was so great that he was forced to delay his speech until the din, which lasted nearly two minutes, had subsided. His address was delivered in a forceful manner and was one of the best talks Mr. Smith has yet delivered. He was in fine form and as he spoke of his ability for the office, of the slanderous statements that had been circulated against him, of the record of his opponent and when he said that he would go into the office with clean hands and would give all a square deal the audience applauded him vociferously, his speech being interrupted over a dozen times by big applause.

"He said three charges had been laid at his door, one being that he was a Roman Catholic, another being that he was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the third that he was attorney for the Royal Arch. He pleaded guilty to the first two charges and said that all men and women have a right to believe in whatever religious principles they desired so long as these beliefs were not detrimental to the common welfare. He read the patriotic oath of the Knights of Columbus, which bound the members of that order to uphold and preserve only the highest ideals, and said he was not ashamed to stand for these ideals.

In answering the third charge he denied that he had ever had any official connection with the Royal Arch or that he represented that organization now. In this connection he stated that he had represented some 156 citizens last year, whose right to vote had been challenged by the 'drys' but had not been employed by the Royal Arch or the saloons in this case. The only other saloon case he was connected with was to draft the present stringent gambling ordinance of this city. And speaking of the question of 'wet' or 'dry' Mr. Smith called attention to the fact that his opponent, who is seeking the endorsement of the 'drys' was the secretary and right hand man at the last legislature for Assemblyman Bowman, the most bitter and able antagonist that the 'drys' had in the legislature at that time.

"After the meeting the crowd surged toward the platform and friends and strangers alike sought to shake him by the hand and promise their support. One of those to shake him by the hand and compliment him upon his speech was H. S. Turner, editor of the World Issue, the Socialist paper that Mr. Smith attacked for its slanderous statements made against him..."

EP; 16 Oct 1914; item: "N. Lucich vs. Rilovich Co. et al.—Order for sale of attached property consisting of apples in Watsonville."

EP; 16 Oct 1914; editorial: "For nearly two months past Mr. George W. Smith...has been making statements to the public relative to the character of his opponent, Mr. E. C. Kramer, charging Mr. Kramer with fraud in the Schwan estate and with being not consistent on the 'wet' and 'dry' issue. In all these two months or more Mr. Smith has appeared publicly before large crowds with the records and has challenged Mr. Kramer to deny or answer his assertions yet Mr. Kramer has so far not seen fit to come to the front with any explanations.

"The charges are grave, especially in the instance of the Schwan case, and if Mr. Kramer expects the people of this county to support him as he is asking them to it is only fair that he explain about these matters..."

"Last night's Santa Cruz News published the following, in its account of Mr. Smith's meeting at Santa Cruz on Wednesday evening:

"Mr. Smith declared that he never would have taken the platform but that he was assailed at the 11th hour of the primary campaign and he could not remain silent. Before an audience of 1500 people he had spoken in Watsonville as he spoke now. He had challenged his opponent, Mr. Kramer, to meet him on the public platform. He had invited him to a seat on the platform on this occasion and to answer the questions he would put.

"If he cannot come before me in public and discuss matters with me," said Mr. Smith, "what show will he have if, as district attorney, he is obliged to meet me in debate in a criminal case before a jury of twelve men?"

"Mr. Smith said he had as much as he could do with his practice and that the records of the superior court would show that he had got a verdict from 85 to 95 per cent of the cases.

"He said a man's public record is the proper subject for review—especially when that man aspires to public office. He then presented a draft showing all the cases in which E. C. Kramer had appeared with the disposition made of each. He recited in detail the story of Kramer's connection with the estate of Jacob Schwan in November, 1911. He asserted and presented court records to prove that in that estate Kramer, after accepting a \$250 fee in advance from the decedent for his services as attorney for executor, had presented a further bill for \$748. This and a like claim for \$748 from the executor, E. Klawiter, was allowed by the court but both were obliged to return it to the estate upon order of the court upon the testimony of the widow that the original \$250 to Kramer and \$250 to Klawiter was in full payment for their services.

"Mr. Smith asserted that three years have passed without an answer by Kramer as to the irregularity of his action. He understands that now Kramer has obtained a statement from the aged widow exonerating him but he had no

defense to make when the court ordered him to return the money.

"We would like to have an explanation from Mr. Kramer and if the charges made against him are not true then it is his duty to smash them once and for all. Speak up, Mr. Kramer, let us hear your answer."

EP; 16 Oct 1914; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, Oct. 15, 1914, to Peter Novakovich, 21, and Annie Babum [Babun], 21, both of Watsonville."

EP; 17 Oct 1914; item: "The application for a final discharge by Lucich & Gordon, bankrupts, will be heard in the district court at San Francisco, on Oct. 21st. Harry J. Blas, referee in bankruptcy, has sent us a circular notifying us to show cause why the application should not be granted. We've only got seven dollars' worth of reasons, Harry; and what's seven dollars between friends! Let the application be granted."

EP; 17 Oct 1914; born: "Watsonville, Oct. 17, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Zupan, a son."
[Steve]



Fig. 4-65.
Steve Zupan.

EP; 17 Oct 1914; ALL: B. Clobusich, H. E. Grassi, S. Koprca.

EP; 17 Oct 1914; item: "George W. Smith...scored another triumph when he spoke to over 100 persons at Corralitos on the issues of the campaign. Dr. S. C. Rodgers presided as chairman and the applause that greeted Mr. Smith before, during and after his speech was most encouraging. Mr. Smith pointed out his own record since his residence here, pledged the people of the county an economical, business-like and square administration if elected and scored the record of his opponent, Mr. Kramer. Mr. Smith was promised strong support at Corralitos after his address and he was much pleased with his success. He will speak in Boulder Creek tonight."

EP; 19 Oct 1914; item: "Estate of Peter Carstulovich, deceased—Decree of settlement of final account and of final distribution."

EP; 19 Oct 1914; item: "John Arbanasin vs. Frank Radvan—Continued to Oct. 23d."

EP; 19 Oct 1914; item: "N. Lucich vs. Rilovich Co.—It is ordered that the sheriff be authorized to include keeper's fees as an accruing cost to be deducted from the sale of selling price of property authorized to be sold."

EP; 19 Oct 1914; Monterey Co. supervisors, payments: "...Scurich & Jerinich, \$60..."

EP; 19 Oct 1914; article: "A large and enthusiastic audience of Woman's Club members...heard an explanation of the 48 amendments and propositions on the November ballot by Attorney Geo. W. Smith...Mr. Smith did not express an opinion on any of the amendments save one, which is known as Amendment 11 and which provides for a bond issue of \$1,500,000 to furnish additional equipment and buildings for the State university at Berkeley. This, he urged as a good amendment and should be carried.

"Mr. Smith skimmed rapidly over some of the unimportant amendments, giving them but a cursory review, but on the important propositions he dwelt more at length. He fully discussed such important questions as the red-light abatement act, the eight hour law, the 'wet' and 'dry' question, non-sale of game, abolition of capital punishment, abolition of the poll tax, qualifications of voters at bond elections, water commission act and many others.

"Mr. Smith was heard with rapt attention by the audience and his talk was much appreciated by the club. His remarks were non-partisan and free from bias and in the short time that he talked he told the ladies more about the amendments on the ballot than they could learn by reading up on the propositions from now until election day. The club was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Smith after the regular speaker, Mr. Keane, had been detained in San Francisco..."

EP; 19 Oct 1914; item: "MARION CHURICH IS SHOT DURING RIOT. As the result of a riot in the Roma Hotel at First and Main streets last Saturday night...Marion Church is lying in the Watsonville Hospital with a revolver bullet in his right lung and Peter Jovanovich is in the the city prison charged with doing the shooting. Although it was thought yesterday that Church would die yet there is a marked improvement in his condition today and his chances of recovery are excellent.

"A number of important eye witnesses have been secured by the police, among them being Eli Kristo, John Yonyich, Steve Bello and Martin Vuletich. Jovanovich, the accused assailant, and a man named Mike Peeper, who was at first thought to be an accomplice but who will be released today, were arrested after the affray by Chief of Police Whitsitt and Officers Whalen and Zimmer and locked in the city prison. Today Peeper was released for beyond being a prominent agitator in the dispute that led up to the shooting[,] he was not responsible for the shooting that followed. Joe Vlatkovich was also arrested and is being held.

"Church was not engaged in the dispute nor did he take any hand in the fighting, having been sitting peacefully in a chair in the barroom of the hotel. The presumption of the police is that Jovanovich intended to kill

Vuletich, who was a stranger to the prisoner. The gun used by Jovanovich has not yet been found but it was a revolver of a small calibre, the police believing that it was not larger than a 32. The testimony of the various witnesses was not only hard to get but was at first conflicting but out of the maze of evidence the police believe they have the truth of the matter from Eli Kristo, who seems to be the most important witness of the affair and who was located late yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Trafton on the Martin ranch in the Amesti district.

"According to Kristo, he entered the Roma Hotel about 8:30, and immediately went to a table in one corner of the bar-room and began to read a newspaper. He noted, on his entry, that a man named Martin Vuletich was having a heated discussion with three Montenegrins, who were standing with him at the center of the bar. Vuletich stating loudly that his brother had been cheated out of \$300 by a Montenegrin in Oregon, and that none of the race were any good. The three Montenegrins and a Herzegovac then jumped Vuletich and began to pummel him. Glasses and chairs then began to fly, Kristo arose and was immediately attacked by a Montenegrin of huge proportions and was compelled to place a chair in front of himself in self defense. Pete Jovanovich, who is in custody charged with the offense and who was standing in the center of the room, turned and drew a revolver and fired, the shot striking Church, who was sitting in a chair and a non-combatant. After firing the shot, and with the revolver still in his hand, Jovanovich rushed into the dining room, adjoining the bar, and returned forthwith into the bar-room with the gun in his hand. Kristo then beat a hurried retreat. Kristo's story is borne out by John Yonyich and two other witnesses. All are positive that Jovanovich fired the shot. Jovanovich wore a white sweater at the time, and this distinguishing mark makes the identification certain.

"It may not be amiss to make a brief explanation of the various nationalities that go to make up the Slavonian colony here.

"There are practically three races residing here in numbers, viz: Dalmatians, subjects of Austria-Hungary, and Servians and Montenegrins. The Slavic tongue is spoken by all three, yet there is as much difference between them as there is between night and day. For many years here in the Pajaro Valley, and in fact up to a few years ago, we had but the Dalmatians, and it used to be the proud boast of these people, when they were here exclusively that not one of their people was ever accused of an offense greater than a misdemeanor, and prompt payment of their financial obligations was their marked characteristic. The Dalmatians have always stood for law and order in this community and greatly deprecate the affair of Saturday and are rendering to the officials every assistance possible to see that justice is done.

"In the prosecution of the case the sheriff and district attorney will have the assistance of Attorney Geo. W.

Smith, whose knowledge of the language and traits of the people involved is most thorough.

"No charge has yet been filed against Jovanovich, the district attorney's office awaiting definite news as to the condition of Church. If Church dies the prisoner will be charged with murder but if he lives a charge of attempted murder will be lodged against Jovanovich. Church has only been here a few weeks and has been in this country about six years. He has a wife in Austria and is aged 30 years. He has a brother, Steve Church, in this city."

EP; 20 Oct 1914; item: "No new evidence has been discovered in relation to the affray at the Roma Hotel on Saturday night when Marion Church was shot, a man named Martin Vulech, who started the fight, having left town and his whereabouts being unknown and Joe Vlatovich, the alleged gun man, having been removed to the county jail. It is learned that a mistake was made yesterday in names, the prisoner accused of the shooting being Vlatovich and not Joncovich as was at first stated. Vlatovich denies that he fired the shot, stating to the officers that he never had a revolver and that he knows nothing of the shooting. In the meantime Church, the wounded man, is resting easily at the hospital and will recover."

EP; 21 Oct 1914; item: "At E. C. Kramer's Soquel meeting Friday night he intimated sharp legal practice on the part of his opponent, George W. Smith, for the office of district attorney and said: 'If you desire to learn Mr. Smith's record go to Watsonville and ask the people who know.' In the primary election there were 1640 votes cast in Watsonville, of which Mr. Smith received 948. Mr. Smith's vote was about 300 votes more than all the rest of his opponents combined. This must show that the people of Watsonville do know Mr. Smith's record."

EP; 22 Oct 1914; item: "John Arbanasin vs. Frank Radvan—Order overruling demurrer and defendant is granted 10 days within which to answer."

EP; 22 Oct 1914; item: "Lease: M. N. Lettunich et al. to D. D. Calkins—Store situate 410 Main St., Watsonville, term 5 years."

EP; 22 Oct 1914; item: "We, the undersigned, members of the bar of Santa Cruz county, do hereby unhesitatingly endorse the candidacy of George W. Smith for the office of District Attorney of Santa Cruz county. The ability and integrity of Mr. Smith to fill the office cannot be questioned. Signed:

"Wyckoff & Gardner, R. H. Hudson, James A. Hall, Albert Dickerman, Clay W. SeEVERS, A. W. Sans, William T. Jeter, W. P. Netherton, P. J. McSherry, D. F. Maher, Geo. P. Burke, Charles B. Younger, John H. Leonard. Dated, September 29th, 1914..."

EP; 23 Oct 1914; item: "At a private sale held yesterday afternoon of 3100 boxes of apples belonging to Rilovich Brothers on West Lake Avenue, Sheriff Trafton sold the fruit for \$811. The sale was held because the fruit had been attached by creditors of the Rilovichs. M. C. Sang is reported to have been the purchaser."

EP; 23 Oct 1914; item: "M. N. Lettunich et al. with L. Kirk et al., Mansion House, Watsonville; lease."

EP; 23 Oct 1914; article: "Two more stores have been rented in the Lettunich buildings at Third and Main streets, Herman Steglich and John Novacich [Novcich] being the lessees. Mr. Steglich has taken the location formerly occupied by the Mansion House barber shop in the old Lettunich building and will open and conduct a modern, up-to-date shoe repairing shop. Mr. Novacich has taken the store immediately to the right of the place leased by Mr. Steglich and will open a cigar and tobacco store therein. Mr. Steglich and Mr. Novacich are both well known here, Mr. Steglich having been in business in this city up to a few months ago and Mr. Novacich being also a resident of this city for many years. Both will have neat, first-class stores that will be a credit to the community.

"Only one storeroom remains unrented in all the Lettunich buildings, this being the store just to the right of the new Lettunich building lobby. Negotiations are under way for this location and a lease will probably be signed in a few days. The offices in the new Lettunich block will be ready for occupancy on November 1st and there is quite a lively demand for rooms in the new building."

EP; 24 Oct 1914; item: "It has come to our knowledge that Ernest C. Kramer has been accused of speaking ill of his opponent for district attorney, Mr. Smith, before the Valencia Literary Society on Saturday evening, August 15th. 'Mr. Kramer did not say or imply one word that could be construed to the detriment of Mr. Smith.'—F. A. Grow, President. (Signed). Valencia Notes."

EP; 24 Oct 1914; article: "Attorney E. C. Kramer, candidate for district attorney, was in town this afternoon, and made this office a call. We called his attention to the charges made against him in regard to his connection with the Jacob Schwan estate, and asked him for a reply or explanation. He said he would fully answer all the charges made against him in his speech to be delivered on next Saturday afternoon...from the bandstand of the Plaza; that he preferred not to say anything just now, but invited every voter in the valley to hear his answer; that there were many things he desired to discuss; many things he desired to refute, and he proposed to answer them once and for all on next Saturday.

"We were disappointed with the result of our interview. We hoped to get his reply to the charges made against him by Mr. Smith, and had invited him to use,

free of charge, our columns for his explanation. Accordingly we hope Mr. Kramer will be greeted by a large audience, and that his explanation of his connection with the Schwan estate will be full and satisfactory. We have refrained, hitherto, from entering upon a discussion of these charges, as we hold that when a man's honor is attacked, he should have the first chance at a denial or explanation."

EP; 24 Oct 1914; item: "N. Lucich vs. Rilovich Co. et al.—Order for sale of attached property."

EP; 24 Oct 1914; item: "John Arbanasin vs. Frank Radovan—Motion to discharge attachment issued Oct. 7th is denied; motion of plaintiff for leave to amend the said attachment is granted; order of sale of personal property is then granted."

EP; 24 Oct 1914; item: "The attachment by John Arbanasin on some box shooK owned by Frank Radovan will stand, according to a decision rendered by Superior Judge Smith at Santa Cruz yesterday, and the shooK will be sold here next Wednesday afternoon...by Sheriff Trafton..."

EP; 24 Oct 1914; item: "ENDORSES GEORGE W. SMITH'S CANDIDACY. Judge-elect J. A. Bardin of Monterey county, who is recognized as one of the foremost lawyers in this section of the State, addressed the following letter to George W. Smith, candidate for the district attorneyship of this county:

"Salinas City, Cal., Oct. 1, 1914. Mr. George W. Smith, Watsonville, Calif.

"My Dear George: Your very large vote at the recent primaries was a fine tribute to your personal popularity, and I regret with numerous others of your friends here that you were not elected then, so that you would be relieved from the trouble and expense of further campaigning. But with so many in the primary race that could not be expected.

"I am delighted to hear from many separate sources that your election is practically a certainty; at least that is the way the matter has been represented to me.

"You may recall that I have always urged you to prepare for the office of district attorney of your county, for it seemed to me that your talent eminently fitted you for that kind of a position.

"The duties of the prosecutor require one possessing great vigor, industry and enthusiasm; and no one who knows you can withhold from you the proper credit for those qualities.

"Trusting that Santa Cruz county will be sufficiently awake to its present opportunity and will elect you at the approaching general election, I am with warm regards and best wishes, Yours very sincerely, J. A. BARDIN."

EP; 26 Oct 1914; article: "LETTUNICH BLOCK NOW COMPLETED. M. N. and Mateo Lettunich are announcing today the completion of their new office building. These gentlemen invite the people of Watsonville and the Pajaro valley to inspect the building on Saturday, October 31st, when the doors will be thrown open to the public and the elevator kept running all day and evening. The lights will be turned on from the sidewalk to the cornice and the building will present a beautiful appearance, the illumination to be not only out of the ordinary but an illumination scheme that is not equaled in this section of the State.

"The Messrs. Lettunich have shown their faith and confidence in the prosperity and future success of the community by erecting their new building, which is one of the most modern and up-to-date business blocks in the State. They have gone to an enormous expense in a year that has not been classed as a prosperous one for this or any other section of California and they deserve the highest credit and praise for their endeavor. The new building has been an incentive to other individuals in the community and has resulted in a building boom in this city. The Lettunich block has acted as a stimulus to business and capital in the community and it is up to the citizens of the valley to show their appreciation.

"Watsonville has as modern buildings as will be found in any city in the State and the citizens here have a just right to feel proud of business blocks such as the new Lettunich building. A number of prospective tenants are contemplating moving into the new building this week so as to be moved in before the 1st."

EP; 26 Oct 1914; item: "Watsonville Realty Co. to Martin Kulich—Lots 248, 249 and 250 of Watsonville Heights."

EP; 26 Oct 1914; item: "George W. Smith...had one of the best meetings of the campaign last Saturday night at Boulder Creek when he aroused the enthusiasm of a large audience and was promised support on all sides. James Maddock was the chairman of the meeting. Mr. Smith will speak Wednesday morning at the high school on 'Criminal Law,' and will also speak at Aptos on Saturday night and will wind up the campaign on Monday night with a big meeting in the I.O.O.F. hall in this city."

EP; 26 Oct 1914; disp. ad:

"[photo]

The New Lettunich Building

One of the most up-to-date office buildings in the state is now ready for tenants.

Janitor with Vacuum Cleaner System.
Electricity for Lighting and Apparatus.
The Celebrated Cutler Patent Mail Chute.
Compressed Air for Physicians and Dentists.
Elevator Service, Steam Heat, and Water.
 All included for lowest possible rental.

The owners have expressed their faith in the future of Watsonville by sparing no expense to give you the very best. The people of Watsonville and the Pajaro Valley are invited to inspect this beautiful building Saturday, October 31, when the elevator will be kept going all day and evening for their accommodation.

For securing your offices see us at once,
MCSHERRY & HUDSON, Sole Agents.

EP; 26 Oct 1914; born: "Watsonville, Oct. 24, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Kopetanich [Capitanich], a son."
[Edward; +1958]



Fig. 4-66.
Edward Capitanich.

EP; 28 Oct 1914; text ad: "Apple packers earn \$3 to \$6 per day. Learn to pack at the Watsonville Packing School, H. James, instructor, rooms 1 and 2 Jefsen block."

EP; 28 Oct 1914; item: "Attorney George W. Smith... addressed the students of the high school on 'Criminal Law', his address being one of the most interesting and educational heard by the students for many months. Being one of the leading attorneys of criminal law in this section of the State he was fully qualified to tell of that branch of the legal profession and his talk was much enjoyed. Mr. Smith will speak at Aptos Saturday night and will close his campaign in the county with a big meeting in the I.O.O.F. hall here Monday night, the night before election."

EP; 28 Oct 1914; item: "The preliminary hearing of Joe Vlatcovich on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder will be held...tomorrow afternoon before Judge Hawkins. Vlatcovich was arraigned...yesterday afternoon on the charge of trying to kill Marion Church at the Roma Hotel on the night of October 17th and his bonds were fixed at \$1000. He could not raise the money so he was put in the city jail to await his hearing tomorrow."

EP; 29 Oct 1914; item: "F. A. Dille vs. J. Gospodnetich et al.—Amended complaint."

EP; 29 Oct 1914; text ad: "The duck season is now in[,] and the California Restaurant, 255 Main St., is serving wild ducks daily in the highest style of the culinary art. Have you ever tried a cup of the delicious coffee served at the California? Try it. See ad. on our fourth page."

EP; 29 Oct 1914; born: "Watsonville, Oct. 29, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Vucivich [Vucinich], a daughter."
[Helen; +1994]

EP; 30 Oct 1914; item: "To Whom it May Concern: Mr. George W. Smith has been connected with this bank in the capacity of attorney for four years, during which time we have found him efficient, careful and prompt. It is a matter of great satisfaction to us to be able to thoroughly recommend him as a lawyer and man. H. S. FLETCHER, President Bank of Watsonville. Oct. 29th, 1914."

EP; 31 Oct 1914; item: "The annual Chrysanthemum Show given by the Watsonville Woman's Club opened this afternoon...in the I.O.O.F. hall and a large crowd is attending the affair. A large number of beautiful exhibits of chrysanthemums are arranged in a neat manner on tables and stands in the big hall and there are many different varieties of the flower to be seen...the following prizes were awarded by the judges: ...Special: (Largest variety exhibited), Miss Florence Smith."

EP; 31 Oct 1914; item: "This afternoon the Watsonville and Hollister high school football teams are engaged in combat at Hollister and the local players are determined to win as a defeat for them today would put them out of the running. The trip to the Hay City was made this morning in automobiles with Profs. V. G. Nicholls and J. C. Corbett in charge of the party. Those playing against Hollister this afternoon are the following: Lewis Morse, manager; Sid Hansen, captain; James Lyma, Bill Grul, Frank Oliver, E. DeBeck, E. Struve, Coates, L. Rich, E. Beck, Ray Apperson, Gail Apperson, L. Lettunich, Collins, Berry, L. Belton, Fleckner and C. Angel."

EP; 31 Oct 1914; article: "SMITH RECEIVES A FINE ENDORSEMENT. Attorney George W. Smith...was the recipient of a two column endorsement from the Santa Cruz News in last night's issue, the editorial urging the voters of the county to vote for Mr. Smith being a warm endorsement of his candidacy. Mr. Smith is to be congratulated upon securing the editorial endorsement of an independent paper such as the News, which has a strong influence in this county and which ranks high as a straight, honest newspaper and yet Mr. Smith is deserving of just such endorsement for he is a hard working, ambitious young man, whose many friends all over the county are vitally interested in his fight for the office he seeks.—Ed. Pajaronian."

EP; 31 Oct 1914; article: "A dispatch from Santa Cruz to the Pajaronian this morning states that at last night's meeting in the county seat addressed by E. C. Kramer, Smith's opponent, there was considerable excitement. Mr. Kramer stated from the platform that the Santa Cruz News, which had editorially endorsed Mr. Smith yesterday afternoon, had been bought by Mr. Smith and his friends. H. R. Judah, editor of the News, was present and he leapt to his feet declaring: 'You lie!' and demanded a retraction and apology from Mr. Kramer. Those near Mr.

Judah applauded his fiery declaration but Mr. Kramer did not retract or deny and continued to speak. Mr. Kramer said that a great deal of money was being spent to elect Mr. Smith and he insinuated that the News had been bought. It was reported, by the way, that Mr. Kramer made the declaration at Soquel a few nights ago, insinuating that the Pajaronian was controlled by Mr. Smith. When asked regarding this statement accredited to him Mr. Kramer flatly denied the same..."

EP; 2 Nov 1914; item: "At a mass meeting of the local Servians...in Rappe's Hall the sum of \$200 was raised for the benefit of the Servian Red Cross Society in the European War. The meeting was attended by a large crowd and much enthusiasm was manifest. George Milcovich presided as chairman and several brief speeches were made by a few of those present."

EP; 2 Nov 1914; article: "[photo] GEORGE W. SMITH TO SPEAK TONIGHT. Tonight...the closing rally for George W. Smith...will be held in the I.O.O.F. hall and many new angles of the campaign will be presented. John H. Leonard of Santa Cruz and J. E. Gardner of this city will speak for Mr. Smith...Mr. Smith will also address the citizens. Everybody is invited..."

"Last Saturday night Mr. Smith addressed two meetings, one...at Santa Cruz and [another]...at Aptos...At [the] Santa Cruz [meeting] Mr. J. H. Leonard read a statement from Mrs. Elizabeth Schwan, in which she repudiated the alleged exoneration secured from her by E. C. Kramer..."

"At Aptos Mr. Smith told of the attacks that had been made upon him and said that if he should be elected he would take the oath of office under no obligations to anyone, he had no strings on him and would rigidly enforce the laws in an honest and fearless manner. He called attention to the Schwan estate and stated that Mr. Kramer had not paid the \$1400 or so that he illegally took until he was forced to pay by the superior court. He said that he had been vilified from one end of the county to the other by Mr. Kramer and his associates and he made an eloquent and spirited address that evoked great applause..."

EP; 2 Nov 1914; article: "The Santa Cruz News (Saturday evening's issue) replies, spiritedly, to Kramer's charge (made Friday night at Santa Cruz) that Geo. Smith controlled the editorial column of the News; republishes a facsimile of the News showing how the Klawiter-Kramer-Schwan matter was treated by it when it occurred in 1911, and amongst other things says:

"In his political speech at the big tent last night E. C. Kramer...said that as soon as he discovered, during his connection with the Schwan estate matters, that Jacob Schwan had in 1885 deeded his wife all of his real estate, he voluntarily repaid to the estate the fees he had allowed himself as attorney for the executor of the will of the late Mr. Schwan.

"As a matter of fact Mr. Kramer strenuously opposed the repayment of the fees of either Mr. Klawiter or himself back into the estate, as the writer of this article well knows because he sat in the courtroom on the 27th of October, 1911, and actually heard and saw Mr. Kramer in action for several hours vigorously defending his right to keep the money."

EP; 2 Nov 1914; class. ad: "FOR RENT—Store at corner Union and Peck Sts., formerly occupied by Pajaro Grocery Co. Apply F. P. MARINOVICH, 22 Alexander St."

EP; 2 Nov 1914; class. ad: "FOR RENT—Cheap, barber shop, opposite S.P. depot, first month's rent free. Good location. Inquire at RAILROAD EXCHANGE HOTEL. Also wagons and cows for sale cheap."

EP; 3 Nov 1914; article: "OVATION GIVEN TO GEORGE W. SMITH. Last night was truly a George W. Smith night in this city, an audience that packed the I.O.O.F. hall to suffocation hearing him deliver an impassioned address in his behalf for the office of district attorney...The crowd was not only one that filled the entire capacity of the hall but it was an audience that overflowed into the hall and on the stairway and many others, unable to gain entrance, went home disappointed or stood in the plaza across the street to hear his remarks.

"Dr. S. C. Rodgers presided over the meeting and those seated on the stage were D. F. Maher, W. A. Trafton, H. C. Wyckoff, A. W. Sans, T. J. Horgan, Edward White, George P. Burke, Geo. W. Sill, J. A. Hall, H. P. Kane, R. H. Hudson, John McFarland, J. E. Gardner, Clayton W. Seevers, W. P. Netherton of Santa Cruz and J. H. Leonard of Santa Cruz.

"John H. Leonard was the first speaker of the evening and throughout his speech he was interrupted with applause. His talk was chiefly devoted to a discussion of the Schwan estate, in which he produced in a dramatic manner a stenographic interview with Mrs. Schwan, in which she hoped that Mr. Smith would be elected, in which she repudiated her alleged exoneration of Mr. Kramer...and in which she accused Kramer of bad faith..."

"Mr. W. P. Netherton of Santa Cruz followed and he stated that while he was in his bank at Santa Cruz one day Kramer came to the bank and wanted to draw out quite a sum of money on deposit there in the joint names of the deceased Mr. Schwan and his widow. Netherton told Kramer that the money belonged to Mrs. Schwan and not to the estate and refused to turn over the money. He then accused Kramer of bad faith in securing an order from Judge Smith to turn over the money. Mr. Netherton characterized the Schwan matter as 'rotten from beginning to end' and he denounced Mr. Kramer..."

"When Mr. Smith was introduced as 'the next district attorney of Santa Cruz County' the crowd cheered and applauded him and the ovation that he received was a

remarkable testimony of the regard in which he is held here...Mr. Smith delivered an eloquent talk that rang with sincerity and truth and the crowd was with him throughout.

"He answered the charge that he was too young for the office by calling attention to the fact that District Attorney B. K. Knight, who has just been elected superior judge, was but 24 years of age when he was first elected. He referred to the charge that he was not entitled to the name of Smith by saying that these here that knew him knew the untruth of any such statement..."

"...The meeting was a big success throughout and Mr. Smith stated last night that he was as confident of carrying Santa Cruz city as he was of winning in Watsonville."

EP; 3 Nov 1914; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...M. Glech, \$55.75...Services: ...Central Electric Works, \$44.60...Rebate on Gutters: ...Mateo Lettunich, \$7.70...Rosa Balanac, \$5.83...L. P. Cikuth, \$5.50...Mrs. Steve Strazicich, \$5.50..."

EP; 3 Nov 1914; item: "John Arbanasin vs. Frank Radovan—Writ of attachment for \$370.71 and return of sheriff and report of sale as ordered."

EP; 3 Nov 1914; article: "SMITH ELECTED...George W. Smith is district attorney...George Smith defeated Kramer by a big vote, which in some precincts amounted to 3 to 1 and as high as 4 to 1, Santa Cruz polling a big vote for Mr. Smith..."

"...Out of the 35 precincts...Smith had 2413 votes to 1993 for Kramer..."

EP; 5 Nov 1914; article: "Says last evening's Hollister Free Lance:

"Sudden death resulting from heart failure, from which he was a chronic sufferer, overtook John Lubich, apple packer...this morning while at work carrying boxes of apples from the basement of the Muder building, beneath Reno Young's pool room on San Benito street, to the street level above. The exertion, against which he had been warned, proved too much for Lubich's weak heart. He had carried nearly a score of the 40 pound boxes and had set the last one on the ground. He turned to descend the short flight of steps and without warning collapsed upon the top step.

"Bystanders noticed his condition and hurried to the aid of the stricken man. Stimulants were given and medical aid summoned, but the victim was beyond aid. He was unconscious when he sank to the pavement and in a few minutes was dead.

"The dead man had been a resident of Hollister for the last four years, or thereabouts. He has a number of relatives in Watsonville and San Francisco. During the present season Lubich was a partner with Ned Johnson in the business of packing apples.

"Lubich for some time past has been treating for heart trouble with Dr. J. M. O'Donnell, and the physician had warned him against over exertion on account of a weak heart."

EP; 5 Nov 1914; item: "With all but nine precincts of the 58 in the county to be heard from, the returns in which will not change the general result, the vote was as follows in the county: ...District Attorney—Smith 3716, Kramer 3015..."

EP; 5 Nov 1914; born: "Sal-sipuedes Road, near Watsonville, November 4, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Parovich [Perovich], a son." [Barney; +2006]



Fig. 4-67. Barney Perovich.

EP; 6 Nov 1914; honor roll: Low 2nd: Martin Franich, Marie Rilovich, Mary Matson; High 2nd: Katie Lubenko; Low 3rd: Tony Scurich, Mary Castropelli; High 3rd: Annie Matson; Low 4th: Martin Ljubenko, Willie Sambrailo; High 4th: Stephen Nemanich; Low 5th: John Castropelli; Low 6th: Emma Grizich, Kathryn Strazicich; High 6th: Charles Sambrailo; High 7th: Stephen Marinovich.

EP; 6 Nov 1914; article: "[voting results]...The complete figures on some of the important offices are as follows:

"...For District Attorney—George W. Smith 4910, E. C. Kramer 3799; a plurality of 1111..."

"The 'wets' carried the county by 521 votes, Santa Cruz going 'wet' by 129 votes and Watsonville staying in the 'wet' column by 226 votes. The 'wets' polled 4685 votes in the county to 4164 for the 'drys'..."

"According to information received the Pajaro supervisorial district in Monterey county is once more in the 'wet' column, Castroville winning for the 'wets' with Aromas as the strong 'dry' precinct. If the eight-year amendment carried, the latest information being to the effect that it has carried, Pajaro, it is claimed by many, will again have the saloons. But the constitutionality of this law will be attacked. The liquor interests say it is unconstitutional."

EP; 6 Nov 1914; item: "District Attorney-elect George W. Smith left this morning for a week's rest in the north. George is clean 'tuckered out' after his arduous campaign and needs a rest. He will argue the Denton murder case in the Superior Court next Thursday."

EP; 6 Nov 1914; card of thanks: "To the Citizens of Santa Cruz County:

“You have elected me as your next district attorney. I thank you for the great honor, and wish to say to you that I shall make every effort to meet the great confidence reposed in me to the end that you may never regret the step you have taken.

“I will take up the serious duties of the office unpledged, save to the performance of my duty, which pledge I will carry out.

“To my opponent and those who labored in his behalf, I extend a hand of good fellowship, assuring him and them the same square deal and fairness that I will accord to the most zealous of my supporters. GEORGE W. SMITH. Dated, November 4, 1914.”

EP; 7 Nov 1914; article: **“Strange What a Difference After the Voters Spoke!** George W. Smith is the district attorney of the county of Santa Cruz, and in his election the people have made no mistake. That he possesses ability there is no doubt. From all parts of the county have come testimonials as to his keen legal mind.

“In yesterday’s ‘Sentinel’ he published a letter in which he extended the hand of good fellowship to his opponent and those who labored in his opponent’s behalf, assuring them of the same square deal and fairness that he would accord to the most zealous of his supporters. That letter had the right ring and we believe it comes from the heart.

“George W. Smith has had a hard life, one of struggle for existence, and at the same time the struggle to provide for his mother, the rest of her children, and to secure for himself an education. In the early hours of morning he has swept out the Watsonville station of the S.P. Co., in time past, and throughout the past years he has done much other menial work to provide for himself and family the necessities of life. But during all that struggle he worked incessantly for his own education.

“George W. Smith is a self-made man. He has made good so far. He is our district attorney. He will come to the county seat to reside, with the grim determination to make good in the future.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 7 Nov 1914; item: “Says last evening’s Hollister Free Lance: ‘The body of John Lubich, who died suddenly of heart failure Wednesday morning, was shipped to San Francisco this morning. A number of local friends and relatives from Watsonville and San Francisco were at the depot to pay a last tribute of respect to the decedent.’”

EP; 7 Nov 1914; ALL: George Borich, Blas Sriensich.

EP; 9 Nov 1914; text ad: “FREE EMBROIDERY LESSONS. At the White beauty parlors, beginning tomorrow...free lessons will be given with each purchase of art goods. Mrs. T. Carstulovich of Santa Cruz will be at the parlors. All ladies are cordially invited to inspect our complete stock of the latest articles for embroidery.”

EP; 9 Nov 1914; mar. license: “At San Jose, Nov. 7, 1914, to Jack Jozovich, aged 28, and Stella Peplica [Piplica], aged 26, both of Watsonville and both natives of Austria.”

EP; 10 Nov 1914; item: “Through the work of Chief Whitsitt and Officer Corr the local police department has recovered four stolen bicycles...The wheels belonged to John Stolich, Sam Balovich, Ben Freitas and Frank Moore. The wheels were found in various isolated spots around town where the thieves had thrown them when they thought they might get caught with the goods...”

EP; 10 Nov 1914; item: “William B. Humfreville et ux to Andrew Miletak—Containing 36.541 acres, part of lot 11 of Soquel Augmentation rancho, \$10.”

EP; 10 Nov 1914; item: “Joe Vlatcovich will be brought here tomorrow from the county jail at Santa Cruz to attend his preliminary hearing on the charge of assault with intent to murder Marion Churich in the Roma Hotel here a few weeks ago. Attorney George P. Burke represents Vlatcovich and District Attorney B. K. Knight will appear for the prosecution.”

EP; 11 Nov 1914; item: “The personal property of Frank Radovan and his wife, Anna Radovan, is being moved into the rear of the Eclipse Stables on lower Main street by F. W. Johnson, who was appointed receiver, by Judge Smith. The property was put in the hands of a receiver because of a chattel mortgage given to secure payment on two notes, which aggregated \$2000 and which were held by Charles S. Morris. The property being stored by the receiver consists of horses, fruit trucks, boxes, wine tanks, wagons, trays and other property...”

EP; 11 Nov 1914; article: “As the Pajaronian goes to press this afternoon the preliminary hearing of Joe Vlatcovich, who is charged with an assault with intent to commit murder on Marion Churich as a result of the affray in the Roma Hotel here a few weeks ago, is in progress...in the justice court...Luke Scurich is acting as interpreter.

“Owing to the fact that some of the witnesses cannot talk English at all or talk in a broken manner, the hearing is likely to drag through the entire afternoon...John Yonyich, the first witness, was on the stand all during the morning session...being succeeded by Steve Bellah...”

“The story of Yonyich was straight and to the point, he being positive that Vlatcovich fired the shot that resulted in the wounding of Churich. He stated that on the night of the affray he entered the Roma Hotel with Bellah, the intention of the two men being to get a glass of beer each before going home. Shortly after they arrived there a man named Jovanich and a man wearing a red sweater, who is believed to be the missing Vuletich, whom the police

cannot locate anywhere, started a fight, the man with the red sweater accusing a brother of Jovanich of swindling him (Vuletech) out of \$300 once in Oregon. A fist fight started, in which Yonyich says Vlatcovich joined. According to Yonyich Vlatcovich was getting the worst of the argument and he suddenly backed against the wall, whipped out a revolver and fired. Yonyich was so scared that he ran into another room but he remembers seeing Churich sitting on a chair at one end of the bar and he denied that Churich mixed up in the fight at all. Shortly after the shot had been fired, said Yonyich, he went out upon the sidewalk and there found Churich suffering from the effect of the bullet within him.

“Attorney Burke tried to tangle up Yonyich on cross examination but Yonyich stuck to his original story and refused to be budged. Yonyich denied knowing Vlatcovich, Churich, the red sweater man or Jovanich until after the shooting.”

EP; 11 Nov 1914; born: “In Watsonville, Nov. 10, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Bakich, a ten pound daughter.” [*Frances; +1967; married Gospodnetich*]

EP; 12 Nov 1914; article: “This afternoon the preliminary examination of Joe Vlatcovich, accused of assault with intent to commit murder on Marion Churich, was resumed...As the Pajaronian goes to press Churich, the man alleged to have been shot by Vlatcovich, is on the stand for cross examination and Attorney Burke for the defense is going minutely into his testimony. Churich stated yesterday afternoon that he was not acquainted with the defendant, had not been engaged in the fight that led up to the shooting and was sitting in one corner of the Roma hotel barroom as an innocent spectator when the bullet struck him. He swore positively, as did John Yonyich and Steve Bellah, who preceded him, that Vlatcovich was the man with the revolver...”

EP; 13 Nov 1914; item: “**Hollister Caterer Closes up Establishment and Leaves.** Yubo Urjvich [Urjevich] who lately refurbished the California restaurant and put a new air on it, has closed the establishment. He told us on Friday afternoon that he had been taken advantage of by Hollister trades people and felt sore at his treatment.

“He also said he was going to San Francisco where he had obtained a good position at \$75 a month and found. His experience here cost him some money, but he says he does not mind, and as he was always a pleasant good neighbor, we wish him better fortune.—Hollister Bee.”

EP; 13 Nov 1914; article: “**JOSEPH VLATCOVICH HELD TO ANSWER...**[A]fter a preliminary examination that had lasted two days Joe Vlatcovich, accused of an attempt to murder Marion Churich as the result of a riot in the Roma Hotel a few weeks ago, was ordered held to answer by Judge Hawkins and in default of \$2000

bail was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Trafton. Attorney Burke for the defense made an ineffectual attempt to secure a reduction of the bail or bond but the \$2000 was allowed to stand for the present.

“The hearing yesterday was featured by the testimony of Vlatcovich, the defendant, who testified that he did not fire the shot at Churich, that he did not have a gun in his possession at the time of the row and that the fight was started by the mysterious ‘man in the red sweater,’ who throughout the trial has been mentioned prominently. The man has so far eluded the police. Des Jasoni, the proprietor of the Roma, was also on the stand but he did not hear the shot of the revolver. He said about 15 men were engaged in the riot in the barroom.

“Attorney Burke delivered a passionate address for the release of his client, blaming the ‘man in the red sweater’ for the shooting and saying that his client was innocent of the charge...”

“The Vlatcovich case was bitterly fought throughout by Attorney Burke and Seevers, who used every opportunity to turn the tide in favor of their client. The case attracted wide interest and the courtroom was packed almost to the suffocation point each day while the examination was in progress.”

EP; 13 Nov 1914; obit: “The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Matijasevich died yesterday at the family residence on the San Juan Road as the result of an attack of inflammation of the bowels. The deceased was a native of this valley and was aged 8 months and 27 days...Interment will take place in the Valley cemetery.” [*Nick*]

EP; 14 Nov 1914; ALL: Chris Elich.

EP; 17 Nov 1914; article: “A pretty Sunday wedding was celebrated yesterday at high noon at Holy Cross rectory, when the nuptials were solemnized of Miss Josephine Morris and George Orr of Pajaro...”

“...The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. M. Krilanovich and following the ceremony the bridal party went by auto to the home of the sister of the bride, Mrs. M. Krilanovich...—Santa Cruz Surf.”

EP; 17 Nov 1914; item: “In the superior court...B. Ivelich of Watsonville brought suit against John Gospodnetich and Tony Radich for a partnership accounting and a division of property valued at \$500. The trio were engaged in the apple packing business and broke up, the plaintiff charging that the defendants are holding the property from being divided.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 18 Nov 1914; item: “John Arbanasin vs. Frank Radovan—Notice of motion that judgment by default against defendant be set aside.”

EP; 18 Nov 1914; item: “B. Ivelich vs. John Gospod-

netich and Tony Radich—Complaint for partnership accounting and division of property valued at \$500.”

EP; 18 Nov 1914; item: “District Attorney-elect George W. Smith and wife were guests of honor at a delightful surprise party held last night at the home of the Smiths on Ford street, the ‘Rummies’ being those that inspired the affair. All present had a good time, games and music being the features of the evening and Mr. Smith was congratulated upon his election to the office of district attorney, the surprise being more in honor of that event than for any other cause. Those present at the jolly function were Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Watters, Mr. and Mrs. George Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckhart, Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Wilson, J. L. Hippeli, George E. Martin, Frank Rettenmeyer, John Stowe, A. D. McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith and Miss Alice Smith.”

EP; 18 Nov 1914; item: “Frank Radovan of Watsonville has given notice through his attorney that he will move the superior court to set aside a judgment recently rendered in favor of John Arbanasin through default.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 18 Nov 1914; article: “STABBING AFFRAY...As the result of a quarrel, the cause of which could not be learned, Swetazar Yelich, an employee of L. P. Cikuth, the local fruit packer, last night stabbed and painfully wounded Mike Cherovich in the pit of the stomach after Cherovich had struck Yelich on the back of the neck with a fence picket that he had jerked from a fence nearby. The stabbing affray occurred last night shortly after 10 o’clock near the corner of West Third and Walker streets just across the Southern Pacific tracks and opposite the Depot Saloon. Cherovich is at present confined at the Watsonville Hospital and while the knife wound results in much pain yet the blow delivered by Yelich was a glancing one and the knife did not penetrate far into Cherovich. Yelich is not under arrest.

“The cause of the verbal battle that preceded the stabbing could not be learned by the police although Yelich declared that the fight started when Cherovich said Yelich was ‘stingy.’ One word followed another and finally Cherovich is alleged to have yanked a picket from the fence and struck Yelich on the neck. Yelich, who is a smaller man than Cherovich, realized that he would be no match for his husky opponent in a fist fight so he pulled out of his pocket knife and slashed at Cherovich. When Cherovich felt the knife pierce him he dropped the picket and showed no further signs of battle. The police officers were notified...

“In the meantime Yelich had gone to his sleeping quarters in the Cikuth packing house on West Third and Cherovich had gone to his room in the Railroad Exchange hotel where the officers found him. The wound resulted in much bleeding but was dressed at the hospital

and Cherovich made as comfortable as possible. This morning when interviewed by Chief of Police Whitsitt, Officer Corr and Constable Sandberg Yelich told all he knew of the affray, hiding nothing and even producing the knife with which he stabbed his assailant. The picket was later found by the police.

“No charge will be filed against Yelich at present, even Cherovich not signifying any intention of prosecuting the young man. The police officers are of the opinion that Yelich resorted to the knife in self defense and they will therefore await developments.”

“Later—Cherovich was released from the hospital before noon today and announced at the time that he would swear out a warrant for the arrest of Yelich. At press time no warrant had been issued in the local courts and the police have not been ordered to arrest Yelich.”

EP; 19 Nov 1914; item: “Action has been brought in the justice court at Pajaro before Judge Rohrback by Attorney C. R. Taylor as the assignee of Peter Saulovich against John Vukich for the recovery of \$34.60, which is alleged to be due him for goods sold by Saulovich to Vukich. A demurrer filed by the defendant has been sustained by the court and the evidence is yet to be heard...”

EP; 20 Nov 1914; item: “Under the heading, ‘Waiter Discharged,’ this morning’s San Jose Mercury says: ‘Nick V. Lettunich, charged with defrauding an innkeeper, was tried before Police Judge T. R. Dougherty yesterday and found not guilty.’ The Mercury is mistaken. ‘Nick’ is no waiter; he’s a capitalist. The discouraging deal he got in San Jose is likely to drive him out of this country in disgust—to Mexico, perhaps!—to settle the troubles down there.”

EP; 20 Nov 1914; item: “The arraignment of Joe Vlatovich, accused of assault with intent to commit murder on the person of Marion Churich of this city as a result of a riot at the Roma Hotel a few weeks ago, took place in the superior court at Santa Cruz this afternoon. Attorney George P. Burke represented Vlatovich, who entered a plea of ‘not guilty.’ His trial will be held at an early date.”

EP; 20 Nov 1914; item: “Paul Milladin is in Santa Cruz today on business.”

EP; 20 Nov 1914; item: “T. M. Kissich, the local fruit packer, left last night for a business trip to Los Angeles.”

EP; 21 Nov 1914; ALL: Mrs. Luce Dojcich, Bozo Kolak, Marko Kavacevich, Jos. Radonich, Antone Serovich, Blas Srientsich.

EP; 21 Nov 1914; item: “John Arbanasin vs. Frank Radovan—Notice of itemized statement of account; notice to

set aside default of judgment continued to Nov. 27th.”

EP; 21 Nov 1914; item: “Joseph Vlatcovich will come up for trial in the superior court at Santa Cruz on December 2nd on a charge of attempting to kill Marion Churchich...”

EP; 23 Nov 1914; article: “STABBING AFFRAY NEAR THE DEPOT. Cetko Vuricovich is in the city jail charged with assault with a deadly weapon and John Apan is nursing a severe bruise on his right cheek and a painful cut in the top of his head as the result of a fight between the two men last night about 7:30 o’clock on Walker street near Third. While the injuries to Apan are painful yet they are not serious and he is up and about today although he had a narrow escape from death or more serious injury.

“The particulars regarding the affray are meagre and even the police officers are somewhat in the dark concerning the matter. As far as can be learned Apan, who is an Austrian, and Vuricovich, who is a Servian, started an argument on the street in regard to their different races. Just whom the aggressor was cannot be definitely established but Apan claims that Vuricovich attacked him with the knife without cause. The police were called to the scene and Officer John Corr arrested Vuricovich after Apan had appeared before Judge Hawkins and sworn out a complaint charging the prisoner with assault with a deadly weapon.

“Bail was fixed in the sum of \$500 but so far the friends of the prisoner have been unable to raise that amount and Vuricovich may have to go to the county jail today to await his trial. The knife, with which the prisoner is alleged to have committed the stabbing, has not yet been found.

“The cut in Apan’s head is about two inches long but is not a deep cut. The knife was thrust through Apan’s hat by his alleged assailant and while the cut caused profuse bleeding yet it was not a serious wound. The bruise on his right cheek is believed to have been caused by Apan’s striking some hard substance when he fell to the ground in the scuffle.”

EP; 23 Nov 1914; item: “Harry Forrester vs. Mike Resetar and Mitchell Resetar—Order for dismissal of action.”

EP; 24 Nov 1914; item: “The preliminary examination of Cetko Vuricovich on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon on the person of John Apan [Apan] as the result of a fight Sunday night on Walker street, is being held this afternoon before Judge Hawkins as the Pajaronian goes to press. Apan claims that the defendant knifed him...”

EP; 24 Nov 1914; item: “In the Superior Court, the hearing of the petitions of the following named applicants for naturalization, has been originally set for or continued to

Tuesday, November 24, 1914, viz: ...Rade John Evanisevich...John Franich...John Braica...John Secondo, Joseph Radonich...”

EP; 25 Nov 1914; mar. license: “In Santa Cruz, Nov. 25, 1914, to Frank Matulich, aged 35, of Watsonville, a native of Austria, and Edna Jacksich [Elena Jaksich], aged 25, of Santa Cruz, a native of Austria.”

EP; 27 Nov 1914; item: “Bernardo Ceschi vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Order for dismissal.”

EP; 27 Nov 1914; item: “After hearing evidence pro and con in the case of the People vs. Cetko Vuricovich, who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon John Apan [Apan], Judge Hopkins in the justice court...ordered Vuricovich discharged from custody upon the motion of Attorney George P. Burke for the defense. No evidence was given in the case to prove that Apan was struck with a deadly weapon although he was struck by some hard substance with sufficient force to cut his head and cheek...”

EP; 27 Nov 1914; item: “A Thanksgiving feast to his fellow ‘Rummies’ and a few relatives was given last night by Harry Buckhart at his home on East Fifth street... Those present at the pleasant affair were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckhart, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and daughter, Alice, Archie D. McEwen and mother, J. L. Hippeli, John Stow, Mrs. John Buckhart, Geo. E. Martin and Miss Jennie Malmgren.”

EP; 27 Nov 1914; item: “T. M. Kissich has returned from a business trip to Los Angeles.”

EP; 27 Nov 1914; item: “Mrs. S. Strazicich is seriously ill at the Garden City Sanitarium in San Jose, where she underwent an operation last Tuesday.”

EP; 27 Nov 1914; born: “In Watsonville, Nov. 27, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Secondo, a son.” [Mitchell; +1916]

EP; 28 Nov 1914; item: “John Arbanasin vs. Frank Radovan—Affidavits of Geo. P. Burke and A. Strazicich; default judgment set aside provided defendant executes a satisfactory bond within five days.”

EP; 28 Nov 1914; item: “Chas. S. Morris vs. Frank Radovan—Demurrer to complaint taken under advisement.”

EP; 28 Nov 1914; item: “Andy Balich of Santa Cruz donated a bottle of champagne to be used in christening the new wharf at the Surf City and his donation has been protested. At a meeting held by the W.C.T.U. of Santa Cruz this week the champagne was protested against and

the members of the organization are trying to have ordinary water or some other non-alcoholic beverage used.”

EP; 30 Nov 1914; item: “The Scurich brothers, Luke and Steve, received, yesterday, the sad news of the death of their aged mother, Mrs. Anne Scurich, on Oct. 20, 1914, at Konavle, Dalmacia, Austria. Deceased was a highly respected and esteemed resident of Konavle, and is survived by her husband Antone Scurich, and the following children living at place of her demise: John Scurich, a son, and Mrs. P. Bakich, Mrs. B. Radovich and Mrs. B. Boskovich, daughters. In addition to the foregoing the following children, reside in this city: Luke, Steve, Antone and Peter Scurich, sons, and Mrs. L. P. Cikuth, Mrs. John Franich and Mrs. Anton Gluhan, daughters. The sympathy of the community is extended to the relatives in their sad bereavement.”

EP; 30 Nov 1914; item: “Mike Resetar, of Resetar Bros., returned yesterday morning from a business trip to Los Angeles. Mike says that business is looking up in the southern city, and that he had a very pleasant trip.”

EP; 30 Nov 1914; obit: “In Konalve [Konavle], Dalmatia, Austria, Oct. 20, 1914, Mrs. Anne Scurich, aged 73 years.”

EP; 1 Dec 1914; item: “Joe Vlatcovich, who was held to answer by Judge Hawkins on a charge of assault to commit murder, will face his trial in the superior court at Santa Cruz tomorrow...”

EP; 1 Dec 1914; item: “John Arbanasin vs. Frank Radovan—Order setting aside default judgment.

“Graves vs. Radovan—Demurrer is overruled and defendant granted 10 days within which to answer complaint.”

EP; 1 Dec 1914; item: “Attorney George W. Smith returned last night after spending yesterday in Hollister...Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith have been up from Watsonville to look for a place in which to live, as the first of the year they become residents of this city, Mr. Smith being elected the district attorney.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 3 Dec 1914; article: “Says last evening’s Santa Cruz News: There is every probability that the defense will attempt to prove that some other person and not Joseph Vlatcovich, shot to kill Martin Churich in the barroom of Hotel Roma in Watsonville on October 17. The trial of Vlatcovich, charged with shooting Churich, and who is an Austrian of Protestant faith, started in the superior court yesterday...[Vlatcovich’s lawyers] cautiously questioned the veniemen as to their attitude on the European war and particularly the strife that has been on for years

between the Austrians and Servians. It was a miniature outburst of racial feeling that led to the shooting in Watsonville for which Vlatcovich is being tried...Geo. Carstulovich was sworn in as interpreter...Martin Churich, the man who was shot in the row at the Hotel Roma, and the complaining witness, first took the stand and told his story, asserting that Vlatcovich, ‘the man in the white sweater,’ shot him. On cross-examination Attorney Burke tried, through interpreter George Carstulovich, to have the witness state that he told the sheriff and district attorney in the hospital after the accident that he did not know who shot him. ‘I do remember that it was he who shot me,’ said Churich in answer to a direct question on the point, indicating Vlatcovich.”

EP; 3 Dec 1914; honor roll: High 7th: Stephen Marinovich; High 6th: Charles Sambraillo, Emma Grizich, Kathryn Strazicich; Low 6th: Anna Knego; High 5th: Kate Arbanas; Low 5th: Lazarus Matson, John Castropelli; High 4th: Stephen Nemanich; Low 4th: Willie Sambrailo; High 3rd: Annie Matson, Nick Dubretta; Low 3rd: Tony Scurich; High 2nd: Annie Uvodich; Low 2nd: Louis Bonicich, Mary Matson, Martin Franich, Marie Rilovich.

EP; 3 Dec 1914; item: “Mike Resetar has returned from a business trip to San Francisco.”

EP; 4 Dec 1914; article: “Says last evening’s Santa Cruz News:

“John Yanich objected strenuously to the cross-examination given him...while on the stand as a witness for the prosecution in the trial of Joe Vlatcovich...”

“‘You make me crazy,’ said Yanich, angrily squirming in his seat, after Burke had asked him for the eleventh time if the testimony he (Yanich) had given at the preliminary examination was true and in substance the same as he was giving this morning. On his direct examination Yanich definitely fixed the crime on Vlatcovich as to firing the shot.

“‘I didn’t know who he aimed at[,]’ said the witness.

“Yesterday afternoon Eli Kristo was sworn and also stated that he saw Vlatcovich fire...”

“‘Didn’t you say,’ said the attorney, ‘to a barber on Main street, after the shooting, ‘G—d— those Servians and Montenegrins. We whipped them tonight good and we’ll fix them the next time we catch them?’

“‘No,’ shouted Yanich; ‘I did not.’

“‘Didn’t you say,’ persisted Burke, ‘that “when that fellow gets out of jail that you’d find him and fix him?”’

“Again the vehement denial from Yanich.

“It become known today that efforts to find Martin Vuletich, one of the disturbers on the night at the Roma hotel and said to know a great deal about the whole affair, had been unavailing. Vuletich disappeared the day after the shooting from Watsonville, and has not been heard from.”

EP; 5 Dec 1914; ALL: Kristo Kovac, Bartol Paich, J. I. Radonich.

EP; 5 Dec 1914; article: "We clip the following from the Santa Cruz Sentinel and Surf:

"Joseph Vlatcovich was freed by the jury in the superior court...yesterday afternoon...after the man had been on trial for three days...

"Vlatcovich, who does not speak English, was happy at the verdict and shook each jurymen by the hand. The jury was out about 15 minutes when the verdict was reached...

"Vlatcovich was on the stand in the morning and denied in his testimony all the allegations. He said he didn't have a gun nor did he ever own one. He said they all pitched on him and that nobody ever hurt him nor had he ever hurt anybody.

"Robert Neal, who conducts an auto service, said he heard a shot and then saw a bunch of fellows pile out of the hotel, coming out with chairs, etc., and saw a fellow with a red sweater (Vlatcovich had on a white sweater) with a gun.

"Nick Radovich, a barber, testified that as J. Janich passed the barber shop he heard him saying 'G—d—those Servians. We wiped them out, and if the fellows get out of jail we will give it to them.'

"George Decklich [Diklich], who had arrived the day of the trouble from San Luis Obispo, said he saw Martin Vutelich strike Pete Janovich; the latter ducked from him and Decklich got hit...

"One of the questions asked of the witnesses was in reference to their nationality, as there were Austrians, Servians and Montenegrins present.

"C. Charovich testified that he was a cook in the Morning Star restaurant, across the street from the Roma hotel, and went back of the restaurant to a rear room and then outside, where he recognized Eli Christo, waiting to wash his face, which was covered with blood. He knew Vlatcovich, whom he had met two weeks before...

"The testimony was very conflicting and showed racial prejudice throughout, as there were Servians, Austrians and Montenegrins. It could not be determined definitely that Vlatcovich was the man who fired the shot."

EP; 8 Dec 1914; item: "George Kusanovich et al. vs. Martin Lettunich et al.—Demurrer overruled and defendants granted ten days within which to file answer to complaint."

EP; 9 Dec 1914; item: "Luke Scur[i]ch departed last night for a business visit to Los Angeles."

EP; 9 Dec 1914; item: "Antone Jerinich left last night for a business trip to Los Angeles."

EP; 10 Dec 1914; item: "At the meeting of the local

Native Daughters parlor last night the following new officers were elected: ...first vice president, Miss Anna M. Farlin..."

EP; 10 Dec 1914; item: "George Kusanovich et al. vs. Martin Lettunich et al.—Notice of overruling of demurrer."

EP; 10 Dec 1914; article: "LABOR CASE IN COURT. Judge Hawkins today is hearing evidence in the civil action of Bienvenido Bonilla vs. Resetar Brothers, the amount asked for being \$86.15. The plaintiff and others hired out under another man, who in turn had a contract with the Resetars, to pick apples. The Resetars paid the contractor, but he is alleged to not have paid his hired men. The plaintiff therefore asks that the defendants pay the bill. Attorney P. J. McSherry appears for the plaintiff and Attorney J. E. Gardner represents the Resetars."

EP; 10 Dec 1914; mar. license: "At Hollister, Dec. 8, 1914—Martin Procuriza, age 26, and Victoria A. White, age 23, both residents of Watsonville."

EP; 11 Dec 1914; item: "Charles S. Morris vs. Frank Radovan et als.—Stipulation extending time to answer."

EP; 12 Dec 1914; board of supervisors, payments: "County Fund: ...Pete Jovanovich, \$6.80...Eli Kristo, \$8.60...Luke Pulich, \$9, Nick Redokovich, \$4.75...Chris Sherovich, \$3.50...John Yonyich, \$6.50; Pajaro Road Fund: ...John Vocovich, \$48...Fish Hatchery Fund: ...J. Sinnonovich [Simunovich], \$60..."

EP; 12 Dec 1914; item: "Mitchell Krilanovich vs. E. M. Anthony, administrator of Almon Anthony, deceased—Complaint in suit asking for deed to certain property."

EP; 12 Dec 1914; ALL: Savo Vucurevich, Geo. Wuinovich, A. Zinenovich [prob. Zaninovich].

EP; 14 Dec 1914; disp. ad:

Shoot! Shoot! What? A Grand

TURKEY SHOOT

—to be held at—

Upper Rodriguez St., Sunday, Dec. 20

(Near Ford Street)

9 a.m., given by L. K. Secondo. Come and try your luck, or prove your skill. See the fun you'll have and get a Turkey.

Every lady gets 2 Free Chances at a Bird.

EP; 14 Dec 1914; item: "L. K. Secondo announces another one of his Turkey shoots on upper Rodriguez street for next Sunday."

EP; 15 Dec 1914; item: "Mitchell Resetar has departed for a week's business trip in Los Angeles."

EP; 16 Dec 1914; item: “Judge A. B. Hawkins in the justice court yesterday afternoon rendered judgment for the defendant in the case of Bonilla vs. Resetar Brothers. The plaintiff sued for \$86.15 on a labor claim.”

EP; 16 Dec 1914; article: “SALOON APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD ON 26TH. After filing 32 applications for retail liquor licenses in this city the Board of Aldermen...decided that the applicants would be heard and protests listened to on...December 26th...”

“The applicants for licenses...and their places of business were as follows: ...Strazacich & Zar, Morning Star...Petrinovich & Lamat, 265 Main; Hrepich & Wells, California restaurant...Central Grocery, 246 Main...Matulich & Ostoja, 453 Main...City Grocery, 307 Main...Mateo Lettunich, 310 Walker; Vukich & Chukovich, 300 Walker; George Strazicich, Railroad Exchange Hotel; B. Guirich [Gurich], 207 West Third...”

EP; 17 Dec 1914; item: “Mrs. Steve Strazacich has returned from San Jose, where she underwent an operation a short time ago.”

EP; 18 Dec 1914; article: “It was necessary to order two venirees of five each before the Grand Jury was finally selected in the Superior Court yesterday afternoon. George W. Smith, who had been sworn in as deputy district attorney until the time he assumes the duties of the office on January 4th, was on hand to conduct the examinations...”

EP; 18 Dec 1914; article: “George W. Smith, district attorney-elect, was appointed yesterday afternoon by District Attorney Knight as deputy district attorney to serve the balance of Mr. Knight’s term, which ends with this month. The appointment was made particularly for the reason that the grand jury panel is selected today and Mr. Smith will be enabled to make a start in his work with the grand jury from the minute it takes up its duties. Mr. Smith is already familiarizing himself with the duties of his office. He was present at the meeting of the board of supervisors yesterday when many Panama-Pacific Exposition matters came up. He advised the board, much to the regret of the members, that the county could not take up the cider concession business at the fair, on account of the restrictions of the law.—Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 18 Dec 1914; item: “Steve Strazacich [Strazicich], one of the proprietors of the Morning Star restaurant on lower Main street, is critically ill at his home at 125 Maple avenue. About a week ago he was attacked with pneumonia and Bright’s disease and since that time he has been in a serious condition. His many friends are hoping that he will recover, but it is reported that his chances of pulling through are slender.”

EP; 18 Dec 1914; item: “Bernardo Ceschi vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Writ of attachment for \$400 served by sheriff.”

EP; 18 Dec 1914; item: “Charles S. Morris vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Stipulation extending defendants’ time to answer.”

EP; 19 Dec 1914; item: “District Attorney-elect George W. Smith has returned from a visit to Los Angeles.”

EP; 19 Dec 1914; item: “Mrs. John Alaga is in San Francisco to attend the wedding tonight of her sister, Miss Marie Burin.”

EP; 21 Dec 1914; item: “Manuel Silva et ux to Andrew N. Zufich—3.05 acres, \$10.

“Andrew N. Zufich to L. M. Way—1 acre Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro, \$10.

“Andrew N. Zufich to A. Zingg—2.05 acres, Bolsa de Pajaro Rancho, \$10.”

EP; 21 Dec 1914; item: “All members of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society are requested to meet at the I.O.O.F. hall at 9:30 tomorrow morning for the purpose of attending the funeral of our later brother, Stephen Strazicich. By order of V. Borovinich, President; John Franich, Secretary.”

EP; 21 Dec 1914; obit: “Stephen Strazicich, one of the proprietors of the Morning Star restaurant on lower Main street and a well known resident of this city for many years, died...at his home at 125 Maple avenue after a brief illness. About ten days ago he was attacked by pneumonia and a few days before his death Bright’s disease set in which further aggravated the case. He made a brave struggle but the odds were too great against him.

“Mr. Strazicich was a native of Malada [Mljet], Austria, and was aged 51 years, 8 months and 8 days. He came to the United States in 1888 and settled first in the Pajaro Valley, which has been his home ever since. He started here in the saloon and restaurant business at the Morning Star on lower Main street and conducted the business alone until two years ago, when he became associated with John Zar...He was an honest citizen, a loving husband and father and an estimable citizen in every way. In 1897 he married Miss Kathryn Katuran and four children blessed the union. Mr Strazicich was active in this city in various lines of activity and was a prominent fraternal worker, being a popular member of five orders. These are the Austrian Benevolent Society of Watsonville, the Austrian Benevolent Society of San Jose, the U.P.E.C., the Druids and the Royal Arch. He was a warm friend to all that knew him, he was charitable and obliging to those less fortunate than himself and he was highly esteemed by all that came in contact with him. The death of Stephen Strazicich will be mourned here by many people.

“Besides his wife he is survived by the following children: Pauline, John, Helen and Kathryn Strazicich and a sister, Mrs. John Caria of San Mateo...”

EP; 21 Dec 1914; article: “District Attorney-elect George W. Smith returned...from a brief visit to Los Angeles, where he was engaged by a client to look into the situation concerning the Bellefleur apple market, and the result of his trip is interesting to all those connected with the apple business.

“In speaking of his trip Attorney Smith...said that there were 550 cars in storage in Los Angeles from the Pajaro Valley and that the apples were bringing 70 cents at Los Angeles for first-class stock, which nets 40 cents in Watsonville. William Pulisevich has control of 400 of the 550 cars and he advises the people to hold the stock that keeps. Some of the stock has developed fungus, says Mr. Smith, and he saw considerable of the fruit from this valley on exhibition. The condition of the fruit on exhibition was very poor in some places, some being in an advanced state of decay. Mr. Smith stated that the red apples were cutting into the Bellefleurs somewhat, but not to any appreciable extent, as Los Angeles is almost an exclusive Bellefleur market.

“According to Mr. Smith the shippers should keep in close touch with the condition of their fruit in storage...

“Mr. Smith further stated that the fruit from the hills or other high country was keeping better than the fruit from the lowlands...Mr. Smith said it was fortunate for the people here that Mr. Pulisevich had control of the fruit as he uses good judgment in disposing of the stock...”

EP; 21 Dec 1914; article: “...[T]hree well known local Austrians, Paul Alaga, Nick Lamat and Andy Dragich, armed with guns and game bags, sallied forth to invade the Elkhorn slough for ducks. In less than two hours each had killed the limit and they brought back ducks galore to show that they knew how to hunt. All three had a bet as to which one of the hunters would first get the limit. Dragich won the money but the other two were close behind him, Alaga beating Lamat by a few minutes. They report that duck hunting is excellent on the Elkhorn, and since the three Austrians have shown so much class with a gun it is no wonder that Austria has held out so long against Russia in Europe in the present war. If every Austrian in the army could shoot like the three local men there would be few Russians left.”

EP; 22 Dec 1914; obit: “One of the largest funerals held in this city for many years was the Stephen Strazacich funeral held...from the family residence at 125 Maple avenue...The pallbearers were F. P. Marinovich, A. Faustino, John Nemanich, Mr. Perry John Rossich, of San Jose, and Frank Roza.”

EP; 22 Dec 1914; item: “Mike Matulich vs. California Insurance Co.—Demurrer.”

EP; 22 Dec 1914; item: “The following committee has been named by President R. H. Hudson of the Chamber of Commerce to meet with Assemblyman Harold McPherson and assist in drafting a bill providing for a standard apple pack: R. H. Hudson, chairman; S. C. Marcus, O. D. Stoesser, W. R. Radcliff, J. E. Gardner, C. H. Baker, Luke Scurich, E. A. Hall, James Shipp, F. L. Selleck and W. J. McGrath.”

EP; 22 Dec 1914; item: “Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich are spending the holidays in and around Oakland.”

EP; 22 Dec 1914; item: “Among the outsiders here today for the funeral of the late Stephen Strazicich were Mr. and Mrs. A. Slavich of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. J. Marovich of Oakland, John Strazovich of Oakland, Peter Raduy of Oakland, Mark Jerkovich of San Francisco, John Rossich of San Jose, J. Stanovich of San Jose, George Daublich of Santa Cruz and V. Sersen of Monterey.”

EP; 22 Dec 1914; item: “Officer Corr was notified this morning by Mike Cherovich that a bicycle had been stolen from the latter near the Southern Pacific depot last night on Walker street. The wheel is a Pacific make, has a double bar, a red frame and a blue head.”

EP; 22 Dec 1914; born: “In Watsonville, December 21, 1914—To the wife of Andrew Zar, a daughter.” [*Lucille; +1998; married Vlahutin*]

EP; 23 Dec 1914; marriage: “Martin Procuriza of this city and Miss Victoria White of Dunbarton were united in matrimony today at the San Juan Mission...[A] reception and wedding dinner were held at the home of Mrs. Frank Hyguera, the bride’s mother, at Dunbarton...The bride was born and reared in this valley and has been residing at Dunbarton with her mother. She is a sister of Robert White of this city...The groom has been employed here by the Resetar Brothers and is also well known in the apple business...”

EP; 23 Dec 1914; item: “George W. Wells, who for the past four years has been associated with George Hrepich in the management of the California Restaurant in this city, has sold his interest in the restaurant to his partner. The deal will become effective today and Mr. Hrepich will be the sole owner of the place of business...”

EP; 23 Dec 1914; item: “Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing by and between the undersigned under the firm name and style of Hrepich & Wells has been this day dissolved. All monies due and owing the said firm are payable to George Hrepich and all and singular debts and obligations due from said firm are payable by the said George Hrepich. Dated: December 22d, 1914. George W. Wells, Geo. Hrepich.”

EP; 23 Dec 1914; article: "On Christmas Day, the second game of Rugby football between the high school alumni team and the Y.M.C.A. team will be played at Loma Vista Park...The Y.M.C.A. players are...Lewis Lettunich [only Slav out of 17]."

EP; 23 Dec 1914; married: "At San Juan Mission, December 23, 1914, Martin Procuriza and Miss Victoria White, both of Watsonville."

EP; 24 Dec 1914; item: "Peter Marinovich is here for the holidays from the University of Santa Clara."

EP; 24 Dec 1914; item: "We desire to extend our gratitude for the kindness and sympathy extended to us in our recent bereavement, the loss of our loved one. Especially do we thank our friends and the fraternal orders for the many beautiful floral offerings. Mrs. Katherine Strazicich and Family."

EP; 24 Dec 1914; disp. ad:
 VACUUM CLEANERS to Rent
 OR FOR SALE AT
 Central Electrical Works
 Phone 209 246 Main Street

EP; 26 Dec 1914; item: "Stephen Strazicich to Kate Strazicich—120 feet on Fourth St.; 50 feet on S.E. line of Fourth St.; 49 feet on Kearney St.; lot 23, Hawkins & Peckham's subd., Watsonville."

EP; 26 Dec 1914; item: "Mateo Lettunich made a big hit, this week, with a box of fine Newtown Pippins that he expressed up to George Radcliff at the State Capital. George passed the fruit around the building, from Gov. Johnson down, and says that it made him a bigger booster than ever for the Pajaro valley when he heard the many compliments bestowed upon the apples."

EP; 28 Dec 1914; article: "SEVEN SALOONMEN TO FACE CHARGES. Licenses Held up—...California Restaurant...Vukich & Chukovich, Railroad Exchange and B. Guirich..."

"Licenses Granted—...Strazicich & Zar, Morning Star...Petrinovich & Lamat, 265 Main...Central Grocery, 246 Main...City Grocery, 307 Main...Mateo Lettunich, 310 Walker.

"Twenty-five applications for retail liquor licenses in this city were unanimously granted Saturday night by the board of aldermen in adjourned session but seven other applicants must face charges tomorrow...with the possibility that some or all will eventually be denied the right to sell liquors in this community..."

"Chief of Police Sylvester Whitsitt was the author of the next two written objections, which were against B. Guirich [Gurich] of the Depot Saloon on West Third

street across the railroad tracks and George Strazicich at the Railroad Exchange Hotel on Walker St. In both cases the objections made by Chief Whitsitt were about the same, namely: that both places were located in sections unsuitable for saloons, that both the proprietors were unfit persons to conduct a saloon business and that both places had violated Ordinance No. 140 by being resorts for prostitutes and disreputable persons and that liquor had been sold to women in both places. The added charges of rioting, disorderly conduct and disturbances of the peace were lodged against the Railroad Exchange as well as another charge that a son of Mr. Strazicich had committed battery upon the person of a customer some months ago and had forfeited \$10 bail in the police court after being arrested..."

"When the name of Vukich & Chukovich at the Depot Saloon in the Krough building at Third and Walker streets was read Alderman King stated that he had an objection against that place. He declared that gangs of men were continually standing in front of the saloon on the sidewalk and that the bartenders in the saloon had been accustomed to standing on the walk with men, who had insulted school girls and women that passed. He further stated that neighbors in the vicinity of the saloon had made complaint of the men standing in front of the saloon and of the alleged insults handed out to passersby and Mr. King further declared that not long ago one woman passing by in a buggy had been insulted by one of the men on the walk and that she had threatened to horsewhip her persecutor. This statement caused the Vukich & Chukovich application to be laid aside..."

"Rev. E. B. Hayes of the Presbyterian church arose at this time and said that while personally he had no information against the California Restaurant yet he had heard rumors of sufficient strength to warrant the laying aside of the application for that place. He said it was current rumor on the streets that the California was not conducted properly and that the place was getting to be a joke. He said many young people were going there, that everywhere on the street one could hear rumors of improper conduct at the California and he asked that the California license be held up for investigation..."

"Does not general reputation mean anything in the interpretation of the ordinance,' queried Rev. M. L. Rose of the Christian Church. 'Yes,' answered Sans, 'as to the individual, perhaps, but the general reputation must be sustained by some kind of evidence.' Mr. Rose then went on to say that he had not long been a resident of this city but he had yet to hear anything said about the California Restaurant that would lead a man to take his family there if he thought anything of the reputation of his family. This ended the discussion on the question for the time being as there were apparently no objections against any of the other applicants and the board then proceeded to adopt a resolution granting licenses to all but the seven saloons complained against..."

“Charles H. Wittner next had the floor and he wanted to know why the board was not to investigate the California Restaurant. Mr. Wittner said that it was current rumor on the street that the place was not being properly conducted. He suggested that if the officers could not get the evidence that detectives from outside be secured. Alderman Tuttle at this point stated that some members of the board had tried to secure outside detectives some time ago but could not get them. Tuttle then added that the California was not any worse in his opinion than some of the others although the restaurant had not obeyed the law strictly in regard to the box entrances being opened into the main dining room. He said that none of the boxes opened into the main dining hall. Upon motion of Alderman Osborn, Alderman King seconding, the California was stricken from the list...”

EP; 28 Dec 1914; item: “CROATIAN SOKOL, ATTENTION. All members will take notice that our next regular meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o’clock in I.O.O.F. hall. Installation of officers. All members are urged to be present. By order of Stephen Scurich, Pres., Joe Mihlinich, Sec.”

EP; 29 Dec 1914; item: “The California Restaurant is ready to serve patrons with ducks and all the delicacies of the season. One thing that the California brags about is the quality of its coffee. It is of the best quality and made right. See ad. on our third page.”

EP; 29 Dec 1914; disp. ad:

Ducks

Fresh arrivals daily. The season is now open and we are serving wild ducks in every style.

Coffee

A good meal is spoiled unless the coffee served is right. We make an especial effort to always have our coffee of the best quality and made in the right manner.

Our 25-cent meal will satisfy your hunger.

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT

HREPICH & WELLS, Props.
255 Main St. Phone 36

EP; 29 Dec 1914; born: “At Hollister, Dec. 25, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Matulich, a son [daughter].” [*Paulina*]

EP; 30 Dec 1914; article: “**B. Guirich and George Strazicich Lose Their Saloons.**...[T]he board of aldermen last night denied the saloon applications of B. Guirich on West Third street across the railroad tracks and George Strazicich at the Railroad Exchange Hotel opposite the depot...”

“The case of B. Guirich at the Depot Saloon on West Third street was the first case heard. City Attorney Sans briefly explained the complaint filed by Chief of Police Whitsitt and stated that the saloon was not suitably locat-

ed for such a purpose, that Guirich was an unfit person to conduct a liquor business and that the saloon was the resort of common prostitutes and disreputable characters. Alice Amaya, a confessed prostitute, being specifically mentioned as one that had had access to the place...”

“Officer John Zimmer was the next witness and he testified that one night in October he had accompanied Officer John Whalen to the Guirich saloon for the purpose of investigating the rumors heard about the place. There they found the Amaya woman in company with a man named Knego in one of the bedrooms of the lodging house portion of the place...”

“Mr. Guirich then appeared in his own behalf. He denied that he personally was acquainted with the Amaya woman, that on the night she was arrested he rented a room to Knego and did not know how the Amaya woman happened to be there, he had never rented a room to the Amaya woman at any time, denied ever selling liquor to women, denied having ever served liquor in the lodging house and throughout denied any wrongdoing of any kind.

“The affidavit of the Amaya woman was then admitted in evidence, Attorney Gardner strenuously objecting to the document. The affidavit related that the Amaya woman had rented a room from Guirich on the night she was arrested, had rented a room there before, both times for only three hours, and that she had been invited to the place by Guirich. Guirich then denied that he had rented the room to the woman or had asked her to visit the place.

“In response to Alderman Callaghan’s question as to boys having been seen in the backyard Guirich said there had been no boys there to his knowledge. Alderman King was then sworn and he stated that he had seen boys coming out of the saloon with schoolbooks under their arm. Lee Groves of the Beach road was the next to testify and he stated that a gang of saloon habitués had frequently followed and insulted women and school girls that passed. Attorney Gardner declared that the insults passed out to women by saloon hangers-on on Walker street were no worse than those passed out by men standing in front of so called respectable saloons on Main street. This evoked applause from the audience...”

“A vote was then taken on the license, all but Alderman Freiermuth voting to deny Guirich the right to sell liquor. Mr. Freiermuth gave it as his opinion that there was not sufficient evidence to cause Guirich’s license to be denied.

“The application of George Strazicich was next. George Strazicich was the first witness and he denied knowing Bobby Lisle, whose affidavit was filed later in the hearing. He denied serving booze to anyone in the parlor, said that women of questionable character had never been in his house to his knowledge and did not know of any past trouble at the saloon. In short, Mr. Strazicich denied all the charges made against his place.

“Officer John Corr was next but he had only told some

young men one time to quit making so much noise in the saloon. The affidavit of Bobby Lisle was then filed, which was to the effect that she admitted she was a common prostitute and that she had been served liquor in the parlor of the hotel with the knowledge of the proprietor.

“George Strazicich, Jr., was next to testify and he denied knowing Bobby Lisle, denied that she had ever been in the Railroad Exchange and denied that women had been served with booze in the parlors except friends or relatives of the Strazicich family. Lee Groves then testified that one time about a year ago he had been in the parlors of the hotel upon the invitation of a friend of his and had seen young Strazicich serve liquor there to a woman. Chief of Police Whitsitt said that he had heard many bad complaints about the Railroad Exchange.

“Rev. E. B. Hayes was then sworn and he testified that some time ago a stranger in town had visited him and told how the night before he had rented a room at the Railroad Exchange and had been so bothered while there a short time with invitations from women of questionable character that he had left the hotel. Attorney Gardner reiterated his objection to the introduction of hearsay evidence but he was overruled.

“Charles H. Wittner was the next witness and he said that those residing in the neighborhood would not allow the women in their families to pass the place at night as the place was noisy, gangs of drunken men were frequently standing out front on the sidewalk and that the place had a bad reputation. A vote was then taken on the matter, all but Freiermuth voting to deny Strazacich his license.

“Attorney Gardner wanted to know why the board had refused licenses to Guirich and Strazacich because of the unsuitable location of their places for saloons and had granted a license without question to another saloon in the same neighborhood. At this time Guirich was walking out of the room and yelled back: ‘Because it belongs to Lettunich,’ this sally creating a big laugh...

“The board then adjourned...The California Hotel and Vukich & Chukovich cases will come up tonight and another lively session can be expected.”

EP; 31 Dec 1914; article: “After hearing evidence pro and con on four applications for retail liquor licenses in this city the board of alderman...granted licenses to the California Restaurant...and Vukich & Chukovich at the corner of West Third and Walker streets. The feature of the meeting was the fact that the expected sensational evidence that was expected to be given against some of the places, the California Restaurant particularly, did not develop...

“At the outset, Attorney J. R. Gardner, who represented the California Restaurant...and Vukich & Chukovich, wanted to know whether hearsay evidence would be allowed as on the previous night. He stated that hearsay evidence was not the proper kind of evidence and called

attention to information that he alleged he had received to the effect that the man mentioned by Rev. E. B. Hays as having reported being annoyed by women of questionable character at the Railroad Exchange had tried to blackmail George Strazicich, the proprietor, to the amount of \$77. He therefore asked that the board confine itself to definite evidence and not to give credence to hearsay testimony. Upon the motion of Alderman Tuttle, Freiermuth seconding, the board took a vote on whether or not hearsay evidence should be barred. Aldermen Freiermuth, Kane, Sager and Tuttle voted to exclude all but direct evidence while Aldermen Callaghan, King, Osborn and Uren voted to allow the introduction of hearsay evidence. The vote being a tie Mayor Trafton voted to confine the hearing to direct evidence.

“The case of the California Restaurant was the first on the calendar. City Attorney Sans stated that he had no witnesses against the place, there was no complaint on file and that the application had merely been laid aside for investigation. George Hrepich, the proprietor of the California, testified first. He said he had been in business there five years and that he had always obeyed the law. He denied having ever sold liquor to minors and denied that he had ever sold liquor over the bar in the restaurant...

“A vote was then taken on the granting of the license...All voted in favor of granting the license with the exception of...King...

“The last case heard was that of Vukich & Chukovich in the Del Monte saloon at Third and Walker streets. Constable-elect Arthur Devine first testified and said that the saloon was properly conducted in his opinion, Devine being a neighbor in that vicinity. Antone Vukich, one of the proprietors, was next to testify and he said that there had never been any disturbances in his saloon, that the police had never been called to his saloon and that he had never heard complaints of his business. When his attention was called by Alderman King to the fact that gangs of men obstruct the sidewalk in front of the saloon Vukich admitted that there had been men there at various times and he had even tried to keep them away but had been told that it was none of his business...

“W. E. Thompson, who resides on the Beach road, testified that the sidewalk in front of the saloon was continually blocked and that his daughters had been accosted and followed several times by some of the men standing on the sidewalk. He said he felt a bit timid himself about passing that neighborhood at night.

“Alderman King said complaints had been heard from the Aptos school children, who have occasion to pass the saloon to and from the train each day. Lee Groves of the Beach road section said that the corner of Third and Walker was always crowded with men and he had seen rowdiness on the corner at various times. He had heard remarks passed to girls that were not pleasant and that his daughters had been followed on several occasions by the men...

“Attorney Gardner then advocated more police protec-

tion in the packing house district. He said that there was valuable property there, that the owners of buildings in that section paid high insurance rates, that they paid a large portion of the city taxes and that there had been more fires in that section than in any other part of the city. He believed that the property owners in that section deserved police protection and he advocated that one or two more patrolmen be added to the force. His attitude was upheld by L. P. Cikuth, F. P. Krough and J. Vuisich, who were present. Mr. Vukich promised the mayor that hereafter he would personally see that the crowds were kept off his corner and a vote was taken on the motion to grant the Del Monte its license. All but King and Osborn voted in favor of the license, these two both stating that they did not believe it was public policy to have a saloon on the corner. A resolution was then passed granting licenses to all four of the persons, whose applications had been held up. The board then took up the matter of adding more policemen to the force for the purpose of protecting the packing house section..."

— 1915 —

EP; 4 Jan 1915; married: "Miss Marian Zar, a former well known resident of this city and daughter of Mrs. J. Nemanich of this valley, became the bride last Saturday...in San Francisco of Joseph Ryan, a well known young business man of the metropolis. The wedding was performed at St. Mary's Church by Rev. Father Stark and only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan are now in Los Angeles on their honeymoon trip.

"The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. Nemanich of this city and a sister of Miss Kathryn Zar. She is well known and popular here and a short time ago left for the metropolis to train for a nurse. She is a charming and estimable young woman and has a host of warm friends. The groom is the son of J. R. Ryan of San Francisco and is connected with the large business house of M. Phillips & Co., being city salesman for that concern..."

EP; 4 Jan 1915; married: "San Francisco, Jan. 2, 1915, at St. Mary's Church by Rev. Father Stark, Joseph R. Ryan and Miss Marian Zar, both of San Francisco."

EP; 4 Jan 1915; item: "The following people are registered at the new Hotel Main: ...M. Nuleoisovich...San Francisco."

EP; 5 Jan 1915; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...Central Electrical Works: \$54.60...M. Glech: \$65... Sewer Rebates: ...Stephen Scurich: \$5.35..."

EP; 6 Jan 1915; item: "New officers were installed by Past President Stephen Scurich for the Sokol Croatian Society last Sunday as follows: President, A. Strazicich;

vice president, J. Dicklich [Diklich]; secretary, A. Vucich [Vukich]; financial secretary, P. Matulich; conductor, J. Augustinski; chaplin, B. Marinovich; inside guard, M. Jakusovich; trustee, J. Matulich; sick visitor, B. Barovonich [Borovinich]."

EP; 7 Jan 1915; born: "At Hollister, Jan. 4, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Borovich, a son." [Frank; +1994]

EP; 7 Jan 1915; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, Jan. 6, 1915, to Andro Setalo, aged 38, and Ana Turanovich [Turcinovich], age 34, both of Watsonville."

EP; 8 Jan 1915; article: "**Long Session Was Held...by the Board of Aldermen...**Attorney Edward J. Kelly appeared before the board and asked for a reconsideration of the action of the board in recently declining to renew the liquor license of George Strazicich at the Railroad Exchange on Walker street. Mr. Kelly stated that Mr. Strazicich had lived here many years, he owned the property occupied by his hotel and saloon on Walker street, he had paid taxes here for years and he had outstanding obligations to the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Kelly felt that the losing of the license was a hard blow to Mr. Strazicich. Kelly suggested that if the board would reconsider its previous action that the license would be applied for by Nicholas Strazicich, the son of the former owner, who being present at the meeting then addressed the board in his own behalf.

"The board was of the opinion that a reconsideration of a matter considered closed and dead would not be legal and City Attorney Sans was of the same opinion. Attorney Kelly attempted to argue the question and suggested that if a postponement of the matter was taken he could prove the legality of reconsidering the canceled license. But the board was still of the opinion that it would not be legal or right to reconsider its previous action so the appeal of Mr. Strazicich was not considered..."

"A communication was read from Antone Scurich asking for the chemical analysis of the water in his well in the Beach section. As no chemical report had as yet been received even by the city he was informed that it was impossible to give him what he asked for.

"The board decided to appoint a new patrolman in the packing house district...west of Walker street but no man was named for the position. An appointee will probably be named at the next meeting..."

EP; 8 Jan 1915; item: "Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Answer of defendants P.V..N. bank, C. F. Langley and W. R. Porter."

EP; 9 Jan 1915; article: "PAJARO VALLEYITES GET COUNTY MONEY. Panama-Pacific International Exposition Fund: ...N. R. Sassilo & Co., \$5...Pajaro Road Fund: John Vokovich, \$5.25."

EP; 9 Jan 1915; school promotions: High 1st to Low 2nd: Peter Copriviza; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Martin Franich, Marie Rilovich; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Annie Uvodich; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Tony Scurich; Low 4th to High 4th: Martin Ljubenko, Anna Ljubenko, Willie Sambrailo; High 4th to Low 5th: Stephen Nemanich; High 6th to Low 7th: Charles Sombraillo [Sambrailo]; Low 5th to High 5th: John Castropelli, Louis Arbanas, Paul Dubreta, Tone Dubreta, Lazarus Matson, Frank Uvodich; Low 6th to High 6th: Kathryn Strazicich, Emma Grizich; High 7th to Low 8th: Stephen Marinovich.

EP; 9 Jan 1915; article: “Last night was a big night in local Redmen circles and the members of Konockti Tribe, No. 126, gathered in large numbers to welcome the officers of the Santa Cruz tribe, who came to this city to install the Watsonville officials...The following Redmen officers were installed last night: ...warriors...Geo. Slavich...”

EP; 9 Jan 1915; ALL: John P. Jogich [Jagich], J. Miljeskovich, Laxo Stevovich, Martin Zec.

EP; 12 Jan 1915; article: “GAMBLING GAMES MUST SHUT DOWN. Says this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel: ‘There will be no gambling in Santa Cruz or in any part of the county if District Attorney George W. Smith can prevent it. Yesterday the new district attorney issued orders for the closing up of all gambling joints in this city of whatsoever nature...’”

EP; 12 Jan 1915; obit: “Martin Jasprica, who is known here also as Matt Jasper, died at five o’clock last night at the Watsonville Hospital after a last illness of three days. He had been ailing for some time past and was operated upon a short time ago for an affliction of the skull. The deceased was a native of Dalmatia, Austria, and was aged 27 years. He had resided here for about five years, being employed nearly all that time at Scurich Brothers’ packing house. He had resided in this State about two years previous to coming here. He leaves no relatives in this country but has a father and mother, one sister and two brothers, all residing in Austria, to mourn his loss...”

EP; 12 Jan 1915; obit: “Watsonville, Jan. 11, 1915, Martin Jasprica, a native of Austria, aged 27 years.”

EP; 12 Jan 1915; item: “M. L. Kalich went to San Francisco today on a business trip.”

EP; 13 Jan 1915; born: “In Watsonville, Jan. 12, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Osteja [Ostoja], a son.” [Michael]

EP; 13 Jan 1915; item: “Family wines and liquors, also staple and fancy groceries at the City Grocery Store. All goods warranted and delivered to any part of the city. See ad on our 2nd page.”

EP; 14 Jan 1915; item: “SMITH MAKING GOOD. Anybody who thought George W. Smith was a free and easy individual who would let everything go, is entitled to one more guess.—Santa Cruz News.

“Since George Smith of this city has assumed the duties of District Attorney of this county he has proven to be a worthy successor of Ben Knight and he has shown most commendable enterprise in fulfilling the duties of his new office. He has gone after the lottery joints and other gambling dens in the county, he has interested himself in the fight to clean out the improper class of saloons, his opinions rendered to the supervisors so far have shown him to have a wide knowledge of the law and in several ways Mr. Smith has justified the confidence of the people expressed for him at the general election. It looks as if Mr. Smith is to make a brilliant record for himself in the next four years and the people will not regret they elected him.”

EP; 15 Jan 1915; promotions by exam: Low 1st to High 1st: Vene Glage; High 1st to Low 2nd: Martin Grizich; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Louis Bonicich; Low 2nd to High 2nd: John Guirich; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Katie Lubenko, Annie Glage; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Mary Castropelli; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Ned Gluhan; High 3rd to Low 4th: Mary Dubretta; Low 4th to High 4th: Martin Ljubenko, Anna Ljubenko; High 4th to Low 5th: Nellie Pulhiera [Puhiera], Frank Saverda [Saveria]; Low 5th to High 5th: Paul Dubreta, Tone Dubreta, Lazarus Matson, Louis Arbanas, Frank Uvodich; Low 5th to High 5th: Louis Matson; High 5th to Low 6th: Kate Arbanas; Low 6th to High 6th: Mark Rilovich. Low 6th to High 6th: Anna Knego; High 6th to Low 7th: John Allegretti, Mike Glage; Low 7th to High 7th: Chris Rilovich, Katie Rilovich; Low 8th to High 8th: Helen Strazicich.

EP; 15 Jan 1915; disp. ad:

We Carry the Best Brands of
**Beer, Wines and
Liquors**
Family Trade Solicited
CITY GROCERY COMPANY
307 MAIN ST. PHONE 63.

EP; 15 Jan 1915; item: “Perry Buckley, the well known representative of the Pacific Coast Packer, is here from Los Angeles and he states that he plans to remain here either permanently or for an extended period. His headquarters are with Stephen Scurich in the Hotel Central Building.”

EP; 15 Jan 1915; born: “Near Watsonville, Jan. 15, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Mortizia, a son.” [Nicholas; +1989]



Fig. 4-68. Nicholas Mortizia.

EP; 16 Jan 1915; ALL: Mr. Palarich, Mr. Parorich.

EP; 16 Jan 1915; item: "Judge John L. Hudner of Hollister, who presided last Monday in the local Superior Court, made an order yesterday in the case of Mitchell Krilanovich against E. M. Anthony, denying the motion to strike out portions of the complaint save in one instance, in which the plaintiff consented. E. M. Anthony is the administer of the estate of the late Almon Anthony, and the action is to compel him to fulfill a contract alleged by Mr. Krilanovich to have been entered into by himself and the deceased for the transfer of a ranch.—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 18 Jan 1915; married: "Watsonville, Jan. 17, 1915, at St. Patrick's Church, A. Setalo and Miss Anna Turcinovich, both of Watsonville."

EP; 19 Jan 1915; item: "N. Lucich vs. Rilovich Co., et al.—Answer to complaint; trial set for Feb. 12."

EP; 19 Jan 1915; married: "Miss Anna Turcinovich became the bride...of A. Setalo, both being residents of this city. Rev. Father John Cawley performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of invited guests. Stephen Vlasich was the groomsman while Mrs. M. L. Kalich was the bride's attendant. Miss Mary Kalich acted as ringbearer. After the wedding all adjourned to the Kalich packing house on West Lake Avenue where a wedding dinner was served. The bride formerly resided in Oakland..."



Fig. 4-69. Seated:
Andro Setalo
(1877-1932),
Anna Turcinovich
(1878-1950).
Standing:
Rose Bjele Kalich
(1888-1977),
Steve Vlasich.
Flower girl: Mary Kalich,
Rose's daughter.

EP; 19 Jan 1915; item: "BOOST FOR GEORGE. Santa Cruz county's new district attorney, George W. Smith, is engaged in cleaning up his territory. He is prosecuting lottery joints, gambling houses of all sorts and purposes putting a number of unclean saloons out of business. In addition to doing this sort of work it is related that his advice to the Board of Supervisors is of such a superior character that the county will save a lot of money. The opposition to Smith was that he was 'frivolous.' In the light of the happenings it looks as if that expression should have applied to the opposition.—Oakland Tribune."

EP; 20 Jan 1915; article: "The improvement of the streets of this city was the main question brought to the attention of the board of aldermen in adjourned session..."

"Alderman King called the board's attention to the fact that his ward had about 15 packing houses, two dryers and one cannery and that Ford, Walker and West Fifth streets were all in bad shape. 'These are all old streets while Lincoln has been just built up. We have been paying taxes,' added King, 'for 40 or 50 years and are entitled to some consideration.'

"Callaghan then remarked that since the Lincoln street property owners had signed a petition it looked as if the rest was up to the board whereupon King called the aldermen's attention to a petition from the West Fifth street owners, which was then read. The signers on West Fifth were Luke Scurich, Mitchell Resetar, Peter Stolich, Nick Stolich, Mrs. H. S. Kucher, C. R. Fay, J. Simunovich, Novacovich & Stolich, George S. Uren, Mary Smith and J. M. Herbert. It was then that the matter was referred to the street committee.

"The question of adding a patrolman to the force to patrol the Walker St. packing house section was another stumbling block for the board, the matter being referred in the end to the ordinance committee and the city attorney..."

EP; 22 Jan 1915; born: "At Watsonville, Jan. 21, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Viscovich, a daughter." [*Pauline*; +2001; married Machado]

EP; 22 Jan 1915; item: "Lease: Agnes S. Folley et al to John Mihovilovich—Land in Corralitos Rancho."

EP; 22 Jan 1915; item: "Geo. Kusanovich et al. vs. Martin Lettunich et al.—Answer to complaint."

EP; 22 Jan 1915; item: "N. Lucich vs. Rilovich Co. et al.—Notice of trial on February 12."

EP; 22 Jan 1915; item: "Mrs. George W. Smith, wife of District Attorney Smith...entertained a number of her fellow members of a local embroidery club at her home in Santa Cruz, all present having a jolly time. Mrs. Smith is now an honorary member of the club. She proved to be a clever hostess and her guests enjoyed themselves to the utmost. The members of the club are Mrs. J. Wallace, Mrs. H. B. Douglas, Mrs. Martin Lindsay, Mrs. Frank Tittimore, Mrs. Clifton McGhee and Mrs. Smith."

EP; 22 Jan 1915; item: "Paul Miladin of Los Angeles, a former local resident, is here for an extended visit."

EP; 23 Jan 1915; notice: "Notice is hereby given that the adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Watsonville Apple Annual Association, will be held in the auditorium on the 25th of January, 1915, at [8 p.m.], for the purpose

of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before said meeting.—A. M. FARLIN, Secretary...

EP; 23 Jan 1915; item: “An installation of officers and a banquet were enjoyed last night by the local Foresters of America...Deputy Grand Chief Ranger James E. Cox conducted the installation of the following newly elected officers: ...senior woodward, L. J. Bachan...”

EP; 25 Jan 1915; obit: “Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Perovich, of the Salsipuedes road, are mourning the loss of their little son, aged one year and ten months, who died yesterday...” [Martin]

EP; 25 Jan 1915; item: “W. H. Ames, agent for the Loma Prieta Lumber Co., advises us that they have sold the main building of the planing mill to Stephen Scurich and will move the building across the street to railroad ground for a packing house and will have the same completed some time before 15 August at their convenience. In the meantime the mill and yard will still be in operation until all of the stock is sold out.”

EP; 25 Jan 1915; item: “Joe Babich, a vagrant, was sentenced to serve the next 60 days in the county jail by Police Judge Bridgewater...He was arrested...for acting in an obstreperous manner.”

EP; 25 Jan 1915; obit: “On the Salsipuedes road, near Watsonville, Jan. 24, 1915, Martin Perovich, son of Michell and Lucy Perovich, a native of California, aged 1 year, 10 months and one day.”

EP; 26 Jan 1915; article: “With 3355 shares represented, 82 more shares of stock than needed for a quorum, the annual meeting of the apple show stockholders was held last night, the meeting being a quiet one. The annual reports were adopted, the acts of the 1914 directors were ratified, the resignations of Directors A. W. Cox and H. C. Peckham were accepted, the members of the 1914 Board of Directors were unanimously re-elected and it was announced that the directors would meet next Monday night to elect their officers.

“The directors re-elected were as follows: O. D. Stoesser, J. E. Gardner, W. R. Porter, Mateo Lettunich, Luke Scurich, Geo. W. Sill, J. H. Thompson, E. A. Hall, J. H. Rowe, W. J. McGrath, R. H. Goodchild, E. Steinhauer and C. H. Baker.”

EP; 26 Jan 1915; item: “Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Order admitting will to probate and appointing Katharina Strazicich executrix.”

EP; 27 Jan 1915; article: “Final arrangements for the big vaudeville show at the auditorium Saturday night were made today...

“The San Francisco 1915 Specialty, the one in which our local amateurs will shine will be presented by the following: ...Chorus: ...Anna Scurich...”

EP; 27 Jan 1915; item: “District Deputy Grand President Mrs. Grace Dodge of Santa Cruz will be here tonight to install the newly elected officers of the local parlor of the Native Daughters. A banquet will follow the business session. The committee in charge of tonight’s function consists of Mrs. D. D. Calkins, Miss Dora Zmudowski, Miss Myrtle Byrd and Miss Anna M. Farlin.”

EP; 29 Jan 1915; item: “Abstract of judgment—Chas. Ford Co., plaintiff vs. N. Skocko, defendant, amount \$119.65.”

EP; 30 Jan 1915; article: “Tony Radovich, who for the past four years has been in charge of the Central Hotel cafe, has accepted the position of manager of the Morning Star on lower Main street and he will assume his new duties next Monday. John Zar, partner of the late Stephen Strazicich, will be associated with Mr. Radovich in the management of the restaurant, saloon and rooming house included in the Morning Star property. Mr. Radovich is well known in this city and has a host of warm friends here. Before coming to this city he was in the restaurant business in San Francisco for 20 years and is thoroughly familiar with that line of business.”

EP; 30 Jan 1915; item: “Mitchell Krilanovich vs. E. M. Anthony, administrator—Demurrer overruled; defendant granted 10 days to answer complaint.”

EP; 30 Jan 1915; item: “Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Letters testamentary issued to Katharina Strazicich.”

EP; 30 Jan 1915; ALL: A. Ddragich, Jon Dragich.

EP; 2 Feb 1915; item: “Declaration of homestead of Anton Kralj—Lot 63x165 feet on Rodriguez St., Watsonville.”

EP; 2 Feb 1915; item: “George Strazicich, Sr., is in Sacramento on business.”

EP; 2 Feb 1915; board of aldermen, payments: “...Labor: ...M. Glech \$68.75...Central Electric Works \$43.75... Supplies: California Restaurant \$99...”



EP; 3 Feb 1915; born: “At Watsonville, Feb. 3, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Antone Scurich, a son.” [Louis; +2003]

Fig. 4-70. Louis Scurich.

EP; 4 Feb 1915; item: "Luke Glavenich (former Watsonville pitcher), the big St. Mary's College player who went up to Cleveland and was then shunted back into the minors, will try his luck with Oakland this year. Glavenich's chief trouble is a wildness like most southpaws. He has terrific speed and plenty of 'stuff' and if he can ever master the problem of control will be a wonder. Last year he was in the Southern League...—Oakland Tribune."

EP; 5 Feb 1915; item: "John Strazicich, a former local resident, is here from Sacramento to visit his friends and relatives. He is the son of George Strazicich of Walker street and was formerly employed by Daly Brothers. He has been away from here for about six years."

EP; 6 Feb 1915; board of supervisors, payments: "...Current Fund: Novcich, Jack, insurance: \$105.30...Geo. W. Smith, cash adv: \$44.60...Indigent Sick Fund: ...City Grocery Co.: \$36...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Govch, B. F.: \$14..."

EP; 6 Feb 1915; disp. ad:

SPECIAL
A FINE OLD MUSCAT WINE
at \$1.50 per gallon, for Medicinal Use
CITY GROCERY COMPANY
307 MAIN ST. PHONE 63.

EP; 6 Feb 1915; item: "Miss Kathryn Zar has returned from a several days' visit to Santa Cruz."

EP; 6 Feb 1915; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, Feb. 5, 1915, to M. V. Pista, 28, and Katherine Knego, 18, both of Watsonville;"

EP; 6 Feb 1915; ALL: Steve Dado [Dedo?].

EP; 11 Feb 1915; item: "Andy Balich of Santa Cruz was here last night for the wrestling match."

EP; 11 Feb 1915; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith, accompanied by his wife, was here yesterday afternoon and last night on business."

EP; 12 Feb 1915; born: "In Watsonville, Feb. 12, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. George J. Matulich, of California street, a daughter." [*Catherine; +2002; married Brown*]

EP; 15 Feb 1915; married: "Miss Katherine Knego of this city became the bride yesterday morning of Mitchell V. Pista, the well known local fruit packer, the wedding being held at St. Patrick's Church and being attended by a large audience of friends and relatives. After the ceremony all present adjourned to the home of the bride's parents on Kearney street where an afternoon of feasting and jollity prevailed up to 4:30 o'clock when the bride

and groom departed on the train for a honeymoon trip to be spent in San Francisco. Upon their return here in a few days they will reside on Rodriguez street.

"Blas Pista, a brother of the groom, and Mrs. Peter Knego, wife of the bride's brother, officiated as the attendants at the wedding. The newlyweds are well known in this city and have a host of friends who extend congratulations and best wishes. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Knego of Kearney street, was born and reared in this community, attended the local schools and is a charming young woman. The groom has resided here for the past 11 years and conducts a packing house on Walker street..."



Fig. 4-71.
Seated:
Mitchell Pista
(1885-1965),
Katherine Knego
(1898-1970).
Standing:
Kate Kordich Knego
(1887-1979),
Blas Pista
(1874-1961).

EP; 15 Feb 1915; article: "LAWYERS AND THE DOCTORS AT FEAST. What was pronounced by those present to be the best banquet ever enjoyed by the lawyers and doctors of this city was held last Saturday night at the Hotel Appleton, the lawyers of this city acting as hosts to the Watsonville doctors. It was a feast that none of those present will forget for many months as fun of all kinds reigned supreme until the midnight hour..."

"J. E. Gardner officiated in his usual clever manner as 'Roastmaster' and while he was not merciful nor charitable in his various introductions yet he cleverly managed to so word his talks that none took offense and he created laughs galore..."

"The following 'takeoff' on each diner present was sung at the conclusion of the talks, delivered by each doctor and lawyer..."

"George W. Smith:

"I'm glad to see George Washington,

"And feel his piercing eye,

"His other name is Smithovich,

"And he never told a lie,

"What? Never told a lie?

"Yes! Never told a lie."

EP; 15 Feb 1915; married: "Watsonville, Feb. 14, 1915, at St. Patrick's Church, Mitchell V. Pista and Miss Katherine Knego, both of Watsonville."

EP; 16 Feb 1915; honor roll: Low 8th: Stephen Marinovich; Low 7th: Chas. Sambrailo; High 6th: Emma Grizich, Kathryn Strazicich; High 5th: John Castropelli; High 5th: Ione [Tone] Dubretta, Matthew Derganc; Low 5th: Stephen Nemanich, Tony Boscovich; High 4th: Willie Sambrailo; High 3rd: Tony Scurich; Low 3rd: Katie Lubenko; High 2nd: Martin Franich, John Gurich, Marie Rilovich; High 2nd: Louis Bonicich, Mary Matson; Low 2nd: Martin Grizich.

EP; 16 Feb 1915; item: “M. L. Kalich is in Los Angeles on a business trip.”

EP; 16 Feb 1915; item: “M. N. Lettunich is here on business from San Francisco and is registered at the Royal Hotel.”

EP; 18 Feb 1915; item: **“PAJARO VALLEY MEN AS TRIAL JURORS. Following Is List of Eligibles...**

“Watsonville Precinct No. 2: ...Mitchell Secondo...

“Watsonville Precinct No. 5: John Balovich...

“Watsonville Precinct No. 6: Paul Alaga...Peter Stolich...

“Watsonville Precinct No. 10: ...Stephen Scurich...”

EP; 20 Feb 1915; ALL: S. W. Vlasich.

EP; 20 Feb 1915; item: “Miss Florence Smith left last night with...Sayde Shelby for a visit to the world’s fair.”

EP; 20 Feb 1915; born: “At Hollister, Feb. 14, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. George Hrepich, a daughter.” [*Georgia*]

EP; 23 Feb 1915; item: “Mike Nirich is nursing a sore thumb as the result of being severely cut last Saturday by a broken bottle. The injury was exceedingly painful but not serious.”

EP; 23 Feb 1915; item: “Among the Watsonvilleans present at the opening of the exposition Saturday or who took in the fair yesterday or Sunday were: ...Miss Florence Smith...”



EP; 24 Feb 1915; born: “In Watsonville, Feb. 22, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Resetar, a daughter.” [*Mary; +1983; married Kane*]

Fig. 4-72. Mary Resetar.

EP; 25 Feb 1915; item: “Agreement and grant for rights of way—Antone Balich with Joseph Secondo et al.”

EP; 26 Feb 1915; item: “Among the Pajaro Valley

citizens selected as prospective jurors to try Earl Holmes, the Capitola streetcar bandit, are the following: Robert Neil, Martin Hart, Paul Alaga, Thomas H. Davidson, John E. Whalen, Geo. E. Du Commen, William Huntsman and Andrew N. Esbeck.”

EP; 27 Feb 1915; article: “Last night’s Oakland Tribune published the following in regard to Luke Glavenich, the former Watsonville pitcher, who is now trying out with the Oakland Coast Leaguers:

“Glavenich is not a new man to the local fans by any means. Several years ago, when he was playing with the St. Mary’s team, he was touted as a wonder. So far did his fame travel that he was signed up by Cleveland. The boy was at that time young and the Naps farmed him out to the Southern League, and again to the Western League. In both these places Glavenich was said to be too wild, and the result was that he was released.

“Glavenich claims that he was not worked often enough in the east, and could not get his control. He has been playing quite a bit this winter, and says he has found his control...”

EP; 27 Feb 1915; ALL: John Jogich [Jagich], A. Zenevovich [prob. Zaninovich].

EP; 1 Mar 1915; item: “Stephen Scurich et ux. to Andrew G. Gomes—Lot on South side of extension of Grant St., Watsonville.”

EP; 1 Mar 1915; article: “GEORGE PULICH IS STOCKTON CITY CLERK. George Pulich, a well known former resident of this city and who is a nephew of Luke Pulich of this city, was...appointed city clerk of the city of Stockton, succeeding L. F. Kuhn, who has just been appointed the postmaster at Stockton. Mr. Pulich has been deputy city auditor for the past two years and ever since Kuhn was first mentioned as the likely post office nominee Mr. Pulich has been prominently mentioned as his successor.

“The many friends here of Mr. Pulich will be greatly pleased to learn of his deserved promotion in the city affairs of the Slough City. Mrs. Pulich, who was formerly Hazel Leddy of this city, is equally well known here and both are popular in this community through their estimable qualities. Mr. Pulich was formerly in the fruit business here but left this city to accept a position in the auditor’s office at Stockton. In appointing young Pulich the Stockton City Council ignored several of the leading politicians of that section, who had their eyes on the position. Mr. Pulich will be heartily congratulated in this city upon his new honors and all his friends, the Pajarorian included, will wish him the best possible success in his new office.”

EP; 1 Mar 1915; item: “District Attorney George W.

Smith and his wife were here yesterday from Santa Cruz."

EP; 2 Mar 1915; article: "**Over Twice as Much Building in 1914 As There Was in 1913.** That Watsonville had anything but a dull year in 1914 despite the general feeling of depression that pervaded the community is attested by the amount of money invested in buildings in the city last year as shown by the building permits granted by the board of aldermen. The building permits show that from January 1st, 1914 to March 1, 1915, the large sum of \$141,300 was expended here in buildings of all kinds as against \$66,325 expended in the entire year of 1913.

"The Lettunich Building, the Brewington building and the Appleton Theatre brought up the average and for a city the size of Watsonville to have three such structures erected in a year that was generally regarded as anything but prosperous signifies that this city is not as dull or as dead as it has been reported to be. Twenty-one new residences, ranging in cost from \$1000 to \$5000 were built last year while 12 permits were issued for remodeling old buildings."

EP; 2 Mar 1915; item: "Among the Santa Cruzans here for the ball game last Sunday were District Attorney George W. Smith and wife..."

EP; 3 Mar 1915; board of aldermen, payments: "Labor: ...Central Electric Works: \$86.95; B. Blech: \$63.25... Supplies: California Restaurant: \$60.25...Gutter Rebates: P. Stolich: \$5.28..."

EP; 4 Mar 1915; item: "Matthew Grizich vs. James J. Gallagher et als.—Demurrer to complaint."

EP; 4 Mar 1915; disp. ad:

New Management of the
Watsonville Bottling Works
MIKE NIRICH, Prop.
Handles Santa Cruz and Salinas Beers.
All Kinds of Soft Drinks and Seltzers;
Mineral Waters.
Phone 75 33 Kearney St.

EP; 4 Mar 1915; item: "Every day the California Restaurant receives live crabs, fresh salad, young squabs, oyster and chicken loaves and other choice eatables. Prompt and courteous service is always given at this popular eating place. See ad today."

EP; 4 Mar 1915; item: "John Uvodich has disposed of his interest in the Watsonville Bakery at 436 Main street and will leave with his family in a few days for their future home in Oakland."

EP; 4 Mar 1915; item: "Peter Capitanich, who has been

manager of the Del Monte Farm at Aromas for the past thirteen years, has resigned and will go into business for himself. Peter Kukuliza of Aromas has been appointed manager by the Lettunich Company."

EP; 5 Mar 1915; article: "GUIRICH ARRESTED ON ARSON CHARGE. B. Guirich [Gurich], who formerly conducted the Depot Saloon at West Third and Walker street and whose application for a renewal of his license was denied by the board of aldermen last December, was arrested at his home...on a charge of arson, an indictment having been lodged against Guirich...by the grand jury in session at Santa Cruz. Sheriff H. V. Trafton notified Devine late yesterday to arrest Guirich and Devine took him in charge. Guirich is accused of setting fire to his saloon building on the morning of January 12th.

"Following the arrest of Guirich the prisoner wanted his release on bonds and when his attorney, J. E. Gardner, returned from San Jose, Gardner and Attorney H. C. Wyckoff, associated in the defense of Guirich, secured bonds to the amount of \$5000, the bonds being filed...by Luke Scurich and Mateo Lettunich. Sheriff Trafton arrived from Santa Cruz after Devine had arrested Guirich and was prepared to take Guirich back with him but Guirich had been freed on bonds and is expected to appear before Judge Knight in the superior court at Santa Cruz this afternoon.

"Ever since the fire that destroyed the building formerly used by Guirich as a saloon[,] a thorough investigation of the fire has been conducted by District Attorney George W. Smith. Sheriff H. V. Trafton, the fire insurance adjusters and the local police officers have assisted in the investigation. Guirich had his property insured for \$3000 and the suspicious circumstances surrounding the case caused the grand jury to take up the matter. A number of local residents were called before the grand jury yesterday afternoon to testify as to the various phases of the case, among the witnesses being City Clerk M. M. Swisher, who testified that Guirich had been denied his license; Fire Chief Lawrence Sandberg, who testified as to the fire; George W. Sill, John Atteridge and O. J. Holohan, with whom Guirich carried his fire insurance; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Radovan, who owned the Depot Saloon property; S. J. Walling, L. P. Cox, J. W. Williamson and Adolph Laporte, who first saw the fire and who rang in the alarm.

"Guirich was interviewed...by a Pajaronian reporter and he stated that he had nothing to say until he could see his attorney. He was on his way to the attorneys when interviewed and admitted that he had received \$467.09 insurance from the firm represented by Atteridge and Holohan but had not received the other insurance. He stated that his arrest had been a big surprise to him and was excited and nervous. When arrested by Devine, Guirich almost broke down with nervousness and he seemed to take his arrest as a hard blow."

EP; 5 Mar 1914; notice: "NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Cruz.

"In the matter of the estate of Stephen Strazicich, sometimes called Steve Strazicich, deceased.

"Notice to creditors.

"Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, executrix of the last will and testament of Stephen Strazicich, sometimes called Steve Strazicich, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased to exhibit such claims with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said executrix at the law offices of Sans & Hudson, 415-417 Lettunich Building, Main street, in the City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the said estate of Stephen Strazicich, sometimes called Steve Strazicich, deceased.

"KATHARINA STRAZICICH, Executrix of the last will and testament of Stephen Strazicich, sometimes called Steve Strazicich, deceased.

"SANS & HUDSON, Attorneys for Executrix.

"Dated and first published at Watsonville on this 5th day of March, 1915."

EP; 5 Mar 1915; disp. ad:

Live Crabs

Received Daily and Served to Your Order

Fresh Crab Salad Always Ready.

LARGE YOUNG SQUABS

for Your After Dinner Luncheon.

OYSTER and CHICKEN LOAVES

Try One to Brighten Your Evening at Home.

Prompt and Courteous Service

— at the —

California Restaurant

GEORGE HREPICH, Prop.

Established 1895

Phone 36 255-9 Main St.

AAA Official

EP; 5 Mar 1915; item: "Mr. and Mrs. John Alaga will depart in a few days for Los Angeles, which is to be their future home."

EP; 5 Mar 1915; item: "Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Inventory, \$1349.47."

EP; 6 Mar 1915; ALL: Pete Capitanich.

EP; 6 Mar 1915; item: "Matthew Grizich vs. James J. Gallagher et als.—Demurrer of defendants overruled and defendants granted 10 days in which to answer."

EP; 8 Mar 1915; article: "**Novacovich and Stolich Bunk**

House...Damaged by Fire. Shortly before 8:30 Saturday evening the fire department responded to an alarm and after a short fight extinguished a blaze in the bunk house owned by P. P. Stolich just in the rear of the packing house owned by Novacovich and Stolich on Walker street, between Kearney and West Fifth. Mr. Stolich estimates the damage to be between \$600 and \$700, but the loss was covered by insurance. The quick action taken by the local fire department prevented the fire from spreading on to the adjoining packing house. Fire Chief Sandberg directed the firefighting and he as well as the other members of the department present deserve credit for their meritorious work.

"The fire originated in the basement of the house where the men connected with a spraying outfit had stored some gasoline. The men were preparing to go to work Sunday morning and sent one of their number down into the basement to draw the gasoline from a 50 gallon drum into a 5 gallon can. He took a lantern with him and set it close to the drum. While pouring the gasoline the fumes came in contact with the heat given off by the lantern and the gasoline exploded throwing the burning oil on him. His clothes were set on fire and while trying to extinguish the blaze around him with his coat, he was severely burned. The man's name was Steve Milosovich [Miloslavich].

"Mr. Stolich had about 35,000 box labels stored in the basement besides several other things of value, which were a total loss. Part of the front of the house was burned and the basement, where the fire originated, was badly gutted, but the building will be rebuilt. It was very lucky for Mr. Stolich that the blaze did not reach the packing house as he states that he had about 10,000 empty boxes, trucks and other paraphernalia stored away, but the work of the fire department saved this building and they deserve a great deal of praise."

EP; 9 Mar 1915; article: "The Monthly Musical Club in this city met last evening at the home of Dr. H. M. Tenney on East Lake Avenue, the evening being spent in the study of Schumann's works...The program consisted of: ...vocal selections, Miss Anna Farlin..."

EP; 9 Mar 1915; item: "People vs. B. Gurich—Permit granted to amend complaint by inserting '19' after the letters 'A.D.' and before the figures '15' in the indictment: March 15 set as time for defendant to plead."

EP; 9 Mar 1915; married: "At a wedding ceremony Sunday morning Peter Capitanich and Miss Clara O. Larkin were united in marriage by Rev. Father Cawley at St. Patrick's church. Both of the contracting parties are well known in this valley, Mr. Capitanich having been in the employ of the Lettunich Co. for the past thirteen years and his bride having taught school in Aromas for several years past. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. James Lar-

kin of Aromas and is a very charming woman and well known throughout the valley.

“Ever since Mr. Capitanich’s arrival in this valley he has been in the employ of the Lettunich Co. For the past six years he has been the manager of the Del Monte fruit farm at Aromas, where he has proved himself a hard working and industrious man.

“The bride and groom will spend their honeymoon taking in the exposition at San Francisco after which they will return to make their home in this valley, the bride resuming her position in the Aromas school.

“Miss Josie Larkin attended her sister, while Martin Capitanich, the groom’s brother acted as groomsman...”

EP; 9 Mar 1915; married: “Watsonville, March 7, 1915, at St. Patrick’s church, by Rev. Father Cawley, Peter Capitanich and Miss Clara O. Larkin, both of Aromas.”

EP; 13 Mar 1915; item: “Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Petition to set apart estate under \$1500 in value; March 29 set as day to show cause why petition should not be granted.”

EP; 13 Mar 1915; born: “In Watsonville, March 13, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stolich, a son.” [*Marion “Gabby”*; +2003]

EP; 15 Mar 1915; item: “N. Lucich vs. Rilovich Co. et al.—Order to amend complaint is granted.”

EP; 16 Mar 1915; item: “People vs. B. Gurich—Demurrer to indictment charging arson is submitted and argued and further hearing is continued to March 20.”

EP; 16 Mar 1915; article: “Little Miss Lorraine Murphy celebrated her ninth birthday today by inviting several of her young friends to her home on Rodriguez street where they were royally entertained by the young hostess...The young guests were...Ruth Scurich...[of 11]”

EP; 17 Mar 1915; item: “CUT BY BARB WIRE. Louis Miloslavich of this city is suffering today from a painfully cut hand as the result of having his hand squeezed between a barb wire fence and a rope this morning at the beach. Miloslavich had gone to the beach for a fishing trip and was tying his horse to the barb wire fence when the animal pulled back for some reason. Miloslavich had his hand caught and the barbs severly injured his hand. He immediately secured medical aid in this city and will suffer no serious consequences as a result of the accident.”

EP; 17 Mar 1915; born: “Watsonville, March 16, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Malta [Maleta], a daughter.” [*Katherine*; +1946]

EP; 18 Mar 1915; item: “While riding his bicycle on

Main street this morning Steve Breticivich, the owner of the Watsonville Bakery, was run into by an automobile driven by the Mrs. Silliman. Mr. Breticivich escaped uninjured but his bicycle was badly damaged.”

EP; 18 Mar 1915; disp. ad:

**The Strikeless
Laborer**

[drawing of motor]

A Western Electric Motor

will run any machine for you cheaper,
better and steadier than any other power.

Call for Us

Central Electric Works

246 Main Street

Phone 209.

EP; 19 Mar 1915; honor roll: Low 2nd: Martin Grizich; High 2nd: Louis Bonicich, Martin Franich, John Gurich, Marie Rilovich; High 3rd: Tony Scurich, Frank Gospodnetich, Ned Gluhan; Low 4th: Mary Glage; High 5th: John Castropelli; High 6th: E. Grizich, Kathryn Strazicich, Anna Knego; Low 8th: Stephen Marinovich.

EP; 19 Mar 1915; article: “As the Pajaronian goes to press it was informed that the little 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perovich who live on the San Juan road was run over by an automobile, as she was returning from school. The little girl ran across the road to climb upon the back of a hay wagon when the machine, which was occupied by two women, struck her. Phone calls to the Watsonville Hospital to which institution the little girl was rushed, failed to gain any information as to the extent of her injuries.”

EP; 20 Mar 1915; ALL: Mrs. P. P. Apatanich [Capitanich].

EP; 22 Mar 1915; article: “GURICH PLEADS NOT GUILTY...In the superior court at Santa Cruz, last Saturday, Superior Judge B. K. Knight overruled the demurrer to the grand jury indictment charging B. Gurich of Watsonville with arson. The defendant was represented by J. E. Gardner, who argued the demurrer and was opposed by District Attorney Geo. W. Smith. Gurich entered a plea of not guilty and his trial was set for May 11...”

EP; 22 Mar 1915; item: “B. Pista left today for Los Angeles on a brief business trip.”

EP; 23 Mar 1915; item: “Luke Scurich is in Los Angeles this week on business.”

EP; 24 Mar 1915; item: “Anton Gospodnetich of Watsonville has purchased 20 acres of the old Griffin tract at Fairview, and will set out the same in orchard next year.—Hollister Advance.”

EP; 24 Mar 1915; item: "Attachment: Andrew Zar and John Hrepich vs. Natale Skocko—On crop of prunes, apples, etc., grown upon land on Watsonville-Santa Cruz road, amount \$354.17."

EP; 26 Mar 1915; disp. ad:

Sew Electrically

[drawing of woman operating electric sewing machine]

Guide the goods and let a

Western Electric Motor

do the hard part.

Let Us Show You.

Central Electric Works

246 Main Street

Phone 209.

EP; 29 Mar 1915; married: "At Salinas, March 27, 1915, Evan B. Williams, of Salinas, and Mrs. Isabelle Capitanich, of Castroville." [*1st wife of Peter Capitanich*]

EP; 30 Mar 1915; born: "In Watsonville, March 29, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Cirpeli [Cicisly], a daughter." [*Katherine; +2000; married Hoadley*]

EP; 30 Mar 1915; article: "OBJECTION MADE IN STRAZICICH ESTATE. Today's Santa Cruz Sentinel says: The Pajaro Valley National Bank has filed objections to the petition of Mrs. Katharina Strazicich to have the estate of her late husband, Stephen Strazicich, set aside to her in its entirety. The widow is the administratrix of the estate. The petition was due for consideration yesterday when the objections were filed and the hearing set for April 5th.

"The bank objects on the grounds that it is a creditor of the estate. It alleges that on October 3, 1913, the deceased executed and delivered to the contestant jointly and severally with Tom Perasich, a promissory note for \$2300. It is set forth that no part of the principle has been paid and that a claim registered against the estate has not yet been allowed nor rejected."

EP; 31 Mar 1915; item: "Matthew Grizich vs. James J. Gallagher et als.—Memorandum of costs and disbursements, \$10.80; judgment for foreclosure with \$250 for attorney fees."

EP; 31 Mar 1915; item: "Mitchell Krilanovich vs. E. M. Anthony, adm. of estate of Almon Anthony, deceased—Temporary injunction asked for is modified; grape stakes may be sold and money placed with the clerk of court pending settlement of this cause; trial set for 10 a.m., April 5th."

EP; 31 Mar 1915; item: "Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Objections to petition of widow to set apart estate; hearing continued to April 5th."

EP; 2 Apr 1915; item: "J. T. Roseman and Nick Lettunich were arrested on the Highland Way yesterday by Game Commissioner J. H. Hill for having too many trout in their possession. The law states that the limit in trout is fifty but between the two of them they had one hundred and seven."

EP; 2 Apr 1915; article: "The Y.M.C.A. circus will undoubtedly be the biggest athletic and social affair that has ever been held in this city...The following are the features and those that will participate: Seniors: ...Individual and Intermediates: Gymnastic Dance: ...H. Strazich...Wand Drill: ...J. Strazich..."

EP; 3 Apr 1915; item: "Mrs. Katherine Strazicich has returned from a business visit to Santa Cruz."

EP; 5 Apr 1915; born: "Near Watsonville, April 3, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gracich [Grassi], a daughter." [*Mary; +2001*]



Fig. 4-73. Mary Grassi

EP; 6 Apr 1915; item: "The following committee has been named to have charge of the Woman's Club Rose Show at the I.O.O.F. Hall on April 17th: ...Miss Florence Smith...[of 15]"

EP; 6 Apr 1915; item: "Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Order appointing W. V. Gaffey sole appraiser."

EP; 6 Apr 1915; item: "Mitchell Krilanovich vs. E. M. Anthony, etc.—Trial date set for April 9th."

EP; 6 Apr 1915; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: M. Glech \$73.50...Central Electric Works \$60.30...Supplies: California Restaurant \$20..."

EP; 6 Apr 1915; item: "Mrs. George Pulich and daughter, Harriet, of Stockton arrived here today to visit Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy."

EP; 8 Apr 1915; disp. ad:

CENTRAL ELECTRICAL WORKS

246 MAIN STREET

Furnished the Lights and Electrical Work
on the Watsonville Opera House.

And the same is submitted for

Your Approval.

EP; 8 Apr 1915; born: "In Watsonville, April 8, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich, a son." [*George; +1949*]

EP; 9 Apr 1915; born: "Watsonville, April 6, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cikuth, a son." [*Edward*; +1988]

EP; 9 Apr 1915; class. ad: "WANTED—A barber, also shoemaker and repairer. A house at 167 W. Lake Avenue for Rent: One horse and fish wagon for Sale. STRAZICICH BROS., opposite S.P. Depot."

EP; 9 Apr 1915; notice: "Notice of Commissioner's Sale. In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, state of California.

"Matthew Grizich, plaintiff vs. James J. Gallagher and Mary Gallagher, John Doe, Richard Roe and Jane Doe, defendants.

"Notice of Commissioner's Sale.

"Under and by virtue of the order of sale and decree of foreclosure issued out of the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, on the 3rd day of April, 1915, in the above entitled action wherein Matthew Grizich, the above named plaintiff, obtained a judgment and decree against James J. Gallagher and Mary Gallagher, defendants, on the 30th day of March, 1915, which said decree and judgment was on the 1st day of April, 1915, entered in Judgment Book 15 of said Superior Court, at page 419 et seq., and was duly docketed in the office of the Clerk of said Court on said last named date, I am commanded to sell all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Watsonville... bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

"[technical description of property, omitted]

"Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 29th day of April, 1915, at 12 o'clock, noon, of that day, in front of the City Hall, Main street, in the City of Watsonville...I will, in obedience to said order of sale and decree of foreclosure sell the above described property, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to raise the amount due to plaintiff on account of said judgment with interest thereon and costs, to the highest and best bidder for cash, Gold Coin of the United States.

"Dated April 7th, 1915.—P. W. WHITTON, Commissioner.

"Sans & Hudson, Attorneys for Plaintiff."

EP; 10 Apr 1915; article: "The engagement of Miss Leonine Geraldine Sheehy and Mr. William Nelson Cumming of this city was announced this afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Sheehy at 135 Maple avenue...The invited guests for the announcement party this afternoon were: ...Mrs. George Pulich of Stockton..."

EP; 10 Apr 1915; item: "Miss Anita Chargin of San Jose, who has attended the Moreland Notre Dame Academy in this city for the past year and who has been visiting the F. P. Marinovich family during that time, will appear on the program to be rendered at the first annual ball of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society at San Jose on

April 17th. Miss Chargin is an accomplished vocalist and will render several solos, her sister, Miss Frances Chargin, to assist her."

EP; 10 Apr 1915; board of supervisors, payments: "...County Fund: ...Jack Novcich [Novcich], com. insurance, \$105.30...Frank Radovan, witness fees, \$4; Anne Radovan, witness fees, \$4...California Restaurant, meals, \$6.25...Indigent Sick Fund: City Grocery Co., merchandise, \$26..."

EP; 10 Apr 1915; item: "M. N. Lettunich has returned from a business trip to San Francisco, Sacramento and Los Angeles."

EP; 10 Apr 1915; born: "At Hollister, April 5, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Antone Petrinovich, a son." [*Vincent Petronovich*; +1992]

EP; 12 Apr 1915; article: "CHOPIN RECITAL...A highly artistic and very interesting Chopin recital was given by the advanced grade of musicians at Moreland Notre Dame on Friday. Each pupil gave the structural and aesthetic analysis of her selection followed by the artistic and skillful rendition of the same..."

"Miss Anna Scurich figured prominently in her masterly handling of her Polonaise, C sharp minor, op. 26. She played the introduction with the bold, heroic and martial effect it requires, then in the transition she gave the exquisitely sweet and tender strains with a wisdom beyond her years."

EP; 12 Apr 1915; item: "Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—April 19 set as day for hearing petition of widow for monthly allowance of \$75."

EP; 12 Apr 1915; item: "Mike Matulich vs. The California Insurance Co. of San Francisco—Answer to complaint."

EP; 12 Apr 1915; ALL: Mr. M. Kelich [prob. Kalich].

EP; 13 Apr 1915; obit: "Near Soquel, April 12, 1915, Helen M. Gingerich, a native of Oregon, aged 3 years, 10 months and 27 days."

EP; 14 Apr 1915; article: "...the jury returned a verdict acquitting William Moore of the charge of burglary... The trial of William Moore whose true name is Martin Ardeeser, charged with stealing copper wire from the warehouse of the Watsonville Railway & Navigation Co. at Watsonville several months ago, was held in the superior court..."

"The following jury was obtained: ...Mitchell Secondo...District Attorney George W. Smith prosecuted the case."

EP; 14 Apr 1915; item: “If you want a light that is a real light try the Sunbeam Mazda Lamps that are sold by the Central Electric Works. See the ad on the 4th page for further particulars about this famous light.”

EP; 14 Apr 1915; disp. ad: “For all users of electric light. Your home can be lighted with the pure brilliant light of SUNBEAM MAZDA LAMPS. ‘NATIONAL QUALITY’. Without increasing your light bill. Three times the light of carbon lamps—same cost for current. Buy them here. Central Electric Works. 246 Main St. Phone 209.”

EP; 15 Apr 1915; item: “The committees for the Rose Show to be held in the auditorium on the 23rd of this month under the auspices of the Woman’s Club, have been appointed. They are as follows: ...Miss Florence Smith...Miss Anna Farlin...[of 13]”

EP; 15 Apr 1915; item: “Sam Matulich, Sr., Sam Matulich, Jr., and John Matulich have purchased 20 acres of land from John Guidinger on the Santa Ana Road.—Hollister Free Lance.”

EP; 16 Apr 1915; honor roll: Low 8th: Stephen Marinovich; Low 7th: Chas. Sambraillo; High 6th: Emma Grizich, Kathryn Strazicich, Anna Knego; Low 5th: Tony Boscovich; High 4th: Anna Ljubenko, Willie Sambraillo; Low 4th: Mary Glage, John Glage; High 3rd: Ned Gluhan, Tony Scurich, Frank Gospodnetich; Low 3rd: Anna Glage; High 2nd: Louis Bonicich, Martin Franich, Marie Rilovich, John Gurich; Low 2nd: Martin Grizich.

EP; 17 Apr 1915; item: “The last lot of Apple Annual medals have been received here by F. W. Willet, the jeweler, and are ready for distribution to the winners here. They are gold medals and neatly made. Those to receive the medals here are M. N. Lettunich & Co., Edward A. Hall, John Hrepich Co., H. C. Peckham, S. N. Dye, F. L. Selleck, Rodgers Brothers, E. A. Hitchings, P. J. Christensen, H. T. Davis and J. E. Jameson.”

EP; 17 Apr 1915; item: “Mr. and Mrs. F. Carter of San Francisco, who are on their way to the San Diego Exposition, visited with Mrs. Katherine Strazicich in this city...”

EP; 17 Apr 1915; article: “The Sophomore class of the high school held a delightful party last evening at the Guild hall on Carr street...The members of the class present were...Lewis Lettunich...”

EP; 19 Apr 1915; obit: “Last night...Jack James Hrepich, the beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hrepich, the well known residents of the San Juan road, passed into the great beyond, heart disease being the cause of his death. The young man had been failing in health ever since Christmas and in spite of the fact that the best medical

care was given him and the loving care of fond parents administered, death claimed him.

“The deceased was aged 17 years when he passed away, being a native of Brac Dol, Austria, coming direct to Watsonville from that country when 11 months old. He attended the Moreland Notre Dame Academy in this city, later attending the Lindley school in the Pajaro district where he graduated from the grammar grades. The deceased was a student of the local high school, at the time of his death, where he was loved by his instructors and all those who came in contact with him, and was always known as a bright and industrious student.

“The deceased leaves three brothers, Paul, George and John Hrepich, and one sister, Mrs. Lucy Simunovich, all of this city, besides his mother and father. The sympathy of the family’s many friends will go out to them in their bereavement for the loss of such a loving and kindly character...”



Fig. 4-74. Jacob “Jack” Hrepich.

EP; 19 Apr 1915; item: “Prosper Lettunich of San Francisco is here visiting the Mateo Lettunich family.”

EP; 19 Apr 1915; obit: “Watsonville, April 18, 1915, Jack James Hrepich, a native of Austria, aged 17 years.”

EP; 20 Apr 1915; item: “Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Decree for family allowance of \$75 per month; homestead is set apart for widow, Katherine Strazicich.”

EP; 20 Apr 1915; item: “Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan—Plaintiff is granted leave to file amended complaint by substituting ‘Pajaro Valley Savings Bank a corporation,’ in the place of the fictitious defendant, ‘John Doe.’”

EP; 21 Apr 1915; item: “Hihn-Hammond Lumber Co. vs. Martin Rilovich et al.—Tried and submitted and taken under advisement.”

EP; 21 Apr 1915; obit: “The funeral of the late Jack James Hrepich was held this morning...from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hrepich on the San Juan road. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in this city, the first carriage reaching the Catholic church as the last carriage crossed the river bridge. The pall bearers were: Francis McGrath, Irving Anderson, Will Marinovich, John Matulich, Martin Matulich and John Gospodnetich.”

EP; 21 Apr 1915; item: "Mr. P. J. Sersen of Millet, Nevada, is here to visit his aunt, Mrs. K. Strazicich."

EP; 21 Apr 1915; item: "Mrs. Katharina Strazicich returned yesterday from a business trip to Santa Cruz."

EP; 21 Apr 1915; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith and Sheriff Howard Trafton were business visitors in town yesterday."

EP; 21 Apr 1915; item: "The suit of the Hihn Hammond Lumber Co. against Martin Rilovich of Watsonville, was tried before Superior Judge B. K. Knight yesterday, submitted and taken under advisement. Plaintiff sued for \$286.45 for material furnished and asked for interest from Nov. 9, 1913, and for costs of the suit."

EP; 22 Apr 1915; item: "CARD OF THANKS. We wish to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many kind friends and neighbors who rendered us assistance and sympathy during the illness and death of our loving son and brother, Jack James Hrepich. We wish to especially thank the teachers and pupils of the Lindley school, at Pajaro, the Freshmen class of the Watsonville High School, Sokol lodge No. 352, N.H.Z., and the ladies of S.S.T. Society for their beautiful floral tributes. MR. AND MRS. SAM HREPICH AND FAMILY, MRS. LUCY SIMUNOVICH."

EP; 22 Apr 1915; item: "Peter Buzukos, the famous wrestler, and Andrew Rizovich will meet on the mat in Pacific Ocean House hall Friday night of this week. Buzukos also agrees the same night to throw four local men inside of an hour. Several husky wrestlers have been signed up for these contests. There will be several preliminaries Friday night.—Santa Cruz News."

EP; 22 Apr 1915; item: "Joseph Chargin of San Jose was here yesterday for the Hrepich funeral."

EP; 22 Apr 1915; item: "George Carstulovich of Santa Cruz was here yesterday for the Hrepich funeral."

EP; 22 Apr 1915; item: "Mrs. John Gospodnetich of Santa Cruz was here yesterday for the Hrepich funeral."

EP; 22 Apr 1915; item: "Among the out of town people who attended the Jack James Hrepich funeral yesterday were George Carstulovich, John Ostoga [Ostoja] and Mrs. Anna Gospodnetich of Santa Cruz, George Hrepich, Tony, Frank and John Matulich, Sam Matulich and wife, Vincent Matulich, Vincent P. Matulich, Tony Arnerich of Hollister, B. Chargin, San Jose, J. Arnerich and Tony Ostoga of Sacramento, George Bolovich [Balovich] of San Mateo, Kosmos Gospodnetich of Salinas, Mr. Grassi of Livermore and Mrs. Hranuelich, G. Mosich and James Gospodnetich of San Francisco."

EP; 26 Apr 1915; item: "Hammersmith Estate Co. to Florence Balich et al—Lot in Effey & Kron's Add, Santa Cruz."

EP; 27 Apr 1915; article: "The following Watsonville business houses have agreed to close on Saturday, May Day: ...City Grocery Company, Central Grocery Company..."

EP; 27 Apr 1915; article: "**First Car of Local Apples Returned From Market...** According to Resetar Brothers, the well known apple shippers and packers of this city, the first carload of Watsonville apples to be returned here for drying purposes after having once been shipped to the market, put in cold storage and then its shippers having the option of giving away, dumping or drying the fruit, arrived here yesterday. Last October or November Resetar Brothers shipped a carload of fancy Newtown Pippins to San Francisco but as the market was anything but excellent they deemed it best to place the fruit in cold storage until this year.

"A few days ago the apples were removed from storage in good condition but the bottom of the market had again fallen out and Resetar Brothers could not dispose of the fruit. Rather than dump the apples in the bay or give them away they decided to return them to Watsonville and have them dried at the evaporating plant of Unglish Brothers. According to Resetar Brothers this is the first case in local history of a carload of apples having to be returned here after having once been shipped."

EP; 27 Apr 1915; item: "The Central Electric Works is calling attention to a Hotpoint week special on our third page. Be sure and get your order in early for the five special sale days, May 3rd to May 8th."

EP; 27 Apr 1915; disp. ad: "'EL GRILSTOVA' will broil, fry, boil and toast—with current supplied from the ordinary socket. 'EL GRILSTOVA' may be used in the kitchen, on the dining room table, or anywhere there is a lamp socket. That's real convenience. Heating Element guaranteed five years. Order your 'El Grilstova' today. After Hot-point week they will be \$5. Central Electric Works. 246 Main Street. Phone 209."

EP; 27 Apr 1915; item: "N. Lucich vs. Rilovich Company et als.—Answer to amended complaint."

EP; 28 Apr 1915; item: "Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et als.—Amended complaint."

EP; 28 Apr 1915; obit: "Hollister, April 25, 1915, Paul Peruzovich, a native of Austria, aged 49 years."

EP; 28 Apr 1915; article: "The Santa Clara club of this city will gather in the office of O. D. Stoesser tomorrow

for the purpose of meeting Rev. W. J. Boland, S.J., of the University of Santa Clara. Rev. Boland is the representative of the Alumni association of the university, and is coming here on a special mission. He has some very interesting things to tell the former students of the university...The former Santa Clara students in this valley are: O. D. Stoesser...Nicholas M. Lettunich...Peter Marinovich...[of 25]"

EP; 29 Apr 1915; item: "Andy Balich, the Santa Cruz liquor man, was here yesterday afternoon on business."

EP; 29 Apr 1915; item: "Mrs. George Pulich has returned to her home in Stockton after visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy."

EP; 30 Apr 1915; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, April 29, 1915, to Steve Bratevich, aged 29, and Mile Miletich, aged 28, both of Watsonville."

EP; 1 May 1915; married: "This afternoon...Miss Mile Miletich became the wife of Stephen Bratovech at the home of M. L. Kalich on East Lake avenue. Mrs. M. L. Kalich attended the bride and Edward Gluhan acted as groomsman. Only immediate relatives were present.

"A wedding supper was enjoyed after the ceremony at the Royal Grill and the following friends and relatives were present: Mr. and Mrs. M. Kalich, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gluhan, Eli Bratovech, and Thomas Bratovech. The bride and groom will take their honeymoon trip later.

"The bride and groom have not resided in the city very long, but during their residence here they have made a large number of friends.

"The groom came here a few months ago and went in partnership with Edward Gluhan in the Watsonville bakery and since that time he has earned a large number of friends in the business world.

"The bride came here from New Jersey a few days ago where she had been living with relatives, and during her short stay here she has made a great many friends.

"A few thrilling experiences in the war zone of Austria are told by Miss Miletich. She fled from the interior of Dalmatia to Trieste on the Adriatic Sea and took a boat for New York. She relates many thrilling experiences during her flight, and give some interesting items on the censorship of mail going out of that country."

EP; 3 May 1915; married: "Yesterday afternoon the news reached this city of the marriage on Saturday of Miss Ellen Zar of this city to Robert Walker, formerly of this city. The marriage took place in San Francisco and the bride returned to Watsonville last evening to resume work in the Pajaro Valley Steam Laundry, where she is employed as bookkeeper.

"The marriage came as a great surprise to all their friends but nevertheless all are wishing them happiness and success in their new life.

"The bride is very well known in this city as she has resided here for a number of years. She is the daughter of Mrs. John Nemanich and is a sister of Miss Katherine Zar and Mrs. Stephen Scurich. She was born and reared in this city and has been employed by the Pajaro Valley Steam Laundry for several months. She has a wide circle of friends who will congratulate her.

"Mr. Walker has resided here for some time and during his stay here he has made many friends. He has been in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company at the Junction. His father is conductor on the Lark."

EP; 4 May 1915; item: "Nicholas M. Lettunich left this morning for San Francisco."

EP; 4 May 1915; board of aldermen, payments: "...Services: ...M. Glech, \$72..."

EP; 6 May 1915; item: "Hihn-Hammond Lumber Co. vs. M. Rilovich & Co.—Findings and decisions for plaintiff."

EP; 6 May 1915; item: "Commissioner's certificate of sale—P. W. Whitton to Matthew Grizich: Lot on easterly side of Main street, Watsonville."

EP; 7 May 1915; born: "In Watsonville, May 7, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. George Martulich [Matusich], a son." [Peter; +one month later]

EP; 7 May 1915; article: "...this morning the convention of the school trustees of Santa Cruz County was opened by County Superintendent Champ S. Price at the auditorium and nearly every district in the county was represented..."

"A chorus from the Sixth Grade of the local grammar school was [a] number on the program...The young folks that took part in the chorus were...Annie Knego...Katie Strazicich...The following are the 8th Grade pupils who took part in the singing...Jennie Dubreta...Helen Strazicich..."

EP; 7 May 1915; item: "Luke P. Cikuth et ux to Katherine U. Crowley—Lot on northwest side of Palm Ave. Watsonville."

EP; 7 May 1915; item: "Mike Matulich vs. The California Insurance Company—Set for trial on June 15th."

EP; 10 May 1915; obit: "A very well known resident of this city, Jack Resetar, passed away at the Watsonville Hospital Saturday afternoon after an illness of two weeks. The deceased had been suffering from gallstones for some time, but the change for the worst did not come until two weeks ago when he became seriously ill. The best of medical care was given him but all efforts to save his life proved futile.

"In 1904 he left his native land, Dalmatia, Austria, and came directly to this city where he had resided ever since his arrival in the country. He was aged 28 years, one month and 23 days when he passed away. At one time he operated a packing house of his own but most of the time he was in the employ of relatives in the fruit business. He was a quiet and unassuming young man and his many friends will deeply regret to hear of his death.

"He is survived by a mother, three brothers and three sisters, all of whom reside in Austria. One brother, P. P. Resetar, resides in the city, besides numerous other relatives.

"The funeral was held this morning from the residence of P. M. Resetar at 34 West Lake avenue...

"The following were the pallbearers: Anton Braica, Luke Miljonovich, John Cereich, Blas Borovinich, Peter Skocko, Lazar Skocko. All six were cousins of the deceased."

EP; 10 May 1915; item: "Attorney Clay W. Seevers leaves for Santa Cruz tonight where he will assist District Attorney George W. Smith in the prosecution of B. Gurich, who is charged with arson."

EP; 10 May 1915; obit: "Watsonville, May 8, 1915, John Resetar, a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged 28 years, one month and 23 days."

EP; 10 May 1915; article: "GURICH ARSON TRIAL STARTS TOMORROW. B. Gurich of this city, under indictment by the grand jury for arson as the result of the mysterious destruction by fire of his saloon and hotel here last January, will go to trial in the superior court tomorrow and from all that can be learned the case should attract more than ordinary interest.

"District Attorney Smith, fully realizing that the evidence goes up with the smoke in an arson case, and the difficulty of proving the charges, has been at work on the prosecuting plans for three months. Witnesses from several parts of California will be called by the prosecution and some sensational evidence is likely to be given."

EP; 11 May 1915; item: "Matthew Grizich vs. James J. Gallagher et als.—Verified report and accounts of sale."

EP; 12 May 1915; article: "THE GURICH ARSON TRIAL. Santa Cruz, May 12...Nearly the entire day was needed to select a jury to try the case of the People against B. Gurich, on the charge of arson, which opened in the superior court..."

"District Attorney Smith, assisted by Attorney C. W. Seevers, conducted the prosecution..."

"The chief inquiry made of veniremen by counsel for the defense was whether they were now or ever had been connected with the insurance business. A long list of witnesses was read and the fact stated by the clerk of the

court that the defendant Gurich had pleaded 'not guilty' to the charge of arson.

"District Attorney Smith outlined in a clear and concise manner the facts of the case and explained to the jury what he proposed to prove.

"He described the building at the corner of Walker and West Third streets, Watsonville, in which the fire occurred and explained the circumstances of the defendant Gurich at that time, mentioning the large amount of fire insurance the defendant carried on the burned building and its contents. [T]he district attorney declared that Gurich had taken out the policies knowing that the structure with its furnace and fittings were owned by Anna Radovan.

"He related statements made by Gurich to insurance agents and others concerning his intentions: also his visit to the Radovan home when he asked Anna Radovan for a renewal of his lease on the building and when this was refused he was very angry. Accounts of their observations of how the fire started in the building occupied by Gurich given by eye-witnesses were cited by the district attorney. He also mentioned the stock of liquors insured by the defendant and declared that the fire started in the liquor room of the building. He explained the plan of the building and stated that L. Sandberg, chief of the Watsonville fire department had inspected the premises after the blaze without finding any trace of liquors among the debris. He related that a party named Lee, a Watsonville second-hand furniture dealer, had offered Gurich \$102 for certain furniture, which the latter claimed was worth \$1000.

"That the defendant took out insurance to the amount of \$3000..."

"That in December last year the defendant petitioned the aldermen of Watsonville for a renewal of his liquor license. That subsequent to the application the aldermen of Watsonville, acting on licenses in that city, passed a resolution denying him a renewal of his license on the grounds that the premises were not a fit place in which to conduct a saloon business.

"That two or three days later the defendant met on the street an insurance man by the name of Atteridge with whom he had business dealings, the agent telling Gurich that he must have some return on his insurance premiums since he was put out of business; that the defendant told him that he intended to keep the place. That the defendant went to the Radovan home to secure a renewal of the lease for the property. That Mrs. Radovan said to him: 'We have had enough trouble with you, Gurich, and you cannot have the place at any price.'

"District Attorney Smith said that he would prove that the fire occurred at 2: 30 o'clock on the morning of January 12. That a farmer who passed the place just a couple of minutes before, saw nothing wrong there, but traveling 300 hundreds yards further along the railroad tracks a great flash attracted his attention and looking back he saw the place on fire, the flames leaping through the roof.

That a man in the Hotel Appleton who went into a bath room saw the flames suddenly leap from the building as if shot out of a gun. The prosecution will also show that the fire started in what was known as the liquor room: that at 9:30 the same morning with Fire Chief Sandberg the district attorney had investigated the premises and the defendant was asked where he kept the liquors he had lost; that the place was designated but no trace of the remains of the bottles could be found.

“The defendant’s vain efforts to persuade Brassey & Co. of San Jose to take back his stock of liquors was related. The sums collected by the defendant from different insurance companies on account of the fire in the building occupied by him were next recounted...The district attorney concluded his address by declaring that he was prepared to show that the building that had been destroyed did not belong to the defendant but to Anna Radovan and that he would also prove that the fire that did the damage was not due to accident but was caused by the deliberate act of the defendant, Gurich...”

“Owing to the numerous witnesses to be examined and the fact that the services of an interpreter will be needed in some instances, the case will, it is expected, last for several days.”

“Santa Cruz, May 12, 1 p.m.—After the roll of the jury had been called at the opening of the Gurich trial, in the superior court, this morning, Attorney J. E. Gardner, on behalf of the defendant, asked the court to exclude all witnesses until called to testify.

“The witnesses were then sworn and instructed to remain outside the courtroom until called.

“The first witness called by the district attorney was Anna Radovan, who testified that she lived with her husband, Frank Radovan, on Walker St., Watsonville. Witness identified deed to the building alleged to have been set on fire, the deed being from Frank Radovan to Anna Radovan and dated Sept. 25, 1914...”

“Mrs. Radovan denied having sold or deeded said property to anyone. Said she was slightly acquainted with defendant. She testified she was in her home on Walker St., Watsonville, at the time of the fire, January 12th, 1915. Hearing the fire bell she rushed out and saw the fire in the quarter of her hotel building, corner Walker and Third streets, occupied by defendant, Gurich; said Gurich had occupied premises about two years, and ran a saloon and lodging house there.

“Frank Radovan and Fire Chief Sandberg were the next witnesses called.”

EP; 12 May 1915; item: “Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Creditors’ claims presented.”

EP; 12 May 1915; item: “People vs. B. Gurich— On trial for arson.”

EP; 12 May 1915; item: “Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kalich have returned from San Francisco after visiting the Exposition.”

EP; 13 May 1915; article: “THE GURICH ARSON TRIAL. Santa Cruz, May 12—At the trial of B. Gurich, charged with arson, in the superior court, today, Mrs. Ann Radovan in her testimony said that defendant Gurich paid her as rent \$50 a month for the saloon and \$12 a month for the residence he occupied. He had no lease of the premises...”

“Frank Radovan, husband of the preceding witness then took the stand and testified in reply to District Attorney Smith that he had lived in Watsonville 15 years, and resided on Walker street. He had known the defendant Gurich since the latter came to Watsonville about a year and a half ago, when he came to him to get the saloon at Walker and West Third streets in that city...”

“Witness Radovan went on and stated that the morning the fire occurred, he was in bed in his home on Walker Street. He was awakened and told of the fire by his wife and went to the burning building and tore down the fence there. He saw fire in the center of the building burning straight up and noticed the roof was on fire. He stated that Gurich went into the saloon and hotel business about a year ago...”

“There will be about fifty witnesses to examine and as some of them are Slavonians, and unable to speak the English language, George Carstulovich, of this city, will act as interpreter.”

EP; 13 May 1915; honor roll: Low 8th: Stephen Marinovich; High 6th: Emma Grizich, Kathryn Strazicich, Anna Knego; Low 6th: Kathryn Arbanas; High 5th: Paul Dubretta; Low 5th: Tony Boscovich; High 4th: Willie Sambrailo, Anna Ljubenko, Martin Ljubenko; Low 4th: John Eagge [Egga; orig: Hidža]; High 3rd: Tony Scurich, Ned Gluhan; High 2nd: Martin Franich, John Gurich, Louis Bonicich; Low 2nd: Peter Copriviza, Martin Grizich.

EP; 14 May 1915; disp. ad: “**Hot Point Iron, Was \$3.50, now \$3.** This is the Electric Iron you hear so much about—the one with famous ‘Hot Point,’ attached stand and cool handle. Heating element guaranteed. For sale at **Central Electric Works**. 246 Main Street. Phone 209.”

EP; 14 May 1915; article: “THE GURICH ARSON TRIAL...Santa Cruz, May 13, 3:30 p.m.—Several witnesses contributed their evidence in the Gurich arson case in the superior court today...”

“On the opening of today’s session of the superior court, District Attorney Smith offered in evidence the application made by the defendant Gurich for a retail liquor license for the building at 207 W. 3rd St., Watsonville, which was refused by the board of aldermen on the

ground that the location was unsuitable for a saloon...

"L. F. Abadie, employee of Brassy & Co., liquor dealers of San Jose, testified he was acquainted with defendant, who had conducted a restaurant in San Jose for four or five years before going to Watsonville. Defendant came to Brassy & Co.'s place of business last December, told witness he had lost his liquor license and asked him to take back liquor sold to him by the firm. This request being refused defendant asked witness to store his stock of liquor for him, which was granted..."

"...Marco Grunich was the first witness called at the afternoon session of the court. In reply to the district attorney he stated he lived at the Strazicich place, was in bed on the morning of the fire, heard a noise and looking out of a window saw fire in Gurich's saloon, went to Gurich's house and knocked three times on the door. Heard no noise in the house until Mrs. Gurich asked who was there. Told her their place was on fire. Mrs. Gurich was crying. Gurich asked where the fire was. Witness answered, 'You are going to be burned up!' Called G. Strazicich up and told him to phone the fire department..."

"Mrs. Frank Radovan was called to the stand during the afternoon to be further cross-examined by the defense and there was some excitement at times, especially when Attorney J. E. Gardner said that the witness was an actress. Mrs. Radovan had been asked regarding her refusal to renew the lease to Gurich and she said she wanted to protect herself and her children. Asked as to ownership of the property, Gardner asked her if there was a deed of trust on the place, and she said that there was..."

"Mrs. Radovan testified that after Gurich lost his license, and before the fire, he came to her and wanted to lease the property for a term of years. She wouldn't lease it to him, and he left in great anger, asking her 'What are you going to do with it, 'mitch' (blow) it up?' Witness said, 'you can't get a license!' Then he took a dollar out of his pocket, held it up, and said: 'This is God: I can buy anything I want with this!' Witness refused to lease the property to Gurich, stating that he was an unfit person to run a business and she had to protect her own and her children's interests, and that he would have to vacate her building on Jan. 17th, adding that he should have taken the \$1000 he had been offered for his business. Defendant replied that he had never lost anything and did not intend to do so in this case.

"The witness was somewhat overcome as she said that people were trying to take the roof from over her and her children's heads, and it was then that the term actress was used. Mrs. Radovan called the attorney cold-blooded and stated that he would look at the matter differently if the roof was being taken from over his head, and witness burst into tears..."

"Frank Radovan testified that the defendant occupied the building at West third Walker Sts., about a year and a half...witness stated he knew six languages including Croatian. Said the word 'mitch' in that language meant to

destroy by blowing or burning up. Witness denied having any insurance on his personal property that was in the burned building. Had \$1000 insurance on that building..."

EP; 14 May 1915; item: "George Hrepich is confined to his home with illness but his condition is reported to be much improved."

EP; 14 May 1915; item: "Miss Leola Arana, Luke Scurich, C. A. Palmtag, Pete Dragich, Alderman H. P. Kane, John Williamson, C. H. Baker and Charles Krough are in Santa Cruz today as witnesses in the Gurich arson case."

EP; 14 May 1915; item: "Paul Arbanas vs. Fred L. De-Beck—Demurrer to complaint."

EP; 15 May 1915; ALL: Mike N. Scurich.

EP; 15 May 1915; article: "GURICH ARSON TRIAL. Santa Cruz, May 14, 3:30 p. m— ...

"George Boule [Baule], a witness for the defense, who stated he was acquainted with defendant in the old country, testified concerning an occasion sometime last fall when he was playing cards in Gurich's place with Gurich and others, and Milanitch, the bartender, shouted from the door of the card room that there was a fire in the backyard and led the way to it. A bundle of old rope soaked with oil was found burning against a shed. The fire was put out and a search made for tracks or traces of oil leading to the place, but none were found..."

"M. Kalich, who gave his evidence with the aid of Luke Pulich as interpreter, corroborated the evidence of the preceding witness in all its details..."

"The prosecution is considered to have made a very strong case, although all the evidence is circumstantial..."

"Fire Chief Sandberg in reply to Attorney Gardner stated he was constable in 1914 and served a writ of attachment on defendant for rent due to Mrs. Radovan. (Evidence objected to by district attorney who was sustained by the court, but waived objection.)..."

"Charles Scurich (interpreted by L. Pulich) in reply to Attorney Gardner testified he had known defendant six years, and was in his saloon last fall when there was some talk of a fire there about 9:30 p. m..."

"John Ivancovich (interpreted by L. Pulich) examined by the district attorney testified that he was in Gurich's saloon on the occasion the burning rope was found, and gave substantially the same evidence as the preceding witness. Saw defendant in the card room when the alarm of fire was given. Defendant said: 'Who has done this? I will tell the police about it!' But did not do so at that time, so far as witness knew.

"Louis Braycovich, fruit dealer, in reply to Attorney Gardner testified he was present at the fire that destroyed the defendant's saloon, went into kitchen and took stove out, was helped by George Strazicich's son. Saw defend-

ant carrying things out of his premises.

"M. Kolack (interpreted by L. Pulich) in reply to Attorney Gardner, testified he knew defendant. Saw him next morning and helped him to carry his furniture and cooking utensils into his house from the packing house.

"S. Kovacich testified he was at the fire at the Gurich place and saw defendant carrying out stuff. Saw Mrs. Gurich crying on the sidewalk.

"Luke Scurich testified he knew the defendant, whom he met when the latter came to Watsonville. Was present when deal was closed between P. H. Rudebeck and defendant bought latter's business. Saw the stock furniture and fittings of saloon and lodging house, also the bill of sale which Rudebeck brought him to read as defendant could not read. Bill of sale was submitted as evidence.

"Cross examined by district attorney. Said he was one of defendant's bondsman in this case...

"Lucy Gurich, wife of defendant, (through Interpreter Pulich) testified she was present when her husband's saloon was burned on Jan. 12th. Retired to bed about 9 p.m., the previous night in room close to the saloon. Described position of the beds in the room. Her husband went to bed at the same time. The bed was toward Radovan's packing house. Was awakened by knocking and shouting. Her husband got up, raised the window shade toward the saloon and saw the fire. Told her to dress and get out of the house with the boy. Started crying; boy did same, through fright. Dressed and took boy out to sidewalk and stayed there crying. Saw Luke Grunich carrying clock from dining room. Remained outside until about 6 a.m. And then went into the house. Lives now on Kearney St., Watsonville, in a house owned by L. Scurich.

"Cross-examined by district attorney witness testified she was married to defendant in Europe and had lived in San Jose, where defendant had a restaurant about eight years. Her husband was at home all the evening preceding the fire. Nothing was packed up, everything in the house was in its usual condition.

"C. M. Zills, in reply to Attorney Gardner, testified that he had held a promissory note from the Radovans in 1913, also a \$4500 mortgage on the premises at West Third and Walker streets held as security for this note.

"Michael Milanivitch testified he knew defendant for eight years, worked for him six months last year as bartender at West Third and Walker streets..."

EP; 15 May 1915; article: "POPULARITY CONTEST PLANNED. Mr. M. N. Zar, formerly of this city, and recently manager of the Edison Moving Pictures Theater, San Francisco, and the Photoplay Theater, Berkeley, has rented the Opera House, this city, for four weeks, commencing Saturday, May 22nd, and will stage one of his 'Popularity Contests' in this city, the same ending on Saturday evening, June 19th. Mr. Zar is engaged in exploiting the famous Overland Auto, for which the Pajaro Valley Garage Co. is local agent, and will put up as gifts

to the party (man, woman or girl) receiving the highest number of votes one 1915 Overland Touring car, valued at \$1000. The machine is one of the latest makes, is fully equipped in every respect, including electric lights and starter. The machine will be on exhibition in the lobby of the theater each day, and is a beauty. To the party receiving the second and third highest number of votes will be presented a \$100 diamond ring and a \$50 diamond ring, respectively. Mr. Zar will arrive here early next week and conduct this contest personally. Watch out for further particulars, and see ad on our second page.

"A rare opportunity is afforded some one to capture a handsome up-to-date auto very cheaply. Further particulars later on."

EP; 17 May 1915; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...S. Yakobovich, \$12...Central Electric Works, \$5.30..."



EP; 17 May 1915; born: "In Watsonville, May 16, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Franich, a son." [Charles "Chick"; +2006]

Fig. 4-75.
Charles "Chick" Franich.



EP; 17 May 1915; born: "In Watsonville, May 16, 1915 to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Grizich, a son." [Antone; +1999]

Fig. 4-76. Antone Grizich.

EP; 18 May 1915; item: "The case of a local Austrian, arrested Sunday at the baseball game on a charge of disturbing the peace by Constable Devine, has been postponed until May 25th. The defendant has put up \$10 bail and it is understood that he will demand a jury trial when his case comes up. The Austrian is alleged to have used obscene language in the presence of ladies and when Devine remonstrated with him he called the constable some dirty names, the row ending when Devine gave the fellow some sharp licks with his club."

EP; 18 May 1915; article: "TRIAL OF B. E. GURICH RESUMED...Santa Cruz, May 18..."

"Defendant testified his name was B. E. Gurich; was an Austrian by birth, and could neither read or write. Had been in the U.S. 23 years. Came to Watsonville June, 1912. Had been in San Jose in restaurant business since 1904. Sold out there in January, 1912, and located at West Third and Walker streets, Watsonville, buying the business from Mr. Rudebeck."

EP; 19 May 1915; article: "THE GURICH ARSON TRIAL. Santa Cruz, May 18, 2:30 p.m.—[The defendant testified he had] paid rent of saloon in advance to either Mr. or Mrs. Radovan, was served by Constable Sandberg with attachment of place. Told Mrs. Radovan place was attached and was told he must pay the rent or vacate. Replied he could not do so now, that the place was attached. Mrs. Radovan said she would close him up and he told her to go ahead and do it...Had held no conversation with Mrs. Radovan since the place was attached. Denied he ever asked Mrs. Radovan to renew his lease; also that he had asked her if she intended to 'mitch' the place off. Paid rent from month to month. Had been promised lease by Radovan, but was always put off when he asked for it...

"John Stojanovich testified he had attended to the electric lights in defendant's saloon and boarding house, wiring was not modern and he had to stop many leaks of juice.

"B. S. Gurich, the defendant...resumed...testifying... Declared he was not hard up at time of fire; had between five and six thousand dollars in bank; owned unmortgaged property in San Jose.

"In reply to district attorney defendant testified he was 23 years in the U. S. and at one time had worked as a gold miner in Amador county. Explained that in the Slavonian language the word 'mitch' meant to touch off like a blasting fuse. Rented Radovan property from June 25th, 1912. Rudebeck, from whom he bought the business told him the stock and furniture all belonged to him, but told him he had no lease. After putting up \$500 to bind bargain with Rudebeck was told by the Radovans that they owned the furniture and fittings in the place, was paying rent only on the building. First time he heard Mrs. Radovan owned furniture was from the Insurance Adjuster Riddling. Rent of building was attached by a writ served on defendant 12:10 a.m. Jan. 17th, on behalf of employees of Radovan. N. Boule [G. Baule] wrote cards for shipping stock of liquors to San Jose, which he intended to ship the day the fire occurred. Had given orders to transfer company to move piano and safe at 9 a.m. that day. Denied he had made any plans to leave Watsonville on day of fire. Denied he was dressing boy at time of fire. Denied he had any talk with Hrepich about fire in which he was alleged to have made self-incriminating statements. Denied chief of police had complained about his saloon before he lost his liquor license. Denied he was acquainted with Nicholas Pender. Said house was not wired. Denied he told Pender after losing his license, that he didn't own the building, had the furniture insured and a match would do the rest. Denied Atteridge talked to him about insurance before or after the fire. Admitted that Lee, the junkman, after looking over the place after Jan. 1st, offered him \$100 for all the furniture for which he asked \$1000; but denied asking Lee to make him a bill of sale at that figure merely to

show. Denied all accusations in general and in particular.

"When Attorney Gardner objected to one of the district attorneys questions defendant told him to go ahead. Admitted dwelling house was wired but had no electric connection.

"G. Boule [Baule] identified shipping cards he had written for defendant...

"Nicholas Pender testified, that in conversation with defendant in his saloon last December, latter had declared people in Watsonville were trying to take away his license. Defendant who seemed very angry and excited, said as he only owned the furniture in the building and had that insured, a match would do the rest, and said that trouble would have to look out for itself. The witness when cross-examined by Attorney Gardner adhered to his first statement of the defendant's remarks. Stated he had voluntarily informed the district attorney of this matter, because he thought it was his duty.

"Mrs. Radovan was the last witness called. In reply to the district attorney she testified the rent of the building payable to her by defendant in January was attached by Attorney Gardner on the claims of some of her husband's employes.

"The evidence was all in at the end of Tuesday's session of the court and counsel for both sides of the case will address the jury Wednesday."

EP; 19 May 1915; item: "George Hrepich, Officer John Whalen, Chief of Police S. Whitsitt and Mr. and Mrs. R. Neill are in Santa Cruz today for the Gurich case."

EP; 19 May 1915; item: "How would you like to be presented with a \$1000 1915 5-passenger Overland auto, or a \$50 or \$100 diamond ring? Get ready to enter yourself in M. N. Zar's great 'Popularity Contest' which will be inaugurated at the Opera House on next Saturday. Nothing like it has ever been seen here before. Everything absolutely on the square. No favorites, and all contestants get a square deal. Watch out for this innovation in contests. (Adv.)"

EP; 20 May 1915; article: "THE GURICH ARSON TRIAL. Santa Cruz, May 19, 2:30 p.m.—...Attorney C. W. Seevers...addressed the jury for the prosecution. He explained the nature of circumstantial evidence and the difficulty of obtaining direct evidence in the case of premeditated crimes such as arson, where the criminal can plan the deed and carry it out at his own time. He described the property destroyed by fire and its renting by defendant from its owner Anna Radovan, to whom it had been transferred by her husband, Frank Radovan. Explained amount of personal property of defendant which was insured for \$3000 by him. Mentioned defendant's loss of liquor license and his closure of his saloon Jan. 1st, 1915. Told [of] defendant's efforts to sell the furniture in the saloon and rooming house and the stock of

liquors. Related testimony of witnesses proving the occurrence of the fire that destroyed the building; referring to testimony of Witnesses Walling and Laporte in regard to suddenness of the blaze. Referred to testimony of fire expert, James, that fire started upward from under floor; also the charred sack found in the ruins. Mentioned defendant's remarks testified to by witnesses, Hrepich and Pender, expressing intent to commit the crime. Mentioned testimony of transfer men in regard to defendant's attempt to conceal the liquor barrels they were handling for him. Spoke of defendant's question to Mrs. Radovan if she intended to 'mitch' the place off. Mentioned defendant had denied the evidence of all the prosecution's witnesses and virtually charged them with perjury. Asked after character and motives were considered was there any doubt where the perjury lay. Referred to defense's effort to raise a reasonable doubt in the minds of the jury as to whether the commission of the crime by some other than the defendant—in this case Frank Radovan. Attorney Seevers closed by saying that the prosecution felt confident that evidence enough had been presented to convict defendant with the crime charged without leaving any doubt in the mind of any reasonable man.

"The court here took a recess till 1:30 p.m.

"Attorney Gardner started his argument for the defense at the opening of the afternoon session of the superior court...Stated he felt heavy responsibility in the case. Had thought of submitting the matter after Attorney Seevers' argument but decided to refrain from doing so chiefly on account of a statement he had made in a speech during the recent campaign when the district attorney was seeking election to that office, to the effect that the only people who would be benefited by his election would be persons accused of crime. After the district attorney's fair treatment of himself during this case he wished to give him a chance to disprove that prediction. He also wished to show the jury that there was argument made by the prosecution that he could not meet. He referred to the brevity of Attorney Seevers' argument, which gave him nothing to argue upon and would therefore have to anticipate district attorney's closing argument. Mr. Gardner declared he himself would use no oratory dodge or distort no facts and would deal with the jury fairly. Was not going to ask jury to decide case on sympathy or prejudice but strictly on the facts presented. Referred to 48 points of evidence, district attorney had promised to prove and proceeded to demolish them. Produced a bill of sale given by Rudebeck to defendant to prove that defendant never knew of the Radovan's claim to ownership of the furniture and fittings in the burned building. Urged that payment for the fire loss on furniture to defendant completed proof of this contention. Stated that the fact that this was of incendiary origin had not been established by prosecution, which was essential. Referred to evidence of Witnesses Walling and Laporte concerning their observation of the starting of the fire at

West Third and Walker streets which he severely criticized, as affording no proof of a fire started by a sudden explosion or to the point in the building where it started. Argued that there was nothing to show that the fire had not started from defective wiring in the upper story of the rooming house and burned downward. Referred to evidence of Fire Chief Sandberg concerning the course of fire and his investigation of the ruins, stating that he had told nothing to show where the fire started or what started it. Declared that the half-burned sack found by witness six weeks after the fire was valueless as evidence of an incendiary fire, even if found at a time nearer the fire. Fire Chief Sandberg had not testified as to having smelled burning kerosene oil during the fire. Explained witness White and de Mattos' evidence in regard to this by the presence of a switch engine. Criticized Expert James' location of starting point of fire and his discovering of gasoline on it after exposure to two months of wet weather; also his statement that the sack had been placed under the floor and set afire there, ignited the floor and burned the building. Declared[,] as building set on the ground with no inlet to underneath it, that no evidence had been presented to show that any fire had been started underneath the floor or that anyone had started it.

"Attorney Gardner occupied four and a half hours of the afternoon session of the court in an able attack on the evidence introduced by the prosecution drawing the jury's attention to what he claimed were its weakest features.

"He reviewed and analyzed the testimony of Witnesses Radovan, Pender, Atteridge, Riddling, Hendry, James and Hrepich. He explained several discrepancies and inconsistencies in client's evidence and alleged conduct on the ground that said client was a foreigner unable to read or write the English language. Declared all defendant's actions both before and after the fire denoted innocence, not guilt. Argued that had defendant been the crafty criminal he was accused of being he would have acted quite differently. Attributed as a possible cause of prejudice toward defendant on the part of Witness Pender, the fact that latter was of British and defendant of Austrian origin. Denounced the evidence given by Fire Expert James and Fire Adjuster Riddling as outrageously unfair, drawing attention to the fact that notwithstanding their evidence the insurance companies had paid defendant's fire loss. Explained defendant being over insured as due to a misunderstanding. Explained that opportunity and motive were the two chief matters to be considered in tracing the crime to the criminal. Declared in conclusion that while he did not wish the jury to think that he accused the Radovans or anyone else of burning the building...all the circumstances of this case would prove that both the opportunity and motive of the Radovans to do so were far greater than the opportunity and motive of defendant."

“Santa Cruz, May 20, 12 m.—District Attorney Smith started his final argument to the jury...this morning. Stated he would find defendant guilty as charged simply on the evidence presented in the case...Had given defendant a fair trial, and asked jury to give him the benefit of every reasonable doubt. Defendant was charged with the worst crime a human being can commit, of which the fatal consequences can never be known. General destruction was always threatened as the result of an act of incendiary in the night when innocent folks are asleep, whatever the motive may be. Therefore it was the jury's duty to convict defendant of this crime if the evidence justify it to their minds and consciences. The law was not revengeful, but protective. In referring to able and earnest efforts of defendant's counsel in his behalf, Mr. Smith said that the action of the district attorney was taken solely in defense of the community. The duty of a prosecutor was unpleasant, but unavoidable. Circumstantial evidence, the law says, must be strong, and every allowance made in favor of defendant, yet it is in fact, in many instances, the strongest and most satisfactory evidence. Much feeling existed against this kind of evidence. Everything in human life, except death, was uncertain, therefore every affair of life must be judged by the ordinary light and rule of reason. Mr. Smith asked was there any reasonable doubt that the fire was set by human hand and that hand the defendant's. He explained the ‘corpus delicti’ proof of the deed—the fire, and recalled circumstances of the early morning fire, as testified by eye witnesses, proving that the fire burned upward and was fed by inflammable and explosive material. Referred to testimony of Fire Chief Sandberg and Fire Adjuster Riddling that fire started in saloon or liquor room. Referred to the buried sack found in ruins and to defense's attack on Fire Expert James' evidence, declaring that the latter's moderation proved his honesty. Mr. Smith read an extract from James' evidence. Asked if there was any evidence to contradict same. He then read defendant's statement of stock in liquor room. (Counsel for defense here entered objection to a detail of statement). District attorney asked if mass of glass would not have remained after fire if any such quantity of bottles had existed.

“He explained the chief motives of crimes: revenge, hate, malice, and the dollar. Defendant's act was attributable to hate and revenge against the Radovans, and greed for the dollar. Defendant's application for a lease for the purpose of securing the house for a boarding house, after it had been declared an unfit place for a saloon, was part of a plan of revenge. Mrs. Radovan's refusal was natural in a mother and a decent woman. Defendant's declaration that the dollar was his god, proved his avarice and his shamelessness. He then adverted to defendant's coolness on the witness stand and his embarrassment when questioned as to his experience as a miner.”

“This morning's Santa Cruz Sentinel says:

“For a long drawn-out case of a felonious nature in the local county that of the people against B. Gurich, charged with arson, holds the record for the past year or two...”

EP; 20 May 1915; item: “M. N. Zar, who will conduct the Popularity Contests at the Opera House and Chas. Salick, his assistant, arrived in town last evening to take charge of the contest. The beautiful Overland car which Mr. Zar will give away, will be displayed along the streets every afternoon. Mr. Zar is here to personally conduct the contest and he is a hustler from start to finish.”

EP; 20 May 1915; article: “Mr. M. N. Zar arrived in Watsonville today to personally superintendent the Popularity contest at the Opera House. He has made a tremendous success in all the leading towns in the state.

“The machine is the latest model of the Overland car and is worth trying to win. It will be on display along Main street every afternoon and will be on exhibition at the Opera House every afternoon and evening.

“Mr. Zar states that the contest is the shortest ever pulled off in any city, lasting only 21 days, and he predicts for it a tremendous success. Nomination blanks will be issued today and tomorrow and the contest starts Saturday. Don't fail to enter yourself or friend now.

“Mr. Zar and his associate will be at the theater from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and will enroll contestants and give any information desired.

“The standing of the different contestants will be presented on the curtain every evening. The employees of the Opera House and their relatives will not be permitted to enter this contest.

“Start now. Don't delay.”

EP; 20 May 1915; disp. ad:

House Wiring
MOTORS
Lighting Fixtures
Central Electric Works
246 Main St. Phone 209.

EP; 21 May 1915; article: “The Popularity Contest at the Opera House starts tomorrow. Nomination blanks were dropped in the ballot boxes all day yesterday by contestants. All were enthusiastic and are going to try to win the splendid Overland touring car which was on display in the lobby of the theater yesterday afternoon and evening and will remain there the balance of the contest. Get your nomination blanks today and enter your name or friend so that you will be ready to start collecting votes tomorrow.

“Mr. Zar and his associate will be at the theater from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will be pleased to explain the plan

to the contestants. Don't hesitate but enroll now. Everyone is wondering how it is possible to give away such a valuable prize in three weeks but these boys seem to know, having held successful contests in San Jose, Fresno, Sacramento, Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley and other cities in the state.

"It's worth trying to win, so let's all boost."

EP; 21 May 1915; item: "People vs. B. Gurich—Verdict of jury acquitting defendant on charge of arson."

EP; 21 May 1915; article: "NOT GUILTY...Today's Sentinel says:

"After 27 minutes deliberation the jury which heard the case of the people against B. Gurich, charged with arson, brought in a verdict at 2 o'clock yesterday in superior court, acquitting the defendant of the charge. Hiram F. Faneuf was the foreman of the jury.

"At 10 o'clock yesterday morning, when court was called, District Attorney George W. Smith began the closing argument for the prosecution and talked until nearly the noon hour. He spoke very rapidly and reviewed the whole case, calling attention to the strong points in the chain of circumstantial evidence.

"It has been a long tedious case, consuming seven days. The only evidence against Gurich was of a circumstantial nature and the jury did not deem it sufficient to warrant a verdict against the Watsonville saloon man.

"Gurich was happy when the verdict was rendered and thanked each of the 12 men in whose hands rested his fate. During the trial the defendant's wife and little boy were in court part of the time."

EP; 21 May 1915; item: "Andy Balich of Santa Cruz was a business visitor here today."

EP; 21 May 1915; item: "Attorneys Clay W. Seevers and J. E. Gardner, B. Gurich, the defendant, Mrs. Gurich and Jurors William Grul, Elmore J. Lee and A. N. Esbeck have returned from the Gurich trial in Santa Cruz."

EP; 22 May 1915; item: "Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Petition for sale of real estate; hearing set for June 28."

EP; 22 May 1915; ALL: J. Radonich.

EP; 24 May 1915; article: "Interest in the contest at the Opera House is growing more and more each day. Every contestant is striving to win the automobile and the contest is certainly going to be a great success because everybody gets full value on their investment. To make it plain: If you buy a dollar ticket from a contestant that ticket is good for admission until used. There are about seventy-five popular ladies and gentlemen enrolled in the contest since Saturday and Mr. Zar predicts about one

hundred and fifty more, before the end of the week. May the best one win. We wish them all luck. (Adv.)

"Standing of Contestants up to Sunday, May 23d, 1915: ...Joe Mascovich: 150..."

EP; 24 May 1915; item: "George Slavich of Santa Cruz, a former local resident, was here for the week-end."

EP; 24 May 1915; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith, Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Towne of Santa Cruz were here Saturday night."

EP; 25 May 1915; article: "The case of George Ivankovich against Constable A. J. Devine was before Justice of the Peace A. B. Hawkins this morning...The defendant pleaded not guilty and the case was set for June 15..."

"The case is the result of a fistic argument which took place on Walker street on Sunday, May 16th. Wyckoff and Gardner appeared for the defendant while Clay W. Seevers appeared for District Attorney George W. Smith."

EP; 25 May 1915; article: "POPULARITY CONTEST...Standing of the contestants up to Monday, May 24th, 1915: ...Joe Mascovich: 175..."

EP; 25 May 1915; item: "Tony Gospodnetich et ux to Luke Scurich—Lot in Watsonville, \$1000."

EP; 26 May 1915; item: "Tom Vucinich, an employee of the Third Street Restaurant, was taken to Santa Cruz this afternoon by Constable Mann. For some time past Vucinich is alleged to have been demented and it is thought that it was caused from illness. He was removed to Santa Cruz where an examination will be made. In all probability he will be taken care of by the Slavonian lodge to which he belongs."

EP; 26 May 1915; article: "POPULARITY CONTEST...Standing of the contestants up to May 25th, 1915: ...Joe Mascovich: 245..."

EP; 27 May 1915; article: "POPULARITY CONTEST...Standing of the contestants up to Tuesday, May 25th, 1915: ...Joe Mascovich: 270..."

EP; 27 May 1915; born: "On the San Juan road, May 26, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Matiaevich [Matiashevich], a daughter." [*Grace; married Leavitt*]



Fig. 4-77. Grace Matiashevich.

EP; 29 May 1915; article: "STRAZICICH ESTATE IN COURT. In the matter of the estate of the late Stephen Strazicich, the Pajaro Valley National Bank and others yesterday petitioned in the superior court for the removal of the widow, Katherine Strazicich, as the executrix.

"In the petition it set forth that the petitioners are creditors of the estate and that their claims have been passed upon and allowed; they allege that the deceased owns a part interest in the Morning Star restaurant in Watsonville, which the executrix failed and neglected to have included in the inventory and appraisal of the estate, and this is the ground on which the removal is sought.

"Another petition asked that an order be made reducing the monthly allowance of \$75 which is paid to the widow, to \$25 per month. The grounds for this is a statement in the petition that the widow has property of her own from which an income is derived, and that she is also the owner of an unencumbered homestead."

EP; 29 May 1915; article: "BICYCLE STOLEN...About a year ago James Redman, who lives on the Beach road, lost a bicycle valued at \$100. The officers looked for the bicycle but could find no trace of it. Yesterday afternoon Officer Corr in company with Wilbur McFarlane found a bicycle that looked something like the lost one. The only difference was in the color. Upon examination they discovered it to be the stolen wheel. A Slavonian had it in his possession and upon being questioned he said that a Spaniard had sold it to him about a year ago. The bicycle was returned to Mr. Redman last evening by Officer Corr."

EP; 29 May 1915; item: "Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Petition of the Pajaro Valley National bank and others for removal of Katharina Strazicich as executrix and petition for order reducing family allowance from \$75 to \$25 per month; citation issued for executrix to appear in court on June 14th to show cause why request in petition should not be granted."

EP; 29 May 1915; article: "Yesterday afternoon Mrs. George Trafton entertained a few of her old time friends and neighbors at her home at 258 East Third street in honor of her birthday anniversary...

"Those present were: Mrs. Israel Johnson, Mrs. Steve Martinelli, Mrs. R. H. Pearson, Mrs. Stephen Scurich, Mrs. J. S. Dondero, Mrs. C. M. Neal and Mrs. George Trafton."

EP; 31 May 1915; item: "The R. S. Chukovich apple orchard in the Calabajas District is one of the orchards in the valley that shows the result of excellent care. Mr. Chukovich states that he will have a fine crop of apples this year. Thinning is now going on, after which he will spray for the third time."

EP; 31 May 1915; item: "George Slavich, a former local resident, was a weekend visitor here from Santa Cruz."

EP; 31 May 1915; item: "Mrs. M. P. Butier and daughter, Pearl, have returned from a trip to San Francisco."

EP; 1 Jun 1915; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...M. Gelch [Glech], \$35...J. Nemanich, \$26; S. Yakolovich [Yakovovich], \$9...City Grocery company, supplies, \$1.05..."

EP; 3 Jun 1915; class. ad: "NOW OPEN for business, Depot Barbershop, first-class work. Shave 10c, hair cut 25c. STRAZICICH BROS."

EP; 4 Jun 1915; article: "Last evening was Ladies' night at the local Elks' lodge. A large number of the wives of the members and lady friends were present...selections by the Royal Austrian quartette composed of Messrs. John Hrepich, Tony Radich, Jack Gospodnetich and Peter Novakovich, were well received..."

EP; 4 Jun 1915; list: "The Salinas Index last night published the delinquent tax list of Monterey county..."

"In Road District Two, Supervisor Mann's district, the following delinquents and the amounts in arrears are found: ...Michael Cordich, \$118.68...Knego and Milich, 76c..."

EP; 5 Jun 1915; article: "**One Week More and Auto Contest Is Over...** Standing of contestants up to Friday, June 4, 1915: ...Joe Mascovich: 22,560...[7th place]"

EP; 5 Jun 1915; item: "...The following are delinquent [in taxes]: City of Watsonville: ...Antone Scurich, \$36.32...Natale Skocho, \$2.67..."

EP; 5 Jun 1915; item: "N. Lucich vs. Rilovich Co. et al.—Case heard, submitted and taken under advisement."

EP; 5 Jun 1915; honorary promotions: "...from High 8th to High School: ...Jennie Dubreta...Helen Strazich...[of 41]"

EP; 5 Jun 1915; ALL: Luke Arbanas, W. Lettunich.

EP; 5 Jun 1915; article: "A party of girls from the dry goods department of the Charles Ford Co. put over a surprise on the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Fransich at their home on Grant avenue..."

"Those in the party were: Tillie Christensen, Mercedes Pinto, Gertrude Angel, Dorothy Schuchard, Miss Gaugher, Elvira Maddaux, Mrs. S. Trickle, Mrs. Stanforth, and Mr. and Mrs. Fransich."

EP; 7 Jun 1915; article: "...**Commencement Excer-**

cises...at Moreland Notre Dame Academy...The following was the program rendered and those who participated: ...Greeting chorus, accompanists...third part: R. Scurich...physical culture drill, accompanist, A. Scurich; Fantasia Caprice (Vieuxtemps), accompanist: A. Scurich...Triomphale, Quortuour, first pianos: A. Scurich... Fair Weather: Rachel Cikuth...Sunset: L. Lettunich... Rainbow Tints: K. Buak...California Poppies: L. Kulich...Brown Eyed Susans: C. Lettunich, L. Bacich...Wild Rose: L. Pecovich...Clovers: A. Cikuth, K. Stolich, A. Scurich...Daffodils: K. Mattulich; Daisies: A. Hrepich, A. Boutier [Butier], S. Gurach, L. Sabralio, L. Strazicich...Grasses: M. Lasich...Buttercups: M. Jano... Violets: L. Kalich, S. Zar...Morning Glories: M. Pervich, K. Hrepich, N. Kopentonich [Capitanich]...Bluebells: M. Bakich, A. Hrepich, J. Kulich...Sunbeams: R. Scurich, A. Copriviza, I. Strazich...Spiders: P. Knego; Fly: L. Kalich...Belisario (Donizetti), first pianos: A. Scurich... Valse de Concert, pianos: A. Scurich...physical culture drill, second section, first mandolins: A. Scurich...

“Certificates of promotion to the 3rd year of high school were awarded to: Anna Marinovich, Lena Strazicich; to the second year of high school: Angela Strazicich, Anna Scurich...”

EP; 7 Jun 1915; article: “AUTO CONTEST...Standing of contestants up to Sunday, June 6th, 1915: ...Joe Mascovich: 31,130...[6th place]”

EP; 7 Jun 1915; item: “Mike Nirich and Christ Jensen caught the limit Sunday along the Salsipuedes creek.”

EP; 8 Jun 1915; article: “AUTOMOBILE CONTEST...Standing of contestants up to Monday, June 7, 1915: ...Joe Mascovich: 44,745...[5th place]”

EP; 9 Jun 1915; honorary promotions: Low 8th to High 8th: Stephen Marinovich; Low 7th to High 7th: Chas. Sombraillo [Sambrailo]; High 6th to Low 7th: Anna Knego, Kathryn Strazicich, Emma Grizich; High 4th to Low 5th: Willie Sambrailo; High 3rd to Low 4th: Ned Gluhan, Tony Scurich; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Martin Franich, John Gurich, Marie Rilovich, Louis Bonicich; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Martin Grizich.

EP; 10 Jun 1915; promotions by exam: High 8th to High School: Jennie Dubreta, Helen Strazich; Low 7th to High 7th: Paul Kulich; High 6th to Low 7th: Mark Rilovich, Martin Rilovich; Low 6th to High 6th: Kate Arbanas, Nick Castropelli; High 5th to Low 6th: John Castropelli, Paul Dubreta, Louis Arbanas, Lazarus Matson, Matthew Derganc, Ione [Tone] Dubreta; Low 5th to High 5th: Tony Boscovich, Stephen Nemanich, Nellie Puhiera; High 4th to Low 5th: Frank Saveria, Martin Ljubenko, Anna Ljubenko; High 3rd to Low 4th: Frank Gospodnetich; Low 3th to High 3rd: Katie Ljubenko, Peter Zar,

Anna Glage; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Mary Matson; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Peter Copriviza; High 1st to Low 2nd: Vene Glage; Low 1st to High 1st: Louie Lucich, Martin Kudich, Lazarus Gurash, Annie Gluhan.

EP; 10 Jun 1915; obit: “Watsonville, June 10, 1915, Peter Matusich, son of George and Katie Matusich, aged 1 month and 4 days.”

EP; 10 Jun 1915; article: “...AUTO CONTEST. Standing of contestants up to Wednesday, June 9, 1915: ...Joe Mascovich: 66,270...[5th place]”

EP; 11 Jun 1915; board of supervisors, payments: “County Fund: ...Luke Pulich, \$8...Indigent Sick Fund: ...City Grocery, \$29.30...Panama-Pacific Fund: ...M. N. Lettunich, \$16...Pajaro Road Fund: Vegar, George: \$2...”

EP; 12 Jun 1915; ALL: Pasko Varovich, Marko Cepo, Tonj. Tanburovich.

EP; 12 Jun 1915; article: “AUTO CONTEST...The contest at the Opera House closed at 3 p.m. today.

“The winner will be announced at 8 p.m. in the theatre tonight. All those having books kindly return them to the contest manager. All orders were void after 3 p.m.

“Standing of contestants up to Friday, June 11, 1915: ...Joe Mascovich: 81,775...[5th place]”

EP; 14 Jun 1915; article: “JOE MASCOVICH WINNER OF AUTO. Joe Mascovich, clerk at the Central Grocery, won the Overland automobile in the Opera House Popularity Contest. When the polls closed at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and the judges started to count the votes it was soon found that Mascovich had a commanding lead over his opponents.

“The final standing of the contestants in the popularity contest is as follows: Joe Mascovich, 1,229,475; Carrie L. Jenkins, 763,195; Mrs. E. E. Bowers, 215,300...”

EP; 14 Jun 1915; article: “The Santa Cruz and Watsonville electricians enjoyed a banquet at the Hotel Royal on Saturday evening. All those who attended were members of the Santa Cruz County Electricians Union...”

“Those who are present at the affair were George MacIntosh of Watsonville, W. R. Jones of Santa Cruz, A. H. Teely of Santa Cruz, J. Torndorf of Santa Cruz, J. Belvail of Santa Cruz, Ike Kuehnis of Watsonville, J. Stojanovich of Watsonville, T. W. Iper of Santa Cruz, George Slavich of Santa Cruz and B. Allen of Santa Cruz.”

EP; 14 Jun 1915; item: “Mike Zar and his partner, Charley Salich left for San Francisco yesterday afternoon. They say ‘No more Popularity contests in small towns for them!’”

EP; 15 Jun 1915; article: "ESTATE CASE BEFORE THE COURT. Yesterday in the Superior Court at Santa Cruz the petition of the Pajaro Valley National Bank, and other creditors, for the removal of Mrs. Katherine Strazicich, as executrix, was heard before Judge Benj. K. Knight. The grounds for removal were that Mrs. Strazicich neglected to return in her inventory of the estate the partnership interest of her deceased husband in the Morning Star Restaurant. Quite a number of witnesses had been subpoenaed by the Bank which holds an unsecured claim against the firm of Perasich & Strazicich for \$2346. As a reason for not turning in the inventory [of] the partnership interest[,] Mrs. Strazicich produced in court a deed and transfer to her of the partnership interest in the Morning Star Restaurant made in December 1913, and produced testimony that she was advised by her attorneys who prepared the inventory and appraisal that the deed having vested in her her husband's partnership interest in the restaurant it was not necessary for her to inventory[,] it as a part of her husband's estate.

"This rendered much of the testimony of the witnesses unnecessary. The matter was submitted to the court on briefs to be filed..."

EP; 15 Jun 1915; item: "Paul Miladin has returned from a visit to Santa Cruz."

EP; 15 Jun 1915; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Luke Scurich are sojourning at Tassajara Springs; so also are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stolich..."

EP; 15 Jun 1915; item: "Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Hearing on citation; matter to be submitted on briefs."

EP; 16 Jun 1915; item: "Luke Scurich and others have brought suit against Clara L. Morris and others for foreclosure of mortgage on property in Corralitos rancho. The amount sought to be recovered is \$5,500 with interest and costs."

EP; 16 Jun 1915; article: "The case of the People vs. George Ivancovich came up before Justice of the Peace A. B. Hawkins this morning..."

"At the hour we go to press the case continues and it will probably take the rest of the day. The charge against Ivancovich is that of disturbing the peace and Attorney J. E. Gardner is appearing for him. District Attorney George W. Smith is appearing for the people..."

EP; 16 Jun 1915; item: "Luke Scurich et al vs. Clara L. Morris et al.—Complaint in suit for foreclosure of mortgage for \$5,500, interest, costs, etc."

EP; 16 Jun 1915; item: "Notice of Action—Luke Scurich et al. plaintiff, vs. Clara L. Morris et al, defendants, 96.15 acres; Corralitos rancho."

EP; 16 Jun 1915; item: "Nicholas M. Lettunich has returned from a trip to Tassajara Springs."

EP; 16 Jun 1915; notice: "Having bought out the interests of Joseph Majors in the 'S. & S. Saloon,' No. 266 Main street, Watsonville, Cal., notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that all bills due the former firm, Majors & Tanner, shall be paid to the old firm prior to June 14, 1915. The new firm will be composed of J. N. Tanner and N. Strazicich. June 14, 1915. N. STRAZICICH, J. N. TANNER."

EP; 17 Jun 1915; article: "IVANCOVICH GUILTY... [T]he jury in the Ivancovich case returned after a ten minute recess and seven minutes after they adjourned to the jury room they returned a verdict of guilty. The verdict was unanimous..."

"The one feature of the trial is the fact that it is the first jury trial in a local court in which the defendant was found guilty for a number of years..."

"On Sunday, May 16th, the affair over which the case is being contested, occurred. A baseball had been batted over the fence and two small boys who were standing in the street went after it. The ball fell on the defendant's property and it was picked up by Mike Glage. Devine went to take the ball from the boy and it is alleged that the boy threw the ball back into the yard. At this it is alleged that Devine cuffed the boy and Ivancovich interfered. He was then arrested for disturbing the peace.

"At the time this affair occurred it created a great deal of talk around town calling to the fact that it was alleged Ivancovich was confined to his bed for three or four days as the result of his fracas with Devine.

"The following witnesses appeared yesterday: ...Mike Kolak, Mike Glage, Mrs. Bolovich and George Ivancovich. Luke Pulich acted as interpreter for most of the Slavonian witnesses who can not understand English..."

EP; 17 Jun 1915; item: "John Alaga, former local resident, is here from Los Angeles on a business trip. He is now representing Fred F. Lambourn, the Los Angeles fruit broker, and is here to purchase cherries."

EP; 18 Jun 1915; born: "Watsonville, June 18, 1915, to Mrs. and Mrs. N. P. Stolich, a daughter."

[Eleanor; +1990; married Brown]



Fig. 4-78. Eleanor Stolich.

EP; 18 Jun 1915; item: “Peter Mengol of San Francisco is a visitor in this city.”

EP; 18 Jun 1915; article: “NEW SLAV NATION IN BALKANS. (By Henry Wood, United Press Correspondent. Copyright, 1915.)

“Nish, Servia, (via London)—A new Slavish nation to include Servia, Croatia, Slavonia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Istria and the ancient Servian empire beyond the Danube, is the hope and ambition of the Servian leaders. And when the present war is settled the Servian leaders will demand that the powers settle for all time the great Balkan questions so that they may build up their devastated country and resume their place in the family of nations.

“This is the plan and hope expressed by the Prince Regent of Servia, Alexander, in his first public utterance since the war began. He received me in the five-room cottage set apart for his convenience at Kragmlevats, the general headquarters of the Servian army, and recited for the United Press details of the great campaign the little Servian army has been able to wage against the might of Austria. For a time the prince was the interviewer, asking anxiously regarding my observations in France and questioning as to the probability of Italy’s entrance into the war.

“When he discussed the work of his own troops the prince waxed enthusiastic. It was plain that he was proud of the manner in which his soldiers have twice thrown back the entire weight of the Austrian army, and he was glad to tell of the fighting.

“‘The moral force behind the soldier fighting for home and country makes him invincible over the soldier whose only force is that inspired by military discipline and organization,’ he said. ‘It is that which has enabled Servia twice to defeat Austria, and it is that which will enable her to continue victorious to the end. Soldiers of an agricultural country like Servia, where every citizen owns his own home or farm, are more to be reckoned with than the soldier who fights merely because he is ordered to do so. The poorest peasant in our army fights with grim determination and defies death to save the little patch that is his and his country’s. Fighting like this he is invincible. I personally am an ardent admirer of military discipline and organization but I cannot deny that the real source of strength of the Servian army is in its patriotism.

“‘While we have defeated the enemy twice, I do not believe that a third attempt to overwhelm us will be made at present. It was the plan of the Austro-German staff to send another great combined army through Servia and, if victorious, to influence Bulgaria to join in the fighting and march to the relief of Turkey. Fortunately the success of our Russian allies has made it necessary for the enemy to withdraw his army from our northern boundaries. I do not believe that either Austria or Germany will now be able to mass another expedition against us.

“‘But we won’t remain idle. Although our losses have

been terrific and our nation is now being swept by a fatal epidemic of typhus, our army still is intact. It is as courageous and determined as ever, and is ready to come to the assistance of our allies when they need us.

“‘We hope to continue our full share toward the general struggle for the emancipation of the oppressed European people and for the reforming of the territorial limits of Europe along nationality lines.’

“‘Is Servia especially interested in this latter phase of the war?’ I asked.

“‘Yes, it is,’ the prince replied, with even greater emphasis than before. ‘This means more to us than any other thing. This war, which began for the maintenance of our independence, has now become also a war for the liberation and unity of our brethren, the Servians, the Croatians and the Slavonians, who still are under Austrian domination.

“‘We hope that when peace comes we will have established the right of the Servians, Croatians and Slavonians for an independent state in Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia, Dalmatia, Slavonia, Istria and the old Servian empire beyond the Danube, all of which Austria now holds. There are 12,000,000 Slavs in this territory.

“‘They constitute by far the majority of the population. They also are our brothers by common origin, language, tradition, custom and history.

“‘For years Austria has sought to force them to forget their origin, their language and their nationality. Thousands, rather than consent, have emigrated, mostly to the United States. Certainly if these people must leave home I am glad that they can go to your country, but I am convinced that with their own country and government assured, they would be glad to remain and build up a great nation. With national welfare assured, naturally these people would prefer to remain on the soil from which their race sprung.’

“‘Recalling that when Prince Alexander assumed the Regency last June, only a month before the present war began, it was feared that his Russian military education might mean another militarist added to the European thrones. I asked him whether the realization of the national Servian dreams would necessitate the maintenance of an increased military system.

“‘I hope not,’ was the reply. ‘But that all depends upon the outcome of the present war. I am a militarist only to the point where it is necessary to maintain an army to protect the rights of the people. As a nation Servia has purchased the right to an independent existence at sacrifices too great to permit lightly risking them again. We hope that when we are given peace every question affecting the Balkans will be so settled as to render another war impossible. We desire only a long period of tranquility to permit the intellectual, commercial and industrial development which alone can ensure our permanent existence. No person who has once witnessed all that war means can ever wish to see another.

“It is the wish of all Servians that we can eventually open extensive financial and commercial relations with the United States. The materials we have bought there since the war began have been most excellent. And America has aided us greatly in the saving of lives of our people.

“In our greatest hour of need America has been most generous and kind. It would seem almost ungracious to single out amongst so many noble persons, each of whom I am convinced did all that they could, but I cannot refrain from mentioning the noble work of Dr. Ryan, who has had charge of your Red Cross work. His work has been done under my personal observation. His care of our wounded, and his action in protecting the rights of our people, and especially of our wounded during the Austrian occupation of Belgrade has won him official recognition not only with the French and Servian governments, but also the gratitude of the entire Servian nation.’

“Prince Alexander is 37 years old, and is of a strikingly manly type. Like all of the Servian officers, however, he is most serious, although this seems to add to the charm of his manner. He received me dressed in the service uniform of a Colonel of the Servian army, and wearing only three military decorations, those given him by England, France and Germany. The [meeting] took place on the first floor of the little cottage set aside for his use in a corner room in which he has established an office, the windows of which look out on the main village street. He has a small desk at which he works late into the night on the great problems of state. He offered me a cigarette, but as I do not smoke he very courteously refrained from smoking himself during the entire audience.

“His Excellency asked that full credit be given his officers for their great work in leading the army, especially Field Marshall Putnik, his chief of staff, and Col. Pavlovitch, his chief aide, who were chiefly responsible for organizing the movement which resulted in the last crushing Austrian defeat.”

EP; 19 Jun 1915; article: “The case of W. H. Bone vs. H. V. Trafton, as sheriff of this county, was heard in the superior court yesterday and after being submitted was taken under advisement. The suit grew out of the sale of some property belonging to the Radovans at Watsonville on which there were attachments. Mr. Bone held a chattel mortgage of the property, and sets up the claim that the attachment of October 7 was void because previously he held a mortgage for \$630, for which he is suing, together with costs. The property consisted of box material.—Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 19 Jun 1915; item: “Frank Marisch of San Francisco is here for the week-end.”

EP; 19 Jun 1915; article: “ORGANIZATION NOW NEAR FOR THE VALLEY...At a meeting held last night

in the auditorium, which was attended by the representative growers, packers, shippers and business men of the city and valley[,] preliminary steps were taken for the formation in this community of a co-operative organization that will unite all those interested in the apple industry.

“J. E. Gardner was elected chairman of the conference and Carroll J. Rogers acted as secretary...

“The object of the meeting, which was to discuss the future success of the apple industry, was first explained by F. S. Jerome, manager of the Chas. Ford Company, and after his interesting talk the meeting was thrown open for free discussion.

“Short but pointed talks were made by Warren R. Porter, president of the Pajaro Valley National Bank; W. R. Radcliff, cashier of the Bank of Watsonville; H. M. Tenney, secretary of the San Monte Fruit Company; C. H. Baker, manager of the Loma Fruit Company; F. L. MacDonald of the firm of MacDonald & Sons; M. N. Lettunich of the M. N. Lettunich Company, Edward White, O. D. Stoesser, president of the Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company; Alderman P. A. Callaghan, J. W. Tullock, Frank L. Rowe, H. S. Fletcher, president of the Bank of Watsonville; J. D. Copeland, manager of the San Monte Fruit Company, and J. E. Gardner.

“All present were enthusiastic and heartily in favor of organization. After the speaking[,] plans for uniting the citizens interested in the fruit industry were taken up and it was decided that a committee be appointed to draft tentative plans for organization, this committee to report at a public mass meeting to be held in the auditorium on Saturday afternoon, June 26th...

“The members appointed upon this committee are Warren R. Porter, H. S. Fletcher, John W. Baxter, F. S. Jerome, M. N. Lettunich, H. M. Tenney, George Copriviza, Edward White, W. J. McGrath, J. W. Tullock, Dr. J. B. Cutter, C. H. Baker and J. E. Gardner.

“The following agreement was signed at the meeting last night by all present:

“The undersigned growers, packers and shippers of apples, in the Pajaro Valley, and representatives of the financial and commercial institutions of the city of Watsonville, believing that it is of vital importance to every person in this district, hereby agree to proceed as speedily as possible with the organization of those interested in the apple industry with a view to bettering the producing and marketing conditions, and joining in urging all persons to be present at the mass meeting called for...Saturday, June 26th, 1915, at the auditorium.

“Signed: J. D. Copeland, H. P. Kane, H. S. Fletcher, W. R. Porter, W. R. Radcliff, Steven Scurich, J. W. Waters, H. J. Cowles, R. J. Parkinson, H. M. Tenney, MacDonald & Sons, Casserly Fruit Growers Association, by F. L. Rowe, Edward White, Resetar Brothers, H. C. Peckham, Copriviza and Gera, California Spray Chemical Company, by E. E. Luther, W. J. McGowan, J. B. Cutter, Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company, by O. D.

Stoesser, W. J. McGrath, J. Walter Smith, B. L. Driscoll, P. J. Freiermuth Company, Stolich Brothers, P. A. Callaghan, A. W. Batchelder, D. P. Regan, M. N. Lettunich and Company, J. W. Tullock, Alaga Brothers, C. W. McGowan, Loma Fruit Company, by C. H. Baker, manager, Rodgers Brothers, by C. J. Rodgers, M. C. Rodgers, L. P. Cikuth, John Franich, Mateo Lettunich, F. S. Jerome, J. E. Gardner.”

EP; 19 Jun 1915; item: “George Ivancovich was brought before Justice of the Peace A. B. Hawkins this morning...and as a result of the verdict of guilty given by the jury he was fined \$50.

“Attorney Gardner announced that he would appeal the case. The case will come up in the Superior Court in Santa Cruz sometime in the near future.”

EP; 22 Jun 1915; item: “C. M. Zils vs. Frank Radovan, et als.—Complaint in foreclosure of mortgage for \$3480 with interest on \$4500, costs, etc.”

EP; 23 Jun 1915; item: “Mark Vadopia [Vodopia], who is very well known in this section, having visited here for quite a period last year with the Milcovich family, committed suicide yesterday by jumping into the bay in San Francisco. Two years ago while in this city he won \$20,000 in the lottery and was very wealthy for a time. He lost all his wealth and decided to end it all by committing suicide.”

EP; 26 Jun 1915; article: “Yesterday in the Superior Court at Santa Cruz before Judge Benj. K. Knight the trial of the action of Luke Matulich vs. the California Insurance Company of San Francisco was concluded, having engaged the attention of the court since Thursday morning. The suit was for the recovery of the value of the personal property destroyed by fire last July, while located in the packing house of Gospodnetich and Matulich on the property formerly occupied as a brewery by the late Nick Burton on Lake avenue.

“Mr. James Sheehy as local agent for the Insurance Company claimed at the time of taking out the insurance that Gospodnetich and Matulich failed to inform him of the existence of a prior insurance and of a chattel mortgage on the property and that because of such failure the policy of the insurance became void. The insured claimed that they informed Mr. Sheehy of the prior insurance and that as to the chattel mortgage Mr. Sheehy did not ask them anything about it and not being aware that the existence of the mortgage was any bar to their right to the policy or affected the company’s liability to pay the loss, they did not deem it necessary to inform him of the mortgage...”

EP; 26 Jun 1915; item: “Mike Matulich vs. The California Insurance Co. of San Francisco.”

EP; 28 Jun 1915; disp. ad:

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EP; 28 Jun 1915; disp. ad:

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EP; 28 Jun 1915; article: “APPLE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN ORGANIZED. The Pajaro Valley apple industry has at last been organized. After years of success and failure, after the organization of the growers, packers, shippers and all others directly or indirectly interested in the welfare of the fruit industry had been preached and refused for years in the valley and after the apple industry had reached a stage where organization was imperative the men and women interested in the success of the Pajaro Valley’s greatest industry finally met last Saturday afternoon and organized the Watsonville Apple Distributors, an organization that is destined to bring remarkable results to this community.

“The mass meeting held Saturday afternoon in the auditorium was the largest attended and greatest public meeting ever held in this city. Over 1200 men and women were gathered in the big hall to hear the discussion of the future of the apple industry. The meeting was of one mind and that was in favor of organization. A few brief speeches were made but the speeches could not have changed the temper of the audience even had they been against co-operation in the apple industry. When the question came to a vote there was one unanimous response from the gathering and that unanimity was for organization.

“Attorney John E. Gardner, chairman of the committee of 13 appointed on June 18th, acted as the presiding officer of the meeting and Carroll J. Rodgers, secretary of the committee, was the mass meeting secretary. First of all the report of the committee of 13 was read and this report will be found in full at the conclusion of this article. Chairman Gardner then called upon a few of those present for remarks but cautioned them to not refer to the past, telling the speakers in advance that the valley was concerned only with the future.

“W. R. Radcliff, cashier of the Bank of Watsonville, was the first speaker and he opened by saying that the business men of the city had realized for some time past that something must be done with the chief industry of the valley or else dig up the trees. He pointed out that all over the United States steps have been taken to remedy the general condition except in the Pajaro Valley. He said

that the old order of things, in which the fruit was bought before the blossoms came upon the trees, had changed and that today it was unwise to advance credit for speculative purposes. He further said the time was ripe for union and he recommended the adoption of the committee's plans.

"F. S. Jerome, general manager of the Charles Ford Company, was the next speaker and he assured those present that the mercantile interests of the city were in full sympathy and accord with the plans of the committee. He further assured all that the business men would stand shoulder to shoulder with the growers and others in the future for the success of the apple industry.

"M. N. Lettunich of the M. N. Lettunich Company spoke briefly and said he was in favor of organization and would do all he could to boost co-operation...

"State Assemblyman Harold E. McPherson was present at the meeting and he stated that his Standard Apple Pack Bill had been favorably considered at Sacramento as the Watsonville bill because 90% of the apples in the state came from this section. He said there was power in organization and that the Pajaro Valley apples spoke for themselves, the only trouble being the question of getting them to market...

"This ended the discussion and then the motion to adopt the report of the committee of 13 was taken up. It was carried with a whoop and with warm enthusiasm. The election of an executive committee of 21 members as provided by the by-laws was then considered, the men recommended for election by the committee being chosen unanimously.

"The executive committee chosen will therefore be composed of the following members.

"Unaffiliated growers—Edgar White, James H. Rowe, J. B. Cutter and C. J. Rodgers.

"Growers Associations—H. T. Davis, C. H. Baker and F. L. Rowe.

"Commercial Packers—M. N. Lettunich, H. M. Tenny, George Copriviza and F. P. Marinovich.

"Brokers—T. J. Horgan and James Sheehy.

"Bankers—W. R. Radcliff and C. F. Langley.

"Merchants—J. W. Baxter and F. S. Jerome.

"At large—J. W. Tullock, Luke Scurich, Otto Raphael and W. J. McGrath...

"The Executive Board will meet this evening...in the auditorium to elect its officers and tomorrow State Horticultural Commissioner A. J. Cook of Sacramento will be here to meet the board.

"The complete report of the committee of 13 as adopted was as follows: [omitted here]"

EP; 29 Jun 1915; item: "George Ivancovich of Watsonville, through his attorneys, Wyckoff & Gardner has filed an appeal with the superior court from the decision of the justice court at Watsonville from an order of Justice Hawkins denying the defendant a new trial. Ivancovich

was arrested and charged with disturbing the peace of the Apple City. He was tried before a jury, convicted and fined \$50.—Santa Cruz Surf."

EP; 29 Jun 1915; item: "Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Order for sale of the real estate."

EP; 29 Jun 1915; item: "People vs. George Ivancovich—Statement on appeal from Justice Court of Watsonville."

EP; 30 Jun 1915; item: "Joe Mascovich, who has been in the employ of the Central Grocery for the past five years, has resigned his position, the resignation to take effect tomorrow. Mr. Mascovich will leave Saturday for San Francisco for a two weeks' vacation, the first vacation he has had in five years, and all his friends will hope that he enjoys his rest. Mr. Mascovich was the winner for the automobile in the recent Opera House Popularity contest and may drive his car to the metropolis Saturday. His plans for the future are indefinite but he has several good propositions in view."

EP; 30 Jun 1915; item: "R. Radovich has returned from a business visit to Salinas."

EP; 30 Jun 1915; item: "Nick Lettunich, E. B. Rilovich and Paul Miladin left today by auto for the Tassajara country on a deer hunting trip. They will be away for two or three days."

EP; 1 Jul 1915; item: "N. Lucich vs. Rilovich Company et al. Decision of the court in favor of plaintiff. There is due from defendants \$345.32 with interests upon the first, second and third causes of action in the amended complaint. Further conclusions of law are Judgment against Rilovich Company for \$745.32 and interests; against M. Rilovich for \$9.67 and interest; against G. Rilovich for \$9.67 and interest; against R. Rilovich for \$716.28 and interest."

EP; 1 Jul 1915; disp. ad:

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EP; 3 Jul 1915; article: "[4th of July Parade]...The committees in charge of the celebration and their members are as follows: Parade Committee...Luke Scurich...[of 23]"

EP; 3 Jul 1915; ALL: John Wuskovich.

EP; 3 Jul 1915; article: "MEMBERSHIP ROLL...The following membership roll of the Apple Distributors of this city and valley gives an idea of the scope that is to be covered by the new organization. The list is by no means complete as yet, there being a number of cards in the office of the Distributors that have not as yet been placed upon the roll. There are also many other residents of this city and valley that have signified their intention of joining the Distributors, but have not yet signed the cards:

"...**Commercial Packers:** Copriviza & Gera; Balich, Antone; Grizich, M.; Lettunich, M. N. Co.; Lettunich, Mateo; Lettunich, E. W....Nemanich, J.; Pista, B....Resetar, P. M.; Resetar Bros...Scurich, Stephen...[of 15]...

"**Growers:** ...Chucovich, R. L....Opusich, Vido M.... [of 183]..."

"**Merchants, Business and Professional Men:** City Gro. Co.; Central Gro. Co.; Hrepich, Geo...Novcich [Novcich], Jack...Petrinovich & Lamat; Prenisich [Previsich], John...Stanovich, John...Viscovich, A. J....Watsonville Bakery..."

EP; 6 Jul 1915; born: "Watsonville, July 3, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Pulich [Kulich], twins, a son and daughter." [Anthony; +1978. Anna; +1934]

EP; 6 Jul 1915; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...M. Glech, \$74.25...S. Kucher, \$30...J. Neminich [Nemanich], \$12...Central Grocery Co., \$21..."

EP; 7 Jul 1915; article: "Among the county claims allowed yesterday by the board of supervisors was one to Dr. F. H. Koepke of Watsonville for \$1200 for medical services to Jack Novcich [Novcich] who was injured near Watsonville about a year ago while in the employ of the county. The man came in contact with an electric wire and was badly injured and burned. The original claim of Dr. Koepke was for \$1800, but the amount was compromised and the sum of 1200 allowed.

"The injuries to Mr. Novcich occurred while the county was liable under the state liability act, but prior to the time the county had taken out insurance to cover all accidents to those in its employ.—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 7 Jul 1915; item: "M. S. Nunes vs. Frank Saveria et als. Order citing G. Monkovich to appear before Justice Hawkins in Watsonville on July 14 to answer as to his having in his possession certain property belonging to defendants."

EP; 8 Jul 1915; item: "Mr. M. L. Kalich and family leave today for a month's camping trip near Hunter's Hill."

EP; 8 Jul 1915; promotions by exam: "...The Monterey County Board of Education announces the promotion of 7th grade pupils to the 8th grade as follows: ...Pajaro: ...Lawrence Vukich..."

EP; 9 Jul 1915; item: "Mabel Gurash was arrested today by Constable W. B. Mann on a complaint sworn out by Ed Cikuth. The cause of the arrest was because Cikuth alleged that the defendant whipped his boy..."

EP; 9 Jul 1915; item: "Public administrator's semi-annual reports on the following estates filed: ...Mateo I. Jasprica..."

EP; 9 Jul 1915; item: "Luke Scurich is home from a visit to Tassajara Springs."

EP; 9 Jul 1915; item: "Mrs. Luke Scurich and son have departed for a visit to the San Francisco fair."

EP; 9 Jul 1915; item: "Mrs. Peter Scurich and sons, Tony and Charles, have departed for a visit to the San Francisco fair."

EP; 10 Jul 1915; article: "Last evening at about 6:30 p.m., a motorcycle ridden by Miss Ida McFarlane ran into the two children of Mr. and Mrs. John Franich while they were playing on the lawn in front of the residence at 206 Lake avenue.

"Miss McFarlane was riding the motorcycle down East Lake Avenue and when in front of the Franich home the machine became uncontrollable and ran up onto the sidewalk, over the cement curb around the lawn, the heavy machine falling on the children who were too frightened to move out of its path. One of the children received a few scratches while the other was rather seriously injured. No further information was given as to the extent of their injuries."

EP; 10 Jul 1915; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Novak of San Francisco are the guests here of Mrs. Nicholas Strazicich. Mrs. Novak and Mrs. Strazicich are sisters."

EP; 12 Jul 1915; item: "Andy Balich of Santa Cruz was a visitor here yesterday on business."

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Fig. 4-79. Two display ads from *Evening Pajaronian* of 12 July 1915.

EP; 12 Jul 1915; item: "Prosper Lettunich of San Francisco is here visiting his father, M. N. Lettunich."

EP; 13 Jul 1915; Monterey Co. board of supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Milanovich, Chris, labor: \$6..."

EP; 13 Jul 1915; item: "Paul Arbanas [Arbanas] vs. Fred L. DeBack et al.—Demurrer to amended complaint."

EP; 13 Jul 1915; item: "C. M. Zills vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Demurrer to complaint."

EP; 14 Jul 1915; article: "(By United Press) San Francisco, July 14—Unless Mark Vodocia [Vodopia] committed suicide before 10 a.m. June 21, Mary Vodocia is not his widow and is not entitled to his \$10,000 estate.

"By a strange coincidence, Mrs. Vodocia obtained her final decree of divorce on the same day that Vodocia became despondent over the loss of \$10,000 which he had won in a lottery, jumped into the bay and was drowned.

"Mrs. Vodocia applied to the superior court for letters of administration. Her case rests upon the exact hour of Vodocia's suicide.

"(Vodocia was well-known in Watsonville, having visited here for several weeks with the M. L. Milcovich family.—Ed. Pajaronian)"

EP; 16 Jul 1915; article: "The following new members of the Watsonville Apple Distributors have signed up since the list of members was published on July 3rd: ...Packers: Stolich Bros.; Hrepich Co., John; Pecoeh, S."

EP; 17 Jul 1915; item: "Removal of the building purchased by Stephen Scurich from the Loma Prieta Lumber Co., is well underway and in a few days will rest in its new home in Packer row. Mr. Scurich will convert it into a model packing house and will soon be open and ready for business."

EP; 17 Jul 1915; item: "N. Nurich [Lucich] vs. Rilovich Company et al.—Judgment for plaintiff."

EP; 17 Jul 1915; item: "P. M. Butier has returned from San Francisco."

EP; 17 Jul 1915; item: "Tony Radovich of the Central Grocery has returned from San Francisco where he took in the fair."

EP; 19 Jul 1915; item: "Jos. Mascovich was a Santa Cruz visitor Saturday."

EP; 19 Jul 1915; item: "J. Andrichevich, the local packer, is a San Francisco business visitor."

EP; 20 Jul 1915; article: "LETTUNICH BUILDING HAS STATE RECORD. James Patterson, who has had charge of the construction work on the new high school, informs us that the building is almost ready for occupancy, so that there is no need whatever of fear that it will not be ready on time.

"He claims that it is next to the fastest big building to go up in this state, for it was on November 8th that construction work started, and barring a month of rain, only eight months have been used in construction. The fastest building to have gone up, according to his statement, was the \$100,000 Lettunich building in Watsonville, the latter being erected in six months.—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 22 Jul 1915; item: "Stephen Scurich and family left today in their automobile for a visit to the San Francisco fair."

EP; 23 Jul 1915; item: "Nick Lamat left today for a business trip to San Jose."

EP; 23 Jul 1915; item: "Paul Alaga left this morning for a business visit to San Francisco."

EP; 24 Jul 1915; item: "City Clerk George Pulich and wife of Stockton are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy."

EP; 24 Jul 1915; item: "M. R. Nunes vs. Frank Saveria et als.—Writ of attachment for \$1183.60 served."

EP; 26 Jul 1915; article: "**El Pajaro Rooming House and Third Street Restaurant Were Badly Damaged by Fire Last Evening...**

"...The fire started from a corner of the range in the Third Street Restaurant and crept up the walls to the ceiling, entering the floors of the lodging house above. The firemen deserve praise for the manner in which they extinguished what might have become one of the most dangerous fires in local history. Most of the damage resulted from smoke and water. The firemen were handicapped at first by the many automobiles that were parked on Third street but they finally succeeded in dragging the hose through the maze of machines.

"The amount of damage caused by the fire is difficult to estimate, the restaurant and the lodging house and the building proper being damaged about \$1500. Six of the twelve rooms in the rooming house were soaked by water or partly burned by the flames while the restaurant was almost wrecked. Messrs. A. Stolich and J. Sapro, proprietors of the eating house, stated today that their damage might amount to over \$500, which is covered by insurance..."

EP; 26 Jul 1915; item: "Although crippled greatly by the damage from smoke and water of last night's blaze,

Messrs. Sapro and Stolich announced the re-opening of their Third Street Restaurant in a few days. In the meantime they are cleaning up and renovating the entire place, and will be able to serve their patrons better than ever."

EP; 28 Jul 1915; item: "C. M. Zills vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Demurrer to complaint overruled and ten days granted Pajaro Valley National Bank of Watsonville and C. F. Langley to answer."

EP; 28 Jul 1915; married: "Miss Kathryn Zar of this city became the bride this morning at 8 o'clock at Santa Cruz of Jovo P. Maskovic, a well known local resident, the wedding being a quiet affair and attended only by the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Msgr. Fisher of Santa Cruz performed the ceremony at the parochial residence of the Holy Cross church.

"After the ceremony the newlyweds departed for a honeymoon trip but their destination is not known. They will return to Watsonville where the groom plans to enter in business for himself. Both Mr. and Mrs. Maskovic are well known in the city and have many friends here. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. John Nemanich and a sister of Mrs. Stephen Scurich. She has resided here many years and attended the Notre Dame Academy here. She is a charming young woman and her many friends will congratulate her and extend best wishes.

"The groom has resided here five years and during that time was associated with the Central Grocery Company..."

EP; 28 Jul 1915; item: "John N. Alaga is here from Los Angeles for a few days. He has been transferred to San Francisco by the firm in the south that he represents and will be a fruit buyer in Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda and Sonoma counties."

EP; 28 Jul 1915; married: "Santa Cruz, July 28, 1915, by Msgr. Fisher, Jovo P. Maskovic and Miss Kathryn Zar, both of Watsonville."

EP; 29 Jul 1915; item: "The Third Street Restaurant will re-open tomorrow morning at 5 o'clock. SAPRO & STOLICH."

EP; 29 Jul 1915; item: "The following citizens have joined the Watsonville Apple Distributors since the last list was published on July 16th: Growers: ...J. S. Sambrailo...Packers: Andrichevich Co..."

EP; 2 Aug 1915; article: "The fire department was called out at 4:45 yesterday morning to extinguish a small blaze in a house belonging to Luke Scurich on the corner of Ford and Walker streets. The house was insured.

"The fire originated from a defective flue and it had

probably been smoldering all night. The fire burned in the attic and damaged part of the roof to the extent of \$150.

"The fire department responded in rapid fire style and it was only necessary to use the chemical attachment with a small natural stream from the hydrant. The fire was under control at all times."

EP; 2 Aug 1915; item: "The damage caused to the Third Street Restaurant by the recent fire has been repaired and Messrs. Sapro and Stolich have again opened their eating house for business. A brick wall has been built in the rear of the range and other safety measures have been taken in reconstructing the kitchen."

EP; 2 Aug 1915; item: "Since the last list of new members of the Watsonville Apple Distributors was published the following have become members: ...Packers: Rilovich and Sresovich, Peter Mengol, Zar Brothers..."

EP; 3 Aug 1915; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: M. Glech, \$73...Central Electric Works, \$40.70..."

EP; 3 Aug 1915; class. ad: "WANTED—Green apricots by ton or in lump sum. Will pay best prices. Address COPRIVIZA & GERA, Pine St., phone 264, or City Grocery Co., Phone 63."

EP; 4 Aug 1915; article: "Miss Anna M. Farlin, who has been secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Apple Annual Association for several years past, has resigned her two positions. The resignation took effect on August 1st and since that time Miss Farlin has devoted but little time to the duties of her two offices, being ostensibly on a vacation.

"Since Miss Farlin has been secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and the Apple Annual she has shown herself to be a clever young business woman and has won a host of friends through her courtesy, charming personality and business methods. Miss Farlin has the reputation of being one of two women that have served as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and since she has been in charge of the local office she has shown herself to be a resourceful, enterprising booster and her work has redounded not only to her personal credit but to the credit of the community. Her resignation while it took effect on the 1st, will not be officially adopted until the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, which will probably be held next week."

EP; 4 Aug 1915; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Scurich and family have returned from a visit in San Francisco."

EP; 4 Aug 1915; article: "NO NEW BAR IN DEPOT REGION. By a vote of 4 to 3, Alderman Kane being absent, the board of aldermen last night, denied the appli-

cation of Jack N. Tanner and Nicholas Strazicich to be allowed to transfer their retail liquor license from Main street to the corner of West Lake avenue and Walker street. A number of written objections were filed against the transfer of the license, the objectors claiming that there were enough saloons already on Walker street, that a saloon near the depot would be a nuisance to the traveling public and that a bar in that part of the city would not be conducive to good morals. Objections were filed by E. H. Nohrden of Fresno, R. H. Davis, Sherman French, Dan O'Gara, D. W. Church, Mrs. N. Peterson, Mrs. A. Nohrden, Mrs. T. E. Fish, Mrs. Charles Albrecht, Mrs. L. Lund, E. W. Sherman and H. B. Stocking.

"Nicholas Strazicich, one of the petitioners, spoke in his own behalf and called attention to the fact that without a saloon at the Lake avenue corner the property that extended for over half of the block on Walker street would be vacant and be an eyesore to the street. He argued that by granting the transfer the board would benefit a citizen that paid high taxes and high insurance and the transfer would develop and improve the property. He promised to run an orderly saloon, to keep loafers off the sidewalk and to conduct his saloon according to the strict letter of the law.

"R. H. Davis, the Southern Pacific company agent, who lives over the depot, stated that the intentions of the petitioners might be good, but that it was almost impossible for them to prevent loafers from idling on the sidewalk in front of the place or to prevent rough barroom conversation from being heard at the depot. If the transfer should be granted it would mean that it would be impossible to go into town from the depot without passing a saloon.

"Alderman King believed that the objectors should receive some consideration in the matter.

"Alderman Lewis said as there were saloons all over town he believed in being liberal as far as granting licenses was concerned but that he was strict when it came to having the saloons obey the law. He said there was logic in the objections filed but that the applicants also presented a meritorious case. He said that a refusal to grant the transfer would tender the Strazicich property almost valueless and that if the transfer was refused the licenses of other saloons on Walker street should be revoked. A vote was then taken on the motion to grant the transfer with the result that Lee, Sager and Tuttle voted for the motion and Callaghan, King, Lewis and Uren against the transfer. A resolution rejecting the transfer was then adopted all voting affirmatively accept Tuttle..."

EP; 5 Aug 1915; item: "Mr. and Mrs. John Franich and family left today for a visit to the San Francisco fair."

EP; 5 Aug 1915; item: "Prosper Lettunich has returned to San Francisco after an extended visit here with his father, M. N. Lettunich."

EP; 6 Aug 1915; item: "Mrs. George Pulich returns to Stockton tomorrow after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy."

EP; 6 Aug 1915; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith was in town yesterday afternoon on business in connection with the trial of 'Bob' Emery, which begins today in the superior court."

EP; 7 Aug 1915; board of supervisors, payments: "...County Fund: ...Jack Novacich [Novcich], com. ins, \$46.80... G. W. Smith, cash advanced, \$32.50..."

EP; 9 Aug 1915; ALL: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cupich, Boldo Radovich, Nick Viotich [Violich], John Yagich [Jagich].

EP; 10 Aug 1915; item: "Larszar Birbezich of Watsonville was yesterday committed to the state hospital at Agnews, Drs. W. L. Bell and I. C. Bush having found the man to be insane. About eighteen years ago Birbezich was kicked on the chin by a horse and knocked onto some rocks. Lately he lapsed into a state of melancholy and persisted in leaving the house undressed. He would talk to himself and go through different gymnastics stunts — Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 11 Aug 1915; article: "Joe P. Mascovic and John P. Zar are preparing to open a new and up-to-date grocery store on the corner of Maple Avenue and Main streets in the Porter building in the quarters formerly occupied by Daily Bros.' store.

"The store will handle the most up-to-date line of groceries and will do a wholesale and retail business on a first-class plane. The place will be open for business on Saturday and at present they are busily engaged in putting the place into shape and getting the stock in place.

"Mr. Zar, who is one of the owners will continue to manage the Morning Star Restaurant, and Frank J. Ribera, who is very well known in this city, will aid Mr. Mascovic in running the establishment.

"Mr. Mascovic is very well known in this city and was a former employee of the Central Grocery Company, from which firm he severed his connection a few weeks ago. Mr. Zar is also very well known in the city and the two men are assured of success in their new business..."

EP; 11 Aug 1915; item: "Lotta Rossi vs. Tony Gospodnetich et al.—Request for dismissal."

EP; 13 Aug 1915; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Antone de Polo of Oakland are here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Strazicich."

EP; 13 Aug 1915; item: "C. M. Zils vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Answer to complaint: notice of overruling of demurrer."

EP; 14 Aug 1915; article: “GREEN FRUIT IS CONDEMNED...The minimum price was fixed on the sale of Red Pearmains and a resolution adopted to prevent the shipping of immature fruit from the Pajaro valley at a meeting of the executive board of the Watsonville Apple Distributors held last evening in their room in the Appleton Theatre building.

“Red Pearmains will be sold in the state for the minimum price of seventy-five cents.

“Certain packers in the valley, not members of the Distributors, have been shipping Bellefleur apples out of the valley already and the fruit is not fit for consumption at present. This matter was brought to the notice of the Distributors a few days ago and last evening it was decided to take drastic measures towards preventing any further shipment. A vote was taken and the following resolution adopted:

“Whereas, the apples so packed and shipped were not inspected by the inspectors appointed by the State Horticultural Commissioner nor by the inspectors working under authority of this board; and

“Whereas, the said apples are immature and green and unfit for human consumption;

“Therefore, be it resolved, that the action of the packers and shippers in putting on the market Bellefleur apples at this time without state inspection, immature and too green for use, be most severely censured and condemned as an attempt to deceive the consumer into the purchase of worthless stock, and as disloyalty to the best interests of all persons engaged in this great industry; and that dealers and consumers alike be warned and cautioned against purchasing any Bellefleur apples unless the container shall bear a stamp showing that the contents have been inspected under the state law or by the inspectors of Watsonville Apple Distributors, thus assuring maturity of the fruit and honesty of pack.’

“The Executive board intends to scatter copies of this resolution broadcast, through the newspapers and circulars which they will have printed. They will notify the leading markets in this manner and warn them against the immature fruit.

“F. P. Marinovich and J. H. Rowe were appointed members of the Executive Board at the formation of the organization but neither have joined the Distributors or signified their intentions of so doing and last evening their names were stricken from the roll...”

EP; 14 Aug 1915; item: “Mike Lazervich [Lazarevich] was arrested this morning by Constable W. B. Mann for trying to get pugnacious with a fellow countryman over some financial matters. Lazervich threatened to beat the man up if he did not pay him some money he owed. The case was brought before Justice of the Peace A. B. Hawkins and the man who owed the money agreed to pay his debts.”

EP; 14 Aug 1915; ALL: John Korich, Lettunich & Lazarevich.

EP; 14 Aug 1915; item: “This morning while the young son of Sam Hrepich was coming to Watsonville from Pajaro in a wagon his vehicle was hit by a speeding automobile on the temporary roadway across the river. The boy was thrown out and one of the horses hurt and had not the bump caused a grip to fall from the auto the machine would not have stopped. The autoist picked up his grip and saying he would return to fix up the damages left for parts unknown. He never returned and Constable Cano is now looking for the fellow.”

EP; 14 Aug 1915; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Nick Chargin are at Santa Cruz from San Jose on their honeymoon. They were married last week. Mr. Chargin is proprietor of the Oyster Loaf, San Jose.”

EP; 14 Aug 1915; item: “Lease—Natale Ckocko [Skocko] et ux to J. F. Reiter—61.54 acres on White’s road.”

EP; 16 Aug 1915; class. ad: “APPLES WANTED—Any man that wishes to sell apples by ton or box and obtain the highest cash price for them, see F. P. MARINOVICH, 22 Alexander Street.”

EP; 18 Aug 1915; married: “**Two of the Best Known Residents of the Pajaro Valley Were United in Marriage Today.** At 7:30 o’clock this morning in the presence of only a small circle of intimate friends and immediate relatives Miss Anna Maree Farlin became the wife of Otto D. Stoesser, the ceremony being performed at St. Patrick’s Church by Rev. Father P. D. Hassett, being assisted in the nuptial mass by Rev. Father John Cawley and Rev. Father Florian Zettel of the Valley Church. The wedding was a quiet affair and immediately following the nuptials the bride and bridegroom, accompanied by their few invited guests, were rushed in automobiles to the home of Matteo Lettunich on Maple Avenue where a wedding breakfast awaited them.

“Miss Myrtle Byrd was the bridesmaid while the groomsmen were Joseph G. Hooper of San Francisco, vice president of the Federal Trust Company of that city. The wedding march as well as the other organ numbers were rendered by Miss Kate Leonard. The decorations at the church were simple yet beautiful and were arranged for the occasion by H. A. Hyde. The bride was attired in a handsome cream broadcloth creation and carried a bouquet of carnations and lilies of the valley. Miss Byrd wore cream corduroy and carried a bouquet of Cecil Bruener roses. Both the bride and bridesmaids wore hats to match their gowns.

“Following the wedding breakfast at the Lettunich home Mr. and Mrs. Stoesser departed upon their honey-

moon trip, which will continue for one month and will include visits to the San Francisco and San Diego fairs as well as other points of interest in the state. It is needless to state that upon their return to the city they will be overwhelmed with congratulations and best wishes.

“To introduce the bride and bridegroom to Watsonville is superfluous as there is hardly a family in the Pajaro Valley that is not acquainted personally with either or both. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Theresa K. Farlin and for many years has resided at the home of Mateo Lettunich on Maple Avenue, Mr. Lettunich being Mrs. Stoesser’s brother-in-law. She attended the local public schools and graduated a few years ago from the high school, soon afterward accepting a position as assistant secretary of the Apple Annual Association and the Chamber of Commerce. When C. G. Redman resigned the secretaryship of both associations Mrs. Stoesser was appointed to fill the positions and to state that since that time she has proved herself to be one of the most clever as well most popular young business women in this section of the state is stating a fact that everyone knows. She has at all times been accommodating and obliging, she was courteous, polite and anxious to please and all that had any business to transact with the Chamber of Commerce admired the young woman for her pleasing personality and her high character. She has a legion of friends in this community, friends that respect her for her sweetness of character and her high ideals, and all will extend hearty congratulations and sincere best wishes.

“Mr. Stoesser is one of Watsonville’s most prominent men. As president of the Apple Annual Association, as president of the Merchants Association, as a stockholder in the Watsonville Investment Company, as president of the Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company, as one of the organizers of the Apple Distributors and as one of the big boosters of the community Mr. Stoesser has aided materially in bringing success and prosperity to Watsonville. He is ready and willing at all times to help any cause that will improve the city and valley and he is in the front rank of highly respected citizens in this valley. The news of his marriage will be received with warm congratulations and cordial best wishes by his host of friends in this and other cities.

“The Pajaronian desires to add its felicitations at this time to Mr. and Mrs. Stoesser. May happiness and success always shine upon them and may the blessings of a joyous married life never fade for them.”

EP; 18 Aug 1915; item: “Luke Scurich et al vs. Clara L. Morris et al.—Judgment and decree of foreclosure.”

EP; 18 Aug 1915; item: “Luke Scurich and Manuel Rodgers vs. Clara L. Morris et als.—Judgment for plaintiffs with \$250 for attorneys’ fees; J. E. Poole appointed commissioner to sell mortgage property with bond fixed at \$500.”

EP; 18 Aug 1915; item: “C. M. Zils vs. Frank Radovan et als.—Judgment in foreclosure of mortgage for plaintiff; \$250 allowed for attorney fees; P. W. Whitton appointed commissioner to sell mortgaged property, with bond fixed at \$500.”

EP; 18 Aug 1915; married: “Watsonville, Aug. 18, 1915, at St. Patrick’s Church by Rev. Fr. Hassett, Otto D. Stoesser and Miss Anna Maree Farlin.”

EP; 20 Aug 1915; item: “F. P. Marinovich et al to C. G. Lung et al.—2 lots in A. N. Judd’s add. to Watsonville.”

EP; 21 Aug 1915; class. ad: “APPLES WANTED—Any man that wishes to sell apples by ton or box and obtain the highest cash price for them, see F. P. MARINOVICH, 22 Alexander Street.”

EP; 21 Aug 1915; notice: “CERTIFICATE OF CO-PARTNERSHIP. Doing business under a fictitious name.

“State of California, County of Santa Cruz, ss. We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we are partners doing business at No. 436 Main street, in the city of Watsonville, county of Santa Cruz, state of California, under the firm name and style of Watsonville Bakery; that the name in full of all of the members of said partnership are Ilija Bratichevich and Steve Mikulich; and that the places of our respective residences are set opposite our respective names subscribed hereto.

“In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 19th day of August, 1915.

“ILIJA BRATICHEVICH. Residing at 436 Main street, Watsonville, California.

“STEVE MIKULICH. Residing at 436 Main street, Watsonville, California...”

EP; 24 Aug 1915; item: “Officer Corr found a bicycle yesterday belonging to Steve Pekoch. The bicycle has been missed for several weeks and when Corr found it the name plate had been removed and one of the numbers filed off. The bicycle has been returned to the owner.”

EP; 24 Aug 1915; item: “TWENTY YEARS AGO IN WATSONVILLE. Mateo Lettunich has started the construction of his new residence on Maple avenue.”

EP; 25 Aug 1915; article: “The assessment roll for the Pajaro Protection district for 1916 has been filed with the county clerk...and the taxes due in the district are herewith published by the Pajaronian...”

“The land in the district is valued at \$1,765,150, the improvements at \$766,405 and the trees and growing crops at \$72,975. Personal property amounts to \$189,225 and the total valuation is \$2,793,755. The total taxes raised by the assessment will be \$4000. The various assessments are as follows. Owners of property in assessed

districts should look over the entire list, as their names appear at different places, according to the land owned by them:

“M. J. Micovich \$2.05...Louis R. Farlin \$1.12...Rosa N. Balanac 10c...George Copriviza 27c...Joseph and Mitchell Secondo \$6.23...Jacob Mattulich \$1.76...M. N. and N. Lettunich \$1.61...M. N. Lettunich \$4.06...L. P. Cikuth \$2.09...E. B. Lettunich \$2.38, Kate Strazicich \$1.90...John Balovich 13c...Anton Scurich \$3.47...P. L. Kristovich \$1.46...Ida Gulich \$3.24...M. L. Micovitch \$6.79...M. Lettunich \$5.19...M. N. Mortizia \$2.63...Mateo Lettunich \$3.62...S. Scurich \$1.64...J. & M. Secondo 18c...Lucy Barich 69c, Mitchell Secondo 91c...S. T. Scurich \$1.31...Peter Stolich \$1.70...Kosmos Gospodnetich \$2.71...Kate Strazicich \$1.90, George Strazicich \$5.93, Mateo Lettunich 80c...Katie Rilovich \$3.03, Peter Gurash \$1.42...M. P. Butier \$1.96...Nick and Paul Alaga \$5.01...Luke Scurich 94c...M. Lettunich & Co. \$35.12...M. Lettunich Co. \$2.48, Stephen Scurich \$1.06...M. N. Lettunich Co. \$23.72...Luke Scurich 19c, John Franich 16c...Gera and Copriviza \$1.88...Anna Radovan \$3.18, Frank Radovan \$4.94, Stephen Pecoch [Pekoch] \$2.51, Tony and John Gospodnetich 66c...Celesta Mortizia \$2.18...Antonio Glano [Giano/Jano] 58c, Mary Navacovich 63c, L. P. Cikuth \$2.04, M. N. and Mateo Lettunich \$2.14... Stephen Scurich \$1.61...J. and M. Nemonich [Nemanich] \$1.83...Stephen Scurich \$19.34...F. P. Marinovich \$8.76...E. B. Lettunich \$7.03...L. Scurich \$6.27...Nic Stojanovich \$3.03...Jos. Secondo \$4.88...F. P. Marinovich \$10.40...E. B. Lettunich \$10.26...S. T. Hrepich 55c...Sam Hrepich \$1.02...S. Scurich \$1.47, J. Nemonich \$1.02, S. Scurich 41c, Geo. Strazicich 81c...S. Scurich \$1.46...M. N. Lettunich Co. \$2.04...L. P. Cikuth \$1.10, John Scurich 73c...”

EP; 28 Aug 1915; ALL: Stin [?] Banavich.

EP; 30 Aug 1915; obit: “After a short illness Katherine Rilovich, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rilovich of this city passed away at the home of her parents on West Third street Saturday afternoon. The little girl had been ill for some time.

“The deceased was a native of the city and was aged 14 years, 2 months and 16 days. She was a student in the public schools and her bright and cheerful nature among her schoolmates had won her a great many friends, who will learn of her death with a great deal of sorrow.

“She is survived by one brother and two sisters.” *[our records show she was survived by one brother, one half-brother and no sisters]*

EP; 30 Aug 1915; obit: “In Watsonville, Aug. 28, 1915, Katie Rilovich, aged 14 years, 2 months and 16 days.”

EP; 1 Sep 1915; class. ad: “FOR SALE—Work horse, 3 years old, already broke. ZAR BROS., Palm Ave.”

EP; 1 Sep 1915; class. ad: “APPLES WANTED—We will buy apples by ton or orchard crop; culls, windfalls; highest prices paid. L. BRAJKOVICH & CO., Packers, 345 Locust street.”

EP; 2 Sep 1915; item: “Anna Milich to Lenna Akacich—Lot in Santa Cruz.”

EP; 2 Sep 1915; item: “Attachment—Charles A. Gephart, plaintiff, vs. Antone Bilicich et al. partners, defendants. Amount \$299.25 and costs against defendant. Growing crops on part of Sec. 28-19-1.”

EP; 2 Sep 1915; article: “Says the Hollister Free Lance: “Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Petrinovich have sold the Universal restaurant on San Benito street, to Messrs. John Matulich and George Hrepich, both well-known restaurant men. They took possession of the place on Sunday, and are now conducting it in a first-class manner. Both men are experienced in the line of business, and will endeavor to merit a share of the public patronage. Mr. and Mrs. Petrinovich and family left here yesterday for Winnemucca, Nevada, where Mr. Petrinovich has a paying restaurant business.”

EP; 3 Sep 1915; article: “A peculiar case has been filed in the superior court in Santa Cruz by Steven Scurich, a local apple packer, against the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads. Mr. Scurich consigned four carloads of apples to himself the destination being Denver, Colo. The M. J. Parsons Co., brokers, in that city, took over the four cars without the bill of lading. The railroads claim that the cars were left in the yards at Denver over the stated time allowed by the Interstate Commerce laws and that they had a perfect right to turn the cars over to the brokerage firm. The plaintiff, however, claims to have some very conclusive evidence which will be brought up in the case which will come up at Santa Cruz in the near future. Mr. Scurich demands damages for the apples. Attorney J. A. Hall is counsel for the plaintiff.”

EP; 4 Sep 1915; article: “**J. S. Sambrailio [Sambrailio] Accused of Violating Rules...**By the unanimous decision of the members of the Watsonville Apple Distributors’ executive board...J. S. Sambrailio, a local fruit packer, was expelled from the organization after charges were heard that he had violated the rules of the Distributors. The board of control, which had investigated the Sambrailio case, rendered a report at last night’s meeting, which report held that Sambrailio was guilty and recommended that he be ousted from the Distributors. The vote was unanimously against Sambrailio.

“The charge made against Sambrailio was that he was shipping fruit from this city without the fruit being stamped under the rules of the organization. The punishment to be dealt out to Sambrailio under the rules of the

Distributors is that he must be expelled, the facts in his case must be published in the local daily newspapers and the facts sent in statements to the State Horticultural Commissioner, to the various Horticultural Commissioners in California and to the members of the Distributors.

“Other members of the Distributors are facing investigation along the same lines as the Sambrailio case and startling developments may ensue at a near date. A resolution was passed asking the county horticultural commissioner to prevent if possible the exportation of wormy and diseased fruit from the county...”

EP; 6 Sep 1915; item: “Writ of attachment—Carl Mann, plaintiff, vs. Antone Billich [prob. Bilicich], Gorgo Billich and Samuel Morgan, defendants—Amount \$124.95 on growing crops in Sec. 28-10-1.”

EP; 8 Sep 1915; article: “NEW SALOON ON WALKER STREET. The second attempt of Jack Tanner and Nicholas Strazicich to transfer their retail liquor license from 266 Main street to Walker street was successful last night, the board of aldermen by a voice of 6 to 2 granting the transfer. Those that voted against the transfer were Alderman Lewis and Uren, Aldermen Callahan, Kane, Lee, King, Tuttle and Sager voting yes.

“A few weeks ago Tanner & Strazicich tried to have their location changed to the corner of Walker Street and Lake Avenue but their attempt was unsuccessful as objections were filed to a saloon at the corner. Last night the application was for 318 Walker in the building between the Railroad Exchange Hotel and the corner that was formerly used as an office by the Spreckels Company. There were no objections filed against the change in location last night...”

EP; 10 Sep 1915; item: “The home of A. Zufich on Watsonville Heights was entered some time yesterday and a 30 calibre revolver and a small wedding ring taken. No trace has been found of the thieves but the officers are on the lookout.”

EP; 10 Sep 1915; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co. et al.—Complaint in suit of \$890 damages.”

EP; 10 Sep 1915; item: “G. F. Rodgers vs. Peter Guraash—Order overruling demurrer and granting defendant ten days to answer complaint.”

EP; 11 Sep 1915; marriage license: “At San Jose, Sept. 10, 1915, to Andrew Luksich [maybe Lusich], 36, of Watsonville, and Lucretia Manzoni, 27, of San Jose.”

EP; 11 Sep 1915; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: ...Jack Novacich [Novcich], comp. ins.: \$58.50... Geo. W. Smith, cash adv: \$43.80...John Nemonich [Nemanich], labor: \$68...”

EP; 14 Sep 1915; item: “M. N. Lettunich has returned from a business visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 14 Sep 1915; article: “Fifty more carloads of Newtowns were sold yesterday afternoon by the Corralitos Fruit Growers’ Association through E. B. Lettunich of this city, who handled the deal in conjunction with Manager H. T. Davis of the Corralitos Association. The last fifty cars are all Newtowns and were sold at the minimum price to the well known firm of T. A. Burns and Company of San Francisco. P. J. Lettunich, who is a cousin of E. B. Lettunich, is here for a few days to represent the Burns Company and will look into the packing business here.

“It was only last Saturday that the Corralitos Association sold ninety cars to another San Francisco house and to sell 140 carloads in three days is a record that will be hard to equal here. The Corralitos Association has rapidly forged to the front since it was first organized and the Association is deserving of the highest price, not only for its up-to-date business methods and its success but for its high grade fruit and pack.”

EP; 15 Sep 1915; article: “Enthusiasm was crowned king at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held at the hotel Appleton last evening. Over one hundred loyal subjects of the king were present and it is the first time in the history of the Pajaro Valley that it has ever looked as though he had come to stay. The king came in at the beginning of the banquet and did not get off his throne and till the last loyal subject left the hotel...”

“Among those present at the banquet last evening were: ...J. P. Mascovich...[of 91]”

EP; 16 Sep 1915; article: “The first real practice for the local high school Rugby players will be held tomorrow afternoon when two teams picked from the candidates will line up on the field at the high school grounds...”

“Sophomore-Junior—Front rank, Lewis Lettunich...wing forward, J. Strazicich...”

“Those who have been reporting for practice this week are W. Fleckner, L. Rich, Sheldon Peckham, James Lyma, George Berry, Lewis Lettunich, J. Strazicich, W. Wittner, L. Tony, J. Fahey, U. Meginnes, L. Bennett, W. Coates, W. Oliver, L. McGowan, E. Beck, Will Grul and I. Beck.”

EP; 16 Sep 1915; item: “Mike Bibich was arrested by Officers Corr and Zimmer last evening for disturbing the peace. He was brought up before Police Judge Bridgewater this morning and fined \$6.”

EP; 16 Sep 1915; item: “Peter Marinovich, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Marinovich of this city, is reported to be recovering from an operation, performed a few days ago.”

EP; 16 Sep 1915; item: “ATTENTION, SLAVONIANS! As next Monday, September 20th, will be Slavonian Day at the P.P.I. Exposition, San Francisco, at which Slavonians from all parts of the state will assemble to celebrate the day, and as it is desirous that the valley be represented there, all Slavonians are respectfully invited to attend a meeting at Rappe’s hall to be held on next Saturday evening...at which place and time, measures will be taken towards securing a creditable representation from this valley. VITT LISTER.”

EP; 16 Sep 1915; honor roll: High 8th: Stephen Marinovich; 7th Grade: Anna Knego, Emma Grizich; Low 5th: Frank Saveria; High 4th: Mary Glage; Low 4th: Tony Scurich, Ned Gluhan, John Milcovich; High 3rd: Peter Zar; Low 3rd: Martin Franich, Mary Matson, Louis Bonicich; High 2nd: Martin Grizich.

EP; 17 Sep 1915; item: “Notice of pendency of action.—Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et als.—27.074 acres in Corralitos rancho.”

EP; 18 Sep 1915; item: “Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et als.—Answer and cross complaint of Pajaro Valley Savings Bank; answer of other defendants; substitution of attorneys for defendants.”

EP; 18 Sep 1915; ALL: A. J. Gorich, Tomo Vulnovich.

EP; 20 Sep 1915; disp. ad:

Fruit Jars
GLASS JARS,
of Many Styles
JELLY GLASSES,
JAR RUBBERS,
and PARAFINE
Everything for Fruit Canning
CITY GROCERY CO.
307 MAIN ST. PHONE 63

EP; 20 Sep 1915; item: “...Having dissolved partnership Rado Chucovich and Anton Vuvich [Vukich] wish to have the license held by them at the corner of West Third and Walker streets transferred to Anton Vucich [Vukich]. At the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen the question of the transfers will come up.”

EP; 21 Sep 1915; item: “Debating will be an active part of the high school very soon. President Will Grul has appointed a committee to make all of the necessary arrangements for inter-class debating and this activity will be underway very soon. The committee appointed consists of Lars Bennett, Howard Morse and the Misses Helen Phelan, Ruth Biersch, Florence Rodgers and Florence Smith.”

EP; 21 Sep 1915; item: “G. F. Rodgers vs. Peter Gurash.—Answer.”

EP; 21 Sep 1915; item: “Paul Arbanas vs. Fred L. DeBack et al.—Demurrer sustained and plaintiffs granted ten days to amend complaint.”

EP; 21 Sep 1915; item: “G. F. Rodgers vs. Peter Gurash.—Set for Oct. 13 for trial.”

EP; 23 Sep 1915; item: “A disastrous fire took place last Sunday morning about 10 o’clock at the ranch of the Petrinovich Bros. about two miles northwest of Hollister on the bank of the San Benito river, when a large barn, house and several stacks of loose hay were burned up. About 150 tons of hay were consumed. The barn was valued at about \$1500, and the hay at the same amount. The total loss was about \$3500. The cause of the fire is unknown. The barn was insured for the sum of \$1200—Hollister Advance.”

EP; 23 Sep 1915; item: “Nicholas Strazicich has resigned his position with Daly Brothers and will conduct his saloon, hotel and restaurant business on Walker street.”

EP; 23 Sep 1915; born: “In Watsonville, Sept. 21, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Billicich [Bilicich], a daughter.” [Antoinette; +2003]

EP; 23 Sep 1915; article: “LOCAL STORE GETS COURT JUDGMENT. Judge Benj. K. Knight has filed in the clerk’s office his decision in the case of Bone vs. Sheriff Trafton in favor of the defendant. The action is a product of the various attachment suits in which Frank Radovan found himself involved last fall and from which he suffered disaster all along the line. The trouble began when the Great Western Lumber Company of San Francisco, through its attorney, Geo. P. Burke, commenced an action against Frank Radovan in which an attachment was issued and levied upon a car load of box shooks which had been consigned by W. H. Bone, a lumberman of Morgan Hill, to Radovan. Arrangements having been made for the payment of the Great Western Lumber Company’s claim in certain specified installments[,] the sheriff continued the levy of his attachment until the last payment was made about October 7th, 1914. At this time Radovan was owing the City Grocery Co. a bill for groceries in the sum of \$370, the claim for which was assigned to John Arbanasin. Attorney Burke for Arbanasin then filed a complaint against Radovan and had an attachment issued and levied upon about 4000 of the box shooks which by this time had been removed to Mr. Radovan’s packing house on Walker street, near Third. This attachment was levied Oct. 7th, 1915 [*sic* 1914], and Mr. E. J. Kelly, as attorney for Mr. Bone and Mr. Radovan, filed a verified claim for Bone with Sheriff

Trafton, claiming to be the owner of the box shooks. Attorney Burke instructed the sheriff to respectfully ignore Bone's verified claim, which instructions the sheriff obeyed, and the lawsuit went gaily on. Meantime Attorney Kelly made a motion before Ex-Judge Smith to discharge the attachment, levied on the box shooks, meantime fortifying Mr. Bone's position by preparing a note and a mortgage to him from Mr. and Mrs. Radovan on the box shooks as security for the payment of the note, the amount of which represented the purchase price of the shooks. Judge Smith denied the motion to discharge. The shooks were sold under an order of sale and bought in by Arbanasin for the City Grocery Company. The amount realized at the sale was deposited with the clerk to abide the judgment, and subsequently Judge Smith rendered judgment in favor of Arbanasin and the amount was turned over by the clerk to the sheriff who in turn paid the amount to the City Grocery Company. Nothing daunted by his series of defeats Mr. Bone brought suit against Sheriff Trafton to recover judgment for the sum of \$430, the alleged value of the box shooks seized and sold by the sheriff, and \$110 necessary expenses incurred in pursuit of the property, Mr. Bone contending at trial, through his attorney, Mr. Kelly, that the attachment levied Oct. 7, 1915 [*sic* 1914], was superseded by a subsequent attachment issued in the same action of Arbanasin vs. Radovan on October 19, 1915 [*sic* 1914]. Attorney Burke for the sheriff, maintained that the levy of the attachment of Oct. 7th, had never been released or abandoned by the sheriff and that therefore the Radovan mortgage to Bone was subsequent and subject to the lien of that attachment.

"Judge Knight in a lengthy decision sustains the claim of the sheriff and has ordered judgment in his favor."

EP; 25 Sep 1915; item: "Estate of Steven Strazicich, deceased—Order requiring filing of new inventory and reducing family allowance from \$75 to \$35 per month."

EP; 25 Sep 1915; notice: "NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION...Notice is hereby given that we the undersigned Anton Vukich and Rado Chucovich, of the City of Watsonville...trading in and carrying on business as partners in said City under the firm name and style of 'Vukich & Chucovich,' have this day mutually agreed to and do hereby dissolve said partnership, said Anton Vukich assuming and agreeing to pay all the debts of said firm, and that all the debts due and owing said firm are to be paid and payable to said Antone Vukich. Dated: September 17, 1915. Signed: ANTON VUKICH, RADO CHUCOVICH."

EP; 27 Sep 1915; article: "At an early hour yesterday morning the home of John Miller, a Slavonian, at 909 Main street was completely destroyed by fire. A large number of people rushed to the scene of the conflagration

despite the early hour of the morning. Through the good work of the fire department a couple of neighboring houses were saved from possible destruction.

"The blaze was first noticed by Officer Zimmer, who was sitting in front of the City Hall at two o'clock. The sky brightened up from the blaze and he rushed into the engine house and turned in the alarm. In a few seconds the big red fire truck was on its way.

"The boys arrived on the scene in fast time and water was played on the two neighboring houses to save them from destruction as the Miller residence was then a total loss. The fire boys fought the blaze for a half hour until it was extinguished.

"The Miller family was not at home at the time of the fire, being engaged in picking fruit in the country. The cause of the fire is a mystery and the loss is estimated at about \$1200.

"During the half hour run[,] the big fire engine worked in grand style and all the pressure that was necessary was found at the end of the hose."

EP; 27 Sep 1915; ALL: Tomo Wuinovich.

EP; 27 Sep 1915 article: "A large number of the local members of the Nights of Pythias will journey to Santa Cruz this evening to witness the putting on of the third rank. The Santa Cruz lodge is preparing a big time for the visitors and an enjoyable evening is being looked forward to.

"The members of the local lodge who will make the trip are...J. Hrepich, N. Munkovich [Monkovich]..."

EP; 27 Sep 1915; married: "On Sunday, Sept. 12...at the Church of the Holy Family [San Jose], Miss Lucretia Manzon became the bride of Andrew Lusich [maybe Lusich], the Rev. Father Valpolini officiating. The bridal couple were attended by Vincent Chargin and D. Basich and the ceremony was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends. Following the service an elaborate dinner was served at the Oyster Loaf, covers being laid for 15 guests, all relatives.

"Mr. and Mrs. Lusich departed for a honeymoon trip to San Francisco and the Panama-Pacific International exposition and upon their return will make their home in Watsonville.—San Jose Mercury."

EP; 28 Sep 1915; item: "J. and H. Goodwin Co. vs. John Franich et al.—Complaint in suit for \$959.85, interest and costs."

EP; 28 Sep 1915; item: "Paul Arbanas vs. Fred L. DeBack and Annie Rowe.—Amended complaint."

EP; 29 Sep 1915; article: "Record of Grand Jury, impaneled December 17th, 1914, discharged September 20, 1915:

“Indictment of B. Gurich, March 5, 1915:

“...Rado Chucovich, witness, \$4...Luke Knunich, witness, \$4; Marko Krunich, witness, \$4; George Carstulovich, interpreter, \$3...Frank Radovan, witness, \$4; Anna Radovan, witness, \$4...Cash expenses Geo. W. Smith, \$17.95...

“Total cost on indictment: \$185.95.

“Trial of the case of B. Gurich, May 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20:

“...Luke Pulich, witness, \$8; Cash adv. by Geo. W. Smith, \$13.50...

“...Total cost of trial and acquittal: \$913.60. Defendant Gurich acquitted May 20, 1915...”

EP; 30 Sep 1915; Monterey Co. board of supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Mordjin, Peter, labor: \$12...Mordjin, Nick, labor: \$16...”

EP; 30 Sep 1915; item: “J. P. Mascovich & Co. are calling your attention to their Friday and Saturday specials in their ad. on the fifth page.”

EP; 30 Sep 1915; disp. ad: “Our Friday and Saturday Special. CANE SUGAR \$6 per sk. ALPINE MILK \$3.50 CASE. CARNATION MILK. EXTRA SPECIAL Flour. American Indian Flour ‘Sperry Product’ is the equal of any staple brand of flour. We guarantee it to give satisfaction. You’ll like it! Order a sack of this flour today, you’ll be money in and get satisfaction in your purchase. Regular price of this flour is \$1.60—take advantage of this offer today...\$1.40 Per Sack. We carry a large line of Imported Olive Oils, guaranteed to be pure Olive Oil of Lucca—pint tins, 35c; quart tins, 60c; half gallon tins, \$1; one gallon tins, \$1.95. FANCY A1 POTATOES, \$1.30 per sack, average 115 lb. J. P. MASCOVICH & CO., The New Grocers. Free Delivery. Telephone Orders Given Prompt Attention. Cor. Main & Maple Ave., Phone 86. Our Stock Is New and Fresh.”

EP; 1 Oct 1915; article: “All is in readiness for the childrens day excursion to San Francisco tomorrow and Miss Lottie Watters, chairman of the committee in charge, states that over 275 children and adults will go on the special train which will leave the Watsonville depot at 7 o’clock tomorrow morning. All those that are to go on the trip are requested to be at the depot not later than 6:45 o’clock. The train will arrive in San Francisco about 10:15 and those on board will find special street cars awaiting them at Third and Townsend streets to transport them to the fair grounds, which will be reached about 11 o’clock. On the return trip the streetcars will be awaiting the excursionists at the Van Ness entrance to the grounds at 8:45 o’clock and the train will leave for Watsonville about 9:30. The special will arrive in Watsonville about 12 o’clock.

“All school children will be admitted to the fair

grounds for 5c, provided they are with the excursion party and bear an apple patch...”

“...[C]haperones already secured for the children are... Luke Scurich...[of 34]”

EP; 2 Oct 1915; item: “C. M. Zils vs. Frank Radovan et als.—Certified report and account of sale.”

EP; 2 Oct 1915; item: “Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Decrees showing that due and legal notice to creditors has been given.”

EP; 2 Oct 1915; article: “The Watsonville high school Rugby team left in automobiles for Salinas this morning for the first Rugby game of the season with the Salinas high fifteen...”

“Lettunich and W. Fleckner, front rank...John Strazicich, full back...”

EP; 2 Oct 1915; ALL: Mitar Bolija, Peter Capitanich care of John Mustanich, Petar Krnatich.

EP; 4 Oct 1915; item: “The boys of the fire department have been presented with 25 boxes of apples from Mr. Resetar. A fire on his property on July 19th did considerable damage but the work of the fire department saved a great deal of property. Mr. Resetar’s gratitude was shown when he presented each of the members of the department with a box of three and one-half tier Bellefleurs.”

EP; 4 Oct 1915; item: “Mrs. George W. Smith purchased last week the elegant residence property of Duncan McPherson, Jr., on Mission St., and will move in at once. Mr. and Mrs. McPherson will move their furnishings to San Francisco where they have taken a residence on Russian Hill.—[Santa Cruz] Sentinel.”

EP; 4 Oct 1915; disp. ad: “The New 1915 Design RITE-HEAT ELECTRIC IRON. The peer of Any Electric Iron on the Market—Heating Element Guaranteed. Price \$2.65. For sale at CENTRAL ELECTRIC WORKS. 246 Main Street. Phone 209.”

EP; 5 Oct 1915; board of aldermen, payments: “...Labor: ...M. Gelch [Glech], \$74...S. Kucher, \$32.67...Central Electric Works, \$20.15...California Restaurant, \$12.75...”

EP; 5 Oct 1915; item: “Fire late last evening completely destroyed the Cikuth packing house on the Santa Cruz road. The residents on the Watsonville Heights made every effort possible to stop the blaze but it was impossible. No alarm was turned in as the packing house was located outside the city limits. A large number of people were attracted by the fire.

“The cause of the blaze cannot be ascertained but it is believed to be the work of hobos. Three hundred boxes of apples were lost.”

EP; 5 Oct 1915; item: "Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased—Motion of executrix to amend order reducing family allowance argued, submitted and taken under advisement."

EP; 6 Oct 1915; item: "...the [liquor] license of Rado Chukovich and Antone Vukich at the corner of West Third and Walker street was transferred to Antone Vukich, all voting affirmatively except Alderman Lewis, who said he did not believe there should be any saloon at that corner."

EP; 6 Oct 1915; board of supervisors, payments: "County: ...J. Novich [Novcich], \$46...Indigent Fund: ...City Grocery \$9.10..."

EP; 6 Oct 1915; item: "Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Answer of defendants C. F. Langley, W. R. Porter and The Pajaro Valley National Bank of Watsonville to cross complaint."

EP; 6 Oct 1915; item: "Paul Arbanas vs. Fred L. DeBack et al.—Demurrer to amended complaint."

EP; 6 Oct 1915; disp. ad:

"It Pays to Pay Cash

—OUR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SPECIALS—

18 lbs. Cane Sugar \$1.
25 Bars Mikado Soap \$1.
25 lbs. New Pink Beans \$1.
20 lbs. Small White Beans \$1.
15 lbs. Calif. Head Rice \$1.
75 lbs. A1 Potatoes \$1.
75 lbs. Good Onions \$1.

ROUND UP FLOUR \$1.35 per sack.

J. P. MASCOVICH & CO., The New Grocers.
Free Delivery. Telephone Orders Given Prompt
Attention. TELEPHONE 86. Cor. Main & Maple
Ave., Our Stock Is New and Fresh"

EP; 7 Oct 1915; article: "The annual Freshman reception will be held at the I.O.O.F. hall this evening...The following are the numbers to be put on by the various classes: ...'The Lamentable Tragedy of Julius Caesar,' Sophomore Class...John Strazicich..."

'Seven Jumps' (Danish Dance), Commercial Class...
George Hrepich..."

EP; 9 Oct 1915; article: "A great deal of alarm has been spread throughout the city over the disappearance of one Steve Mikulich, one of the partners of the Watsonville Bakery. It was at first believed that both partners had left the city but investigation this morning revealed the presence of Ilija Bratichevich, the other partner. He alleges that Mikulich left the city with about \$1000 of the firm's money and he will probably bring criminal action against him.

"The bakery has been assigned to the Sperry Flour Company, which is the largest creditor of the bakery. A. E. Somerville, representing the company was here this morning and he stated that a meeting of the creditors of the bakery would be called soon and at that time the best method of satisfying the creditors would be decided. It is believed that little trouble will be experienced in settling the matter as there are a large number owing the firm. However, the bakery will be temporarily closed.

"Mikulich has been located and he will probably be brought back to this city by Bratichevich.

"Mikulich stated to his partner, according to Mr. Somerville, that he intended to beat the Sperry Flour Co. as well as his partner."

EP; 11 Oct 1915; article: "Watsonville 19, Hollister 0. This tells the story of the awful slaughter, which took place at Loma Vista Park...when the Rugby team from the San Benito county high school met the local high school fifteen..."

"...Lewis Lettunich, the hard working front ranker...made a score...Hollister tried to score but the clever tackling of the fullback John Strazicich prevented them.

"The lineups were as follows: ...Watsonville—Front rank, L. Lettunich...full back, J. Strazicich..."

EP; 12 Oct 1915; item: "Paul Arbanas vs. Fred L. Deback et al—Complaint amended, demurrer to amend complaint overruled and defendants granted twenty days to answer."

EP; 12 Oct 1915; item: "Estate of Stephen Strazicich deceased—Motion to amend order for family allowance is denied; objections to final account overruled; account and petition for discharge of executrix and for the appointment of Peter Sersen as administrator are taken under advisement."

EP; 13 Oct 1915; article: "J. D. Rickard, who is the local representative of the Red River Lumber Company, has two of the Universal box making machines in operation at his plant in the Radovan packing house on the Walker street near Third and the machines are working with great success. The machines are manufactured by the G. D. Parker Machine Works at Riverside and their type was used here for the first time last year by the Loma Fruit Company.

"The machines can turn out 6000 boxes per day if necessary at an average cost of 15c per 100 boxes as against a cost of 55c per 100 by hand. The machines each weigh 9000 pounds and are operated by electric motors. They work automatically, the side, bottom and end pieces of the box being drawn together in their proper position by belts from the stacks of shook on the sides of the machine. The boards assemble together, and are nailed simultaneously. The nails drop into place from brass tubes,

which are fed by hoppers on the top of the machine. The nails are put in place by pressure hammers...”

EP; 14 Oct 1915; honor roll: High 8th: Stephen Marinovich; High 7th: Anna Knego, Charles Sambrailo; Low 7th: Kathryn Strazicich; Low 5th: Willie Sambralla [Sambrailo]; Low 4th: Ned Gluhan, John Milcovich; High 3rd: Peter Zar; Low 3rd: Louis Bonicich, Nick Radimir, Martin Franich; High 2nd: Martin Grizich.

EP; 14 Oct 1915; item: the” J. P. Mascovich & Company are calling your attention to the specials they are offering in their ad. on the second page.”

EP; 14 Oct 1915; born: “Watsonville, Oct. 13, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Natulich [Matulich], a son.” [Anthony “Hoover”; +1967]



Fig. 4-80. Anthony “Hoover” Matulich.

EP; 14 Oct 1915; article: “...Judge Huder...rendered judgment for the defendant in the suit of Mitchell Krilanovich vs. Almon Anthony, administrator of the Anthony estate. The plaintiff sought to force the fulfillment of a contract made with the deceased for the sale of land, and the defense depended strongly on the grounds that the first party to the contract was in no mental condition to enter into such contract for the figures were absurd. The sum of \$80 was paid on account of the purchase price of the contract and this sum the court ordered refunded to Mr. Krilanovich.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 15 Oct 1915; class. ad: “WANTED—Three sorters wanted at once at STEPHEN SCURICH PACKING HOUSE, West Third. Call Phone 18.”

EP; 16 Oct 1915; item: “G. F. Rogers vs. Peter Gurash—Dropped from calendar to be re-set.”

EP; 16 Oct 1915; article: “From reports given out by local game chasers who went out yesterday to chase the elusive rabbit, duck and quail it is learned that the game is rather plentiful this year...”

“Among the local nimrods who took advantage of the opening day were...George Sinvich, Nicholas Lettunich...”

EP; 16 Oct 1915; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Company.—Demurrer to complaint.”

EP; 16 Oct 1915; ALL: Paska Barovich, Pete Katanich, Chris Tusup.

EP; 18 Oct 1915; item: “Steve Kovacich was arrested this forenoon on a warrant sworn out by M. Kovich charging battery. Officer Corr served the warrant. The two men are in the apple packing business on Walker street and an argument brought fists into action. Police Judge Bridgewater fined Kovacich \$10 which he paid.”

EP; 18 Oct 1915; item: “The annual banquet of the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce held last Saturday night at the St. George Hotel was a big success and the dining room was packed to the doors. Watsonville was represented by President F. S. Jerome of the Apple Distributors, President E. W. Sherman of the Chamber of Commerce, Secretary S. J. Duckworth of the Chamber of Commerce, Lou Chesbro and Edward H. Lorenson, all of whom returned with high words of praise for the Santa Cruz hosts.

“District Attorney George W. Smith officiated as toast master...”

EP; 19 Oct 1915; article: “Martin Krilanovich, son of M. Krilanovich of the California restaurant, was badly injured in his left arm yesterday by the accidental discharge of a gun which was believed to be unloaded. Young Krilanovich and his friend, Leslie Jacobson, on Friday went to the Krilanovich ranch on Branciforte drive, where they hunted Saturday and Sunday for quail. On Sunday afternoon they came in to town and went to the California restaurant, where Krilanovich asked permission of his father to go out to Corcoran’s Lagoon to hunt for ducks. This was about 4 o’clock. They went to Corcoran’s and when ready to return home met Arthur Hurd and he asked for a ride when they started to return. He rode with them and as they neared Wood’s lagoon they saw a flock of ducks fly in. They got out of the rig, but it was so dark they could not see the birds.

“Jacobson and Krilanovich removed the shells from their guns and placed them in the bottom of the rig. Hurd took his gun and handed it to Krilanovich while he untied the horse. Krilanovich understood Hurd to say the shells were out and placed it close to him on the seat, but in some manner the trigger was accidentally touched and the charge went off. It took effect in the right arm at and below the elbow and the wound inflicted was an ugly one and the elbow was shattered.

“Part of the elbow was shot off, but Drs. Cowden and Phillips hoped to save the arm.—Santa Cruz Surf.”

EP; 20 Oct 1915; item: “George Hoover of Hollister left his mule in Milcovich’s place across the Salspuedes bridge last evening and told Mr. Milcovich that he would be back. Mr. Milcovich did not know the condition the mule was in and this morning when he went out to look at it the animal was laying on the ground and was starving to death. Constable Devine and Officer Corr had to shoot the animal to relieve it from its suffering. The matter of leav-

ing the mule in this condition was taken up with District Attorney George W. Jean of San Benito county."

EP; 20 Oct 1915; article: "...After the Rogers robbery was reported a report came in from the Condit Ranch on East Lake Avenue that the house occupied by L. P. Cikuth had been entered sometime during the morning and two or three dollars and a watch taken...He overlooked \$200 in coin, which was hidden in a trunk, during his hurried visit."

EP; 21 Oct 1915; Monterey Co. board of supervisors, payments: "...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Joe Dugich \$8..."

EP; 21 Oct 1915; item: "Stephen Scurich has sworn out a complaint for the arrest of George W. Schafer for cashing checks without sufficient funds. It seems as though Schafer is an old offender and has done this trick up and down the coast. It is believed by the officers that the man wanted is at present in Stockton."

EP; 21 Oct 1915; item: "J. and H. Goodwin vs. John Franich et als.—Demurrer to complaint."

EP; 21 Oct 1915; item: "Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased.—Order settling and allowing first and final account; letters of administration issued to Peter Sersen with will annexed at the nomination of Katherine Strazicich who resigns as administratrix."

EP; 23 Oct 1915; ALL: Mico Trucevich.

EP; 27 Oct 1915; item: "Peter Capitanich, who was operated upon a few days ago for appendicitis, is on the road to rapid recovery."

EP; 29 Oct 1915; disp. ad: "HERE'S THE POINT. Placing the Electrical Contract with us insures you securing just the right kind of materials and workmanship—that's the reason why it should be given to us. We would be pleased to submit a set of figures on your work. CENTRAL ELECTRIC WORKS. 246 Main St. Phone 209."

EP; 30 Oct 1915; born: "In Watsonville, Oct. 28, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Marich, a daughter." [*Ann*; +1923]

EP; 1 Nov 1915; article: "G. T. Prince of Oakland today purchased the T.-C. Electrical Works at 423 Main Street from Frank A. Tittimore, E. B. Lettunich and N. B. Anderson, who have been conducting the business here for several years..."

EP; 2 Nov 1915; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...M. Gelch [Glech], \$77.50...Miscellaneous: ...

Central Electric Works, \$19.19...P. P. Stolich \$6.67..."

EP; 2 Nov 1915; item: "Supervisor Judge Knight yesterday heard demurrers in two cases as follows and the same were taken under advisement: Stephen Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co., et al.; John B. Shea vs. Antone Pedersen."

EP; 5 Nov 1915; board of supervisors, payments: "...Panama-Pacific Fund: P. M. Resetar, \$6..."

EP; 6 Nov 1915; article: "The Woman's Club annual chrysanthemum show opened in a blaze of color at the Presbyterian hall this afternoon..."

"Among those who exhibited were: ...Miss Florence Smith..."

EP; 6 Nov 1915; ALL: N. Matiaevich, Mato Rosovich.

EP; 10 Nov 1915; item: "M. Matulich and N. Gutenich [Gutunich] filed a complaint in the superior court this morning through their attorneys, Wyckoff & Gardner, against the Pacific Fruit and Produce Company. They allege that during the past two years they delivered to the defendant 6794 pounds of prunes, and that they had only received \$33.50 on account. They now sue for the balance due, \$739.31, and costs.—Santa Cruz Surf."

EP; 10 Nov 1915; item: "N. Matulich et al vs. Pacific Fruit Products Co.—Complaint in suit for \$739.31, amount said to be due on prunes."

EP; 10 Nov 1915; class. ad: "LOST—Dark brown buggyhorse with white star on forehead. Finder please notify FRANK MATULICH, 347 East Lake Avenue."

EP; 11 Nov 1915; item: "Lease—Agnes S. Folly et al to John Lukrich—50-acres, Rancho Corralitos; also 43.35 acres, same ranch, excepting certain portions."

EP; 13 Nov 1915; item: "Peter P. Capitanich, who was operated upon at the Watsonville hospital about three weeks ago for appendicitis has sufficiently recovered to be able to be moved to his home. Mr. Capitanich, who was taken suddenly ill and Dr. Koepke being summoned found him in a very critical condition. He was at once taken to the hospital where an operation was performed. For a time his recovery was doubtful, but he will soon be around again."

EP; 13 Nov 1915; ALL: V. Borovinich.

EP; 17 Nov 1915; born: "Watsonville, Nov. 17, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Pista, a son." [*Louis*; +2005; see next Fig.]

Fig. 4-81. Louis Pista.



EP; 17 Nov 1915; item: "Louis Secondo will give his sixth annual turkey shoot at the foot of Rodriguez street, on the slough, next Sunday. A large number of fine turkeys have been secured by Mr. Secondo and he promises all the local sports some fine sport if they attend.

"This annual turkey shoot has always proven a great success and all those who attended have received their money's worth. If you want to get a good Thanksgiving turkey attend Mr. Secondo's turkey shoot next Sunday."

EP; 18 Nov 1915; item: "J. H. Goodwin vs. John Franich et al. Demurrer overruled and defendant granted ten days to answer."

EP; 18 Nov 1915; class. ad: "FOR SALE—Two good working teams—Apply ZAR BROS., 123 Palm Ave."

EP; 20 Nov 1915; item: "T. Nakamura, the Japanese aviator, will fly this evening between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock on the Williamson track at the foot of Second street...No admission will be charged, the local Japanese haven't taken the burden of the expense.

"...The hat will be passed at both exhibitions but no one is forced to contribute unless they desire..."

"John Scurich, who lives on West Third street, opposite the aviation field states that automobiles, vehicles and pedestrians will be allowed to pass his yard to the flying grounds. The entrance to the field from Second St. is barred according to the orders of Stephen Scurich."

EP; 20 Nov 1915; item: "**Mr. Scurich's Explanation.** Stephen Scurich called at this office this afternoon and asked us to publish his explanation of the incident regarding the fence at the aviation ground at the foot of Second street, which he says was misrepresented in the article in this morning's Register.

"He says that when the field was elected, without asking his permission or consulting him in any manner whatever, his fence was torn down, and pieces of the fence and several posts taken away. Annoyed at this proceeding he called upon the aviator to come down to his place and see him about the fence. Last evening the aviator called and Mr. Scurich informed him that he wanted a deposit of ten dollars to guarantee the replacement of the fence. If the fence was replaced in its former condition the ten dollars to be returned. No money whatever was demanded or expected for the use of the crossing. Mr. Duckworth, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce,

shortly afterwards called upon Mr. Scurich and said he (Duckworth) would see that the fence was properly replaced, but Mr. Scurich would not accept Mr. Duckworth's personal guarantee, and insisted that the ten dollars be placed on deposit. Mr. Scurich said that he gladly tenders the use of the crossing providing he is put to no expense in the matter."

EP; 20 Nov 1915; item: "Remember that on tomorrow, Sunday, Louis Secondo holds one of his turkey shoots at the foot of Rodriguez street at the slough. These affairs have always proven very popular, and Louis guarantees rare sport on tomorrow as he has secured a fine lot of birds, and extends a cordial welcome to all who desire a Thanksgiving bird. See ad. on our fourth page."

EP; 20 Nov 1915; item: "Chris Milanovich has brought suit in the superior court at Salinas against his partner, B. Pista, for a partnership accounting and settlement of accounts. The two men conduct the fruit orchard in the Gabilan commonly known as the 'Cornet orchard.'"

EP; 20 Nov 1915; ALL: Geo. Paulovich, J. M. Sukrych.

EP; 22 Nov 1915; item: "The annual ante-Thanksgiving turkey shoot held yesterday at the foot of Rodriguez street by Louis Secondo was a big success and drew a large crowd. There was some good shooting for all that chanced their skill and many of those in the ranks of the shooters went home with birds. Mr. Secondo always gives first-class shoots every year about this time and yesterday's shoot was no exception to the general rule."

EP; 23 Nov 1915; item: "Charles Uscovich has been removed from his home to the Sudden Hospital and is said to be in a critical condition. It is reported that he is not expected to live."

EP; 24 Nov 1915; item: "Order assigning estate to widow—Estate of Stephen Strazicich, deceased, to Katherine Strazicich; Undivided ½ interest in certain lots in Watsonville also personal property."

EP; 24 Nov 1915; item: "Naturalization Examiner George A. Crutchfield found a well-informed class of applicants awaiting his questions when he started his quiz in the superior court this morning. Seven new citizens were admitted to citizenship today, as follows: Peter F. Vojvodich of Watsonville..."

EP; 26 Nov 1915; item: "Peter Marinovich of the University of Santa Clara is here to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Marinovich."

EP; 26 Nov 1915; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith and wife were here yesterday and today from Santa Cruz for Thanksgiving."

EP; 27 Nov 1915; ALL: John Brinovich.

EP; 27 Nov 1915; item: "E. B. Rilovich left for Los Angeles yesterday on a business visit."

EP; 27 Nov 1915; item: "George Slavich spent Thanksgiving in San Jose with friends and relatives."

EP; 1 Dec 1915; article: "For the past three weeks the candidates for the Watsonville high school [basketball] team have been holding regular practices on the gymnasium floor of the Y.M.C.A..."

"The following lineup will in all probability be seen in action: John Strazicich...forward...Lewis Lettunich, substitute..."

EP; 3 Dec 1915; honor roll: High 7th: Charlie Sambrailo; 7th Grade: Anna Knego, Emma Grizich; Low 5th: Willie Sambraila [Sambrailo]; Low 4th: Tony Scurich; High 3rd: Peter Zar; Low 3rd: Martin Franich, Louis Bonicich; High 2nd: Peter Copriviza.

EP; 3 Dec 1915; obit: "Drago Uskokovich, a resident of this city for the past twenty-five years, died last night in this city after a lingering illness of some six months' duration. Tuberculosis was the cause of death..."

"The deceased was a native of the Dalmatia, Austria, and was aged about 52 years. He had been here for twenty-five years past and for a long time was in the apple business here although four years ago he gave up business to become a fruit laborer. He was a member of the Austrian Benevolent Society of San Jose. He leaves a sister at Jackson and two nephews at Mayfield to mourn his loss. All that knew the deceased regarded him highly and will learn of his death with regret although his friends had been expecting his demise for several weeks, so low was his condition."

EP; 3 Dec 1915; item: "N. Boscovich, L. Ivancovich, M. Stolich and A. Braica left today to visit the San Francisco exposition."

EP; 3 Dec 1915; obit: "The news of the death in Los Angeles last night of Rado Radovich, the local fruit shipper and packer, was received here today and arrangements are being made to have his body shipped to this city for burial. Mr. Radovich had been suffering from tuberculosis for some time past and left for Los Angeles only two weeks ago in an effort to recover his health"

"The deceased was born in Dalmatia, Austria, and had resided here for eight or nine years prior to his death. During the late years he became a partner in the L. G. Bachan & Company fruit shipping firm on Sixth street, and was successful in his business dealings. Mr. Bachan, his partner, was at his bedside last night when he passed away. Mr. Radovich was well known here, especially

among the members of the Austrian colony, and was highly esteemed and well liked by all that knew him.

"He is survived by several brothers and sisters in Dalmatia."

EP; 3 Dec 1915; obit: "Watsonville, Dec. 2, 1915, Drago Uskokovich [Uskokovich], a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged about 52 years..."

EP; 4 Dec 1915; item: "AUSTRIANS, ATTENTION! All members of Austrian-American Benevolent Society are requested to meet at the I.O.O.F. hall, Monday morning at 9 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Rado Radovich. By order of PETER P. STOLICH, president. JOHN FRANICH, Secretary."

EP; 4 Dec 1915; obit: "The funeral of the late Drago Uskokovich was held this morning from the Aston & Neal funeral parlors with high mass afterward at St. Patrick's Church. The body was interred in the Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. C. Stojanovich, John Stojanovich, Blas Lasich, John Gleg, Anton Skampavija [Scampavia] and Jack Skampavija."

EP; 6 Dec 1915; item: "Lester Lasich, a resident of Second street, fell from a tree one day last week and fractured his right knee joint in a severe manner. His injury was so serious that he was removed to the Watsonville Hospital where he is still confined."

EP; 6 Dec 1915; disp. ad: "DO YOU WANT THE BEST RANGE MADE? If so ask for the Household Rugby or Household Regal. THEY SAVE FUEL AND GUARANTEED TO BAKE. For reference we furnish you a list of a few satisfied customers...P. Capitanich, Mrs. Lucy Vukich...P. Alaga...Peter Stolich, Luke Scurich, Mrs. J. Neamovich, L. Pulich...P. J. FREIERMUTH CO..."

EP; 6 Dec 1915; article: "As an aftermath of the suit of Chris Milanovitch against B. Pista, to dissolve the co-partnership of the pair on a portion of the Natividad Rancho, Pista filed a new and separate action against Milanovitch, suing for \$500 damages, and incidentally filed his answer denying various allegations of Milanovitch.

"Pista in his complaint alleges that Milanovitch has been holding possession of the ranch without his permission and wants \$500 damages for the same with the usual costs.

"In his answer to Milanovitch's complaint, he consents to the dissolution of the co-partnership, alleging that the plaintiff is still indebted to him \$3300 with interest at 7 per cent from December 18, 1912.—Salinas Index."

EP; 6 Dec 1915; obit: "The funeral of the late Rado Radovich was held this morning at 8 o'clock and the

Austrian Benevolent Society members appeared in a body. The body was interred in the Catholic cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: M. Kalich, Joe Kalich, L. G. Bachan, B. Radovich, Mitchell Radovich and Anton Bakich.”

EP; 7 Dec 1915; board of aldermen, payments: “...Labor: ...M. Gelch [Glech], \$79...Miscellaneous: Central Electric Works, \$34.68...California Restaurant, \$18...”

EP; 7 Dec 1915; item: “F. P. Marinovich, the well known local fruit packer, was operated upon this morning at the Watsonville Hospital for gallstones, the case being a severe one. Unless complications set in he will recover although his condition is reported to be serious. Dr. F. H. Koepke performed the operation which was successful.”

EP; 8 Dec 1915; article: “That immediate steps will be taken by the street committee of the board of aldermen to remedy matters at Third and Main streets to relieve the flood conditions that prevail during every heavy rain was the decision of the aldermen, who met last night in regular monthly session with all members present. The street committee was given power to act in the matter after the flood problem had been discussed by the board but just what will be done by the committee is not known although an auxiliary culvert at the corner seems to be the popular solution.

“The attention of the board was called to the condition at Third and Main streets by two petitions, one signed by M. N. and Mateo Lettunich and the other by a number of business men in the affected district, both petitions praying for immediate relief...”

“M. N. Lettunich said the people at Third and Main needed immediate relief. He stated that the present culvert across Third Street was too small and that if an open gutter was put in he thought it would help matters...”

“Alderman Callaghan suggested that an auxiliary culvert be built at the corner and this seemed to be a feasible proposition to the other members of the board. However, the street committee will do something soon in the matter in an effort to relieve the present evil at the Lettunich building.”

EP; 8 Dec 1915; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co.—Order extending time for plaintiff to file amended complaint.”

EP; 9 Dec 1915; obit: “Mrs. Katie Miljas, a native of Dalmatia, Austria, and a resident of the valley for the past six years, passed away at her home on the Cassidy place on the San Juan road this morning. The deceased was aged 26 years at the time of her death. She was well known among the Austrian residents of this valley and her many friends will learn the news of her death with a great deal of sorrow.

“Mrs. Miljas is survived by her husband, B. Miljas, two daughters, and a mother and father, who reside in Dalmatia...”

EP; 9 Dec 1915; item: “Wm. Pulisevich, is in town from Los Angeles, looking well and hearty.”

EP; 9 Dec 1915; obit: “Watsonville, Dec. 9, 1915, Mrs. Katie Miljas, a native of Dalmatia, Austria, age 26 years.”

EP; 10 Dec 1915; disp. ad: WIZARD ELECTRIC PORTABLE LAMP. SPECIAL PRICE \$3.50. This portable lamp is a wonderful convenience in the Home, Office or Travel. It sticks, hangs, clamps or stands anywhere. Gives you light just where you want it. A Wizard Lamp will make a useful Xmas gift. We sell them. CENTRAL ELECTRIC WORKS. 246 MAIN ST. PHONE 209.”

EP; 10 Dec 1915; item: “Luke Scurich et al vs. Clara L. Morris et al.—Satisfaction of judgment.”

EP; 11 Dec 1915; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: Novicich [Novcich], Jack, Comp. Ins., \$105.30... City Gro. Co., mdse, \$19...”

EP; 11 Dec 1915; obit: “The funeral of the late Mrs. Katie Miljas was held this morning from the Cassidy residence on the San Juan Rd. and the body was interred in the Catholic cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: N. Stolich, J. Viklich, N. Scurich, B. Matucich, G. Copriviza and M. Stolich.”

EP; 11 Dec 1915; disp. ad:
**DELICIOUS COFFEE—FINE
 STEAKS. TRY THEM!
 WHEN YOU WANT A
 Good Dinner**
 or a
DELICIOUS BREAKFAST
 try the
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EP; 11 Dec 1915; obit: “Miss Lena Rilovich, aged 19 years and 7 months of age, passed away at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rilovich, on West Lake Avenue last evening after an illness of eleven months.

“Miss Rilovich was a native of this city and was educated in the public schools. After leaving school she spent her time with her parents at home. Her bright and cheerful nature endeared her to many and all will receive the news of her death with a great deal of sorrow.

“She is survived by her mother and father, three sis-

ters, Katie, Anna and Marie Rilovich and two brothers, Edward and Martin Rilovich, all of this city.”

EP; 11 Dec 1915; obit: “Watsonville, Dec. 10, 1915, Lena Rilovich, a native of this city, aged 19 years and 7 months...”

EP; 11 Dec 1915; article: “After several weeks of painstaking consideration, the contest judges find that Vivian Reilly, daughter of ex-Warden W. H. Reilly, of Folsom state prison, is the winner of the contest and to her will go the beautiful nickel-plated miniature Wedgewood Range. Close upon her heels, however, was pressing little Alice Nichols, age 10, daughter of F. J. Nichols, residing on West Third street. Each little girl had close to 4000 correct words and in view of this remarkable showing and the closeness of the two contestants, the manufacturers of the Wedgewood Stoves & Ranges proffered a second little Wedgewood Range so that each of these two contestants will receive a prize. Six little girls submitted lists of over 3000 words and five more submitted lists containing 2000 to 3000. The names of these 11 little girls are: Helen Thompson, Ruth Richardson, Annie Gera, Artice Sutton, Elenor Willett, Mildred Mann, Ruth Scurich, Verona Whitton, Evelyn Pierce, Marion Wright and Mildred Dempsey.

“The Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company was so pleased at the fine showing made by these little girls that a special gift was presented to each of them. We believe every contestant found the contest educational as well as recreation. There were 249 entries in the contest.” [*this is the only mention of this contest found in the papers; no other explanation can be found*]

EP; 13 Dec 1915; obit: “The funeral of the late Lena Rilovich was held this morning at 9 o’clock from the family residence at 159 West Lake Avenue. Interment was made in the Valley cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: M. Stolich, N. Kopravija [Kopriviza], A. Bendis, Ed. Kopravija and A. Braotivich [Brautovich].”

EP; 13 Dec 1915; item: “L. Secondo is calling your attention to the sixth annual turkey shoot on Sunday, December 19th. Read the ad on page four.”

EP; 13 Dec 1915; article: “The Watsonville High School basketball team continued its march onward toward the C.C.A.L. pennant Saturday evening on the Y.M.C.A. court by defeating the five from the Santa Cruz high school by a score of 39 to 26... “...John Strazicich and Henry Riboni played a good game considering that this is the first year at the game for either man...”

EP; 13 Dec 1915; item: “Attorney Clayton W. Seevers of this city has been appointed deputy district attorney and

his many friends are congratulating him upon his new honor. Mr. Seevers will represent District Attorney Smith in this end of the county and will work in conjunction with Mr. Smith in other parts of the county where his services may be needed. In case anyone cannot go to Santa Cruz to see District Attorney Smith personally they can consult Attorney Seevers, who will handle the matter with his superior officer.”

EP; 16 Dec 1915; item: “George Slavich has departed for a visit with friends and relatives in San Jose.”

EP; 17 Dec 1915; disp. ad: “ELECTRICAL GIFTS. We have all kinds of standard, guaranteed devices for home use. PORTABLE LAMPS. VACUUM CLEANERS. SEWING MACHINE MOTORS. GRILL STOVES. TOASTERS. COFFEE PERCOLATORS. IRONS. HEATING PADS. CURLING IRONS. EVER-READY FLASH-LIGHTS. Xmas Tree Outfits—composed of small colored lamps, wired ready for use. Visit our store and let us show you these useful and appropriate gifts. CENTRAL ELECTRIC WORKS. 246 Main St. Phone 209.”

EP; 18 Dec 1915; item: “The high school students who are participating in the Carnival and Dance given by the Woman’s Club at the auditorium on New Years Eve for the benefit of the children’s playground are as follows: ...Anna Scurich...Florence Smith...”

EP; 18 Dec 1915; article: “Tomorrow night the combined choirs of this city will join in a big Christmas concert in the Christian church, to which the public is invited. It will be one of the greatest musical events ever held in this city. The program will be as follows: ...Solo, ‘Come Unto Me,’ (Handel)—Mrs. O. D. Stoesser...”

EP; 18 Dec 1915; item: “Central Electric Works—A woman always appreciates an electric percolator or anything in the way of lighting effects in the home. The Central Electric Works has a large and complete stock along electrical lines with presents for both men and women. Anything in the electrical line you will find at this store. ‘Christmas business is good in our line,’ says Manager Stojanovich.”

EP; 18 Dec 1915; item: “At the regular weekly assembly of the Associated Students...the main business was the reading of the report of the play committee...”

“The preliminary tryouts for the play, ‘As You Like It,’ were held on Wednesday and Thursday last. The following students have successfully passed the first trials and are eligible to try for a place on the cast: ...J. Strazicich.”

EP; 18 Dec 1915; article: “The following Christmas programs were rendered in the graded schools yesterday afternoon:

“Mrs. A. E. A. White’s room of first graders...song ‘Wreaths and Holly Berries,’ Polly Franich...”

“Miss Jessie Andersen’s third grade...‘The Christmas Riddles,’ Raymond Dutro, Fletcher Jones, John Wilbur, Russell Case, Peter Zar...”

EP; 18 Dec 1915; ALL: J. Gospodnetich.

EP; 21 Dec 1915; item: “Rado Chukovich has just purchased a 1916 five passenger Dodge automobile from the Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company.”

EP; 21 Dec 1915; item: “Miss Lena Scorsur, Mr. B. Scorsur and Mr. John Rizzo of San Jose are visiting Mr. and Mrs. K. Skampavia on Walker street.”

EP; 22 Dec 1915; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co. et al.—Amended complaint.”

EP; 22 Dec 1915; born: “In Watsonville, Dec. 22, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Grizich, a daughter.” [*Lucy; +1916*]

EP; 23 Dec 1915; mar. license: “Santa Cruz, Dec. 22, 1915, Christopher Mestrick, aged 27, and Miss Paulie Katich, aged 23, both of the Pajaro valley.”

EP; 24 Dec 1915; item: “Mr. Mateo Lettunich has placed the Pajaronian force of employees under obligations to him by the receipt of a box of beautiful apples, with ‘the compliments of the season.’ The apples are beauties, and we herewith return thanks.”

EP; 24 Dec 1915; item: “...The following members of the Y.M.C.A. are eligible for the teams: ...John Strazich...”

EP; 27 Dec 1915; item: “Lease—J. M. Grimmer, M. Korich et al to Korich Bros.—1st tract of about 25 acres Watsonville Twp., also tract of about 90 acres.”

EP; 28 Dec 1915; article: “Those who are to participate in the winter basketball games were selected last evening by the six captains appointed one week ago. The following are the teams selected:

“...Big Six: G. [J.] Strazicich...Tigers: L. Lettunich...”

EP; 29 Dec 1915; ALL: Mitchell Maronivich [Marinovich].

EP; 30 Dec 1915; item: “Antone Balich to Albert Dethiefsen—Lot on Kearny St., Watsonville.”

EP; 30 Dec 1915; item: “Antone Balich of Watsonville and brother Andy Balich of Santa Cruz have bought the Albert Dethiefsen ranch at Vega, three miles from Pajaro. This ranch, which is a 20-acre apple orchard, con-

tains a modern dwelling house and other improvements and is considered one of the choices pieces of land in its vicinity.”

EP; 30 Dec 1915; item: “N. Matulich et al vs. Pacific Fruit Products Co.—Set for trial on Feb. 10.”

EP; 31 Dec 1915; item: “Mrs. Eli Arbanasin and son, Matthew, Mrs. James Skampavia and Miss Lena Scorsur left this morning for San Jose to spend New Year’s with friends and relatives.”

EP; 31 Dec 1915; married: “Watsonville, Dec. 30, 1915, at St. Patrick’s church, Nick Pavac [Papac] and Miss Lucy Nirich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 31 Dec 1915; married: “Lucy Nirich became the bride of Nick Pavac [Papac] last evening at St. Patrick’s church, the ceremony being performed quietly in the presence of only intimate friends and relatives.

“The bride is the daughter of Paul Nirich of this city. She was born and raised in this valley and has resided here all her life. She has a large circle of friends, all of whom are congratulating her upon her marriage. She is a sister of Mike Nirich and Mrs. L. Gluhan, both of this city. [*she was born in S. Dakota*]

“The groom has been a resident of this city for the past four years. He is well known among the fruit packers of this city and this year was in the employ of A. Stolich. He has many friends in this city from whom he will receive felicitations.

“At the conclusion of the ceremony the newlyweds departed for San Francisco where they will spend their honeymoon. Upon their return to this city they will reside at 54 Palm avenue.”

EP; 31 Dec 1915; article: “Tonight will be a big night at the auditorium when the benefit for the children’s playground will be held under the auspices of the Civic Section of the Watsonville Woman’s Club...”

“The main feature of the program, the march and folk dancing, will be given by thirty-two girls...The following girls will participate in this feature: ...Anna Scurich, Florence Smith...”

EP; 31 Dec 1915; item: “A case of diphtheria was reported to the city board of health by Dr. F. H. Koepke late yesterday afternoon and the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Scurich, 60 Brennan street has been placed under quarantine. The case reported is a very light one and unusual precaution is being taken to prevent the spread throughout the city.”

EP; 31 Dec 1915; article: “CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PAJARO VALLEY. (By S. J. Duckworth, Secretary.) Watsonville has always been fortunate in

maintaining efficient promotion bodies charged with the expression of community sentiment in all matters of public interest.

"The pioneers in this respect were the old Board of Trade and the Orchardists' Association. After several years of very successful work along their chosen lines these two bodies were merged into the present organization known as the Chamber of Commerce. Under their auspices, and almost solely because of their well-directed efforts under the leadership of the late C. H. Rodgers, the all-important campaign of scientifically fighting the insects and other pests common to all fruit centers was inaugurated and maintained until the orchards of the Pajaro Valley today produce fruit equal to the best in the world. Before spraying[,] as it is now practiced in this section[,] came into vogue the proportion of wormy apples ran as high as 60%. Now the highest percentage is seldom over four. One of the most important results of the forementioned work was the establishment here of the California Spray-Chemical Company's plant, an institution that supplies the remedy for any of the ills that trees and vines are heir to.

"The Chamber of Commerce has a noteworthy array of public works to its credit. It fathered the original movement for a Freeholders' charter and enthusiastically sustained it at every stage until the present organic law of the city was adopted. It also led in the movement for good streets[,] and the present system of thoroughfares that so distinctly mark Watsonville as without a peer in its class is the result of Chamber of Commerce initiative and support.

"The real worth of Pajaro granite for street building purposes was first proven here and the use of this material has now extended all over the state. The Granite Rock Company's quarries at the eastern edge of the Pajaro Valley carries the largest payroll in this section.

"The Watsonville Apple Annual Association was initiated and organized under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. Of all enterprises ever launched here this one was responsible for more publicity for the Pajaro Valley and gave a greater impetus to every branch of our leading industry than anything else ever attempted by our people. The California Apple Show commanded world-wide attention and the results flowing from it more than compensate for the efforts so freely and enthusiastically given to ensure its success. As we emerge from the depression that in recent years has overtaken our country, no better evidence of faith in the future of our little Eden could possibly be given than by resuming our annual apple carnivals where, as loyal Californians, we suspend them in deference to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

"To illustrate what intelligent, united effort will accomplish for a community we may cite the matter of our Main street lighting system. This project had its inception in the Chamber of Commerce and its officers unsparingly devoted their energies toward its rapid, eco-

nomical and efficient installation. All overhead wires and poles were removed and replaced by an underground system involving a total outlay in excess of \$20,000. From first to last all the work required in this transformation was done by the Chamber of Commerce and its various committees; the money for the entire project was raised by its officers through voluntary contributions and when completed the system was turned over to the municipality as a free gift. The cost of the electrolier system alone was a little over \$10,000.

"In the matter of interesting capital for the improvement of the city the Chamber has been equally successful. The erection of the Watsonville Ice and Cold Storage plant, representing an investment of approximately one-third of a million dollars, was due in great measure to the activity and persistence of one of its committees. The same may be said of the organization of the Appleton Investment Company, through which the Appleton Hotel and the Appleton Theatre block were erected, while the establishment of Jones Bros. & Co.'s extensive vinegar works was the direct result of the Chamber's activities and co-operation.

"The Standard Apple Act of 1915 was drawn by the Chamber of Commerce. Its representatives promoted its passage through the legislature and prevailed upon the governor to approve it. The immediate results of this legislation was the organization of the Watsonville Apple Distributors, whose good work is noted elsewhere in this issue. The Executive Board of the Distributors is made up almost entirely of active members of the Chamber of Commerce...

"In the matter of opening new markets for our products, the Chamber is now in correspondence with leading firms in the more important centers of Latin-America with the view of obtaining firsthand information as to the conditions under which the virtually virgin and unlimited fields of the south may be entered. This work is being done by the present Secretary as part of his routine duties in the Spanish language, a circumstance that peculiarly favors the local Chamber in pioneering the way for the entry of Santa Cruz county products into these comparatively new territories.

"The present membership of the Chamber, covering virtually all of the activities of the Pajaro Valley, is as follows:

"Directors—President, E. W. Sherman; vice-president, E. A. Hall; secretary, S. J. Duckworth; treasurer, C. A. Palmtag; J. W. Baxter, J. B. Cutter, J. E. Gardner, F. S. Jerome, T. S. MacQuiddy, W. A. Trafton, L. I. Bay, W. J. Espindola, R. H. Hudson, F. P. Krough, F. L. Selleck, F. W. Willett.

"Members—[of 134 members listed, the only Slav is J. P. Mascovich]...

"The foregoing list of names constitutes the largest number ever enrolled on the books of any promotion body in this valley...

“The Chamber of Commerce office is always open. After business hours entry to the rooms can be had through the lobby of the Appleton Hotel. Visitors are welcome at any time. The exhibit of Pajaro Valley products is open to inspection by all. The present window exhibit comprises fresh apples in standard boxes, canned apples, dried apples, apple jelly, apple cider and apple cider vinegar. The soil exhibits, gathered by the government bureau of soils, is a most interesting display of the various formations that contribute to the fertility of the Pajaro Valley.”

Editor's remarks. Corrections, additions or comments made by the editor of this book appear within [square brackets].

Newspaper abbreviations.

EP = Evening Pajaronian
Paj = Pajaronian
WReg = Watsonville Register
Trans = Transcript (a Watsonville paper)
Wats Trans = Watsonville Transcript
Rustler = Rustler (a Watsonville paper)
SC Sent = Santa Cruz Sentinel
SC Surf = Santa Cruz Surf
SJ Mercury News = San Jose Mercury News

Abbreviations and terms in the main text —

ALL = Advertised Letter List
class. ad = classified ad
disp. ad = display ad
hon. roll = honor roll (school)
hon. prom. = honorary promotion to next grade (no test necessary)
mar. license = marriage license
obit = obituary
prom. by exam = promotion by exam (to next grade)
school prom. = school promotion (to next grade)
sic indicates that the passage (or word) is just as it appears in its original source.
Sometimes the correction is written after *sic*.
UL = Undelivered Letters
Ro. = Rancho
et al. = "and others"
et ux. = "and wife"
et vir. = "and husband"

More information can be found in Appendix A.

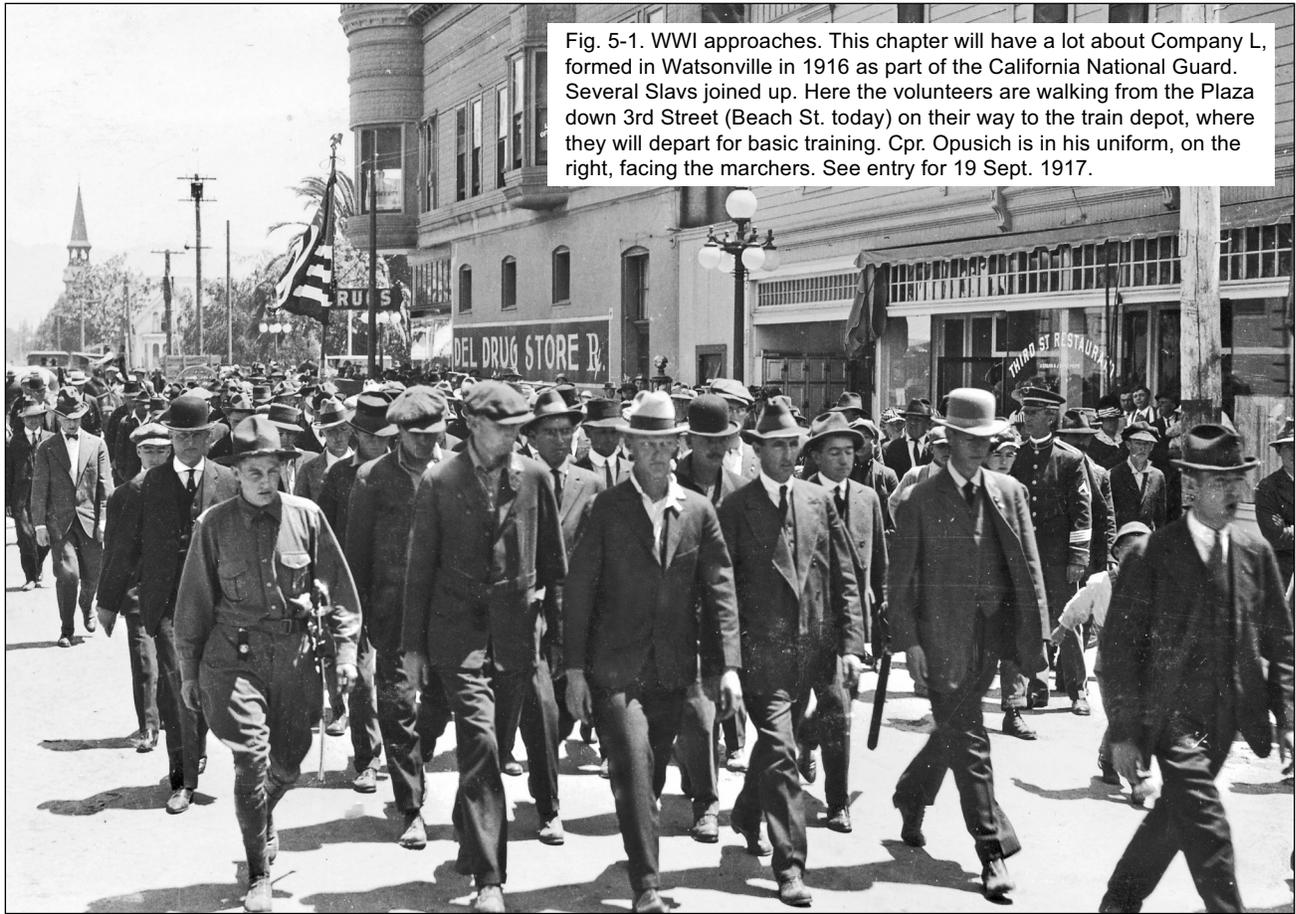


Fig. 5-1. WWI approaches. This chapter will have a lot about Company L, formed in Watsonville in 1916 as part of the California National Guard. Several Slavs joined up. Here the volunteers are walking from the Plaza down 3rd Street (Beach St. today) on their way to the train depot, where they will depart for basic training. Cpr. Opusich is in his uniform, on the right, facing the marchers. See entry for 19 Sept. 1917.

CHAPTER 5—

1916–1920

EP; 3 Jan 1916; article: “Nineteen hundred and sixteen was given a royal reception by the people of the city of Watsonville Friday evening. There was plenty of amusement for the people of the city between the dance at the auditorium, given by the civic section of the Watsonville Women’s Club for the benefit of the children’s playground, and the usual good time on Main street.

“A large crowd attended the affair at the auditorium. Dancing commenced at 9 o’clock and continued until early Saturday morning for the tired but happy crowd. When the stroke of twelve came the reception for the New Year commenced and for 10 minutes there was enough noise in the auditorium to have been heard in Santa Cruz...

“One of the most novel features of the evening was the march and dance in which thirty-two girls participated. During the last part of the first number, the girls marched and sang ‘America, I Love You.’ As an encore a march with lighted Japanese lanterns was given...

“The girls who participated in the exhibition march were...Anna Scurich, Florence Smith...[of 30]”

EP; 3 Jan 1916; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Company et al. Demurrer to amended complaint.”

EP; 3 Jan 1916; ALL: Paul Franovich, Mongel Bros., Mrs. Mary Rusmanovich.

EP; 4 Jan 1916; married: “Watsonville, Jan. 3, 1916, at St. Patrick’s church, by Rev. Father Hassett, Chris Mestrich and Miss Pauline Catich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 4 Jan 1916; article: “As an ‘opener’ for the Winter Basketball League, the game between the Big Six and Cupids played last evening on the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium floor proved very exciting. The first mentioned came out on the long end of the score which was 33 to 17...The two teams used the following lineups: Big Six—Charles Maddux and John Strazicich, forwards...”

EP; 5 Jan 1916; item: “H. S. Fletcher et al. executors, etc., to Kate Dubreta—Lot on Lincoln St., Watsonville.”

EP; 5 Jan 1916; item: “Mrs. Mary Hrepich is visiting relatives at Sacramento.”

EP; 5 Jan 1916; item: “Frank Hrepich has returned from a business trip to Sacramento.”

EP; 5 Jan 1916; item: “Miss Pearl Hrepich is at Sacramento to visit her cousin, Mary Pagni.”

EP; 5 Jan 1916; item: “Frank Crunts, Nick Einbencich

and Joe Cato were captured last evening by Constable Cano at Watsonville Junction after a hard chase. Constable Devine had received word from the St. Francis Orphanage to the effect that three boys had escaped from there and upon investigation he found that the boys captured by Cano were the ones wanted. Devine returned the boys to the orphanage this morning.”

EP; 5 Jan 1916; item: “Mrs. T. Gospodnetich and son, A. Gospodnetich, are at Hollister visiting Mrs. Matulich, the daughter of Mrs. Gospodnetich.”

EP; 6 Jan 1916; board of supervisors, payments: “County Fund: ...Jack Novicich [Novcich], \$48.80...Panama-Pacific Fund: ...Stolich Bros., \$15...”

EP; 6 Jan 1916; item: “H. S. Fletcher et al, executor, to Martin Salatic—Lot on Lincoln St., Watsonville.”

EP; 6 Jan 1916; item: “H. S. Fletcher et al., executor, etc., to P. Sambrailo—Lot on Lincoln St., Watsonville.”

EP; 7 Jan 1916; item: “Mike Matulich vs. California Insurance Company of San Francisco.—Satisfaction of judgment.”

EP; 8 Jan 1916; item: “The following additional Pajaro Valley claims against Santa Cruz County were not published in the Pajaronian a few days ago. County Fund: ...George W. Smith, cash advanced, \$42...”

EP; 8 Jan 1916; ALL: George Drazetich, M. Salamovich [Salamunovich], Johnnie Vukich.

EP; 10 Jan 1916; obit: “Ole Rasmussen, father of Mrs. Andy Balich of Santa Cruz, passed away this morning in Santa Cruz. Heart trouble caused his death. The deceased was aged about 75 years. He was well known in the Pajaro Valley, having come to this section about 15 years ago. After residing here for seven or eight years he moved to Santa Cruz where he has resided ever since.”

EP; 10 Jan 1916; item: “M. N. Lettunich has returned from a business visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 10 Jan 1916; article: “Monterey high school won from the local high school basketball team on the Pacific Grove court last Saturday evening by a score of 31 to 18. This is the first game the local team has lost this season...”

“The two teams used the following lineups: Watsonville—Crosetti (captain) and Strazicich, forwards; Ray Apperson, center; Grul and Riboni, guards...”

EP; 11 Jan 1916; married: “Watsonville, Jan. 9, 1916, at St. Patrick’s church by Rev. Father Hassett, John Mus-

takinich [Mustahinich] and Miss Josephine Larkin, both of the Pajaro valley.”

EP; 11 Jan 1916; item: “Nicholas Lettunich has returned from a visit to Juarez, Mexico, and El Paso, Texas.”

EP; 12 Jan 1916; item: “H. S. Fletcher and W. R. Radcliff to Luka Bilicich—Lot on Lincoln St., Watsonville.”

EP; 12 Jan 1916; item: “Lease—John Sheehy Co. to George Copriviza and Martin Gera, co-partners—100 acres in Watsonville twp.”

EP; 13 Jan 1916; born: “Watsonville, Jan. 13, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Ned Gluhan, a son.” [Edward; +1977]



Fig. 5-2. Edward Gluhan.

EP; 13 Jan 1916; mar. license: “At Salinas...the following marriage licenses were issued: ...Martin J. Market, 28, and Anica Hazdovac, 27, both of Monterey...”

EP; 14 Jan 1916; item: “To make room for a wholesale liquor department, the J. P. Mascovich Grocery Co., corner Maple Avenue and Main street, in the John T. Porter building, is offering groceries at a remarkably low price at a special sale which is now on. The list of goods offered at these reductions can be found in the ad. on our third page, and are worth the careful consideration of close buyers.

“The Mascovich Co. proposes to shortly install a first-class wholesale liquor department to their grocery business, catering principally to family trade. It proposes to carry the best brands of wet goods and announces that it is now the agent for Wieland’s celebrated brew of beer. All goods purchased will be delivered to any part of the city...”

EP; 15 Jan 1916; ALL: Luka N. Radonich.

EP; 17 Jan 1916; item: “The Pajaro valley men on the venire, from which a jury will be selected to try Nelson McDonald of Santa Cruz on January 25, are as follows: ...Paul Alaga...[of 14]”

EP; 20 Jan 1916; item: “The pupils of the high eighth grade of the Watsonville Grammar school will hold their graduation exercises tomorrow afternoon...Those who will graduate are...Steven Marinovich...[of 14]”

EP; 22 Jan 1916; ALL: George Budman, J. N. Miloslovich, L. N. Radonich, Nick Sersen, Andro Setalo, J. J. Voivodich.

EP; 24 Jan 1916; item: “The second semester for the local public schools commenced this morning with the registration of 17 new students in the high school and ten new students in the commercial department...”

“The new students in the high school are: ...Steven Marinovich...”

EP; 25 Jan 1916; item: “George Hrepich, proprietor of the California Restaurant, appeared in...court this morning...and paid a fine of \$25. Mr. Hrepich was arrested yesterday on the complaint sworn out by Maurice E. Coulter of the State Dairy Bureau, charging adulteration of the milk sold at his place of business. He appeared in court this morning, pled guilty and paid his fine.”

EP; 25 Jan 1916; item: “P. M. Butier, the local packer, has returned from a business trip to Los Angeles.”

EP; 25 Jan 1916; item: “Estate of Chas. Uskovich, deceased—Letters of administration issued to George E. Easterday; W. V. Gaffey appointed sole appraiser.”

EP; 25 Jan 1916; honorary promotions: From Low 1st to High 1st: Polly Franich. High 2nd to Low 3rd: Peter Copriviza, Martin Grizich. Low 3rd to High 3rd: Martin Franich. Low 4th to High 4th: Tony Scurich. Low 7th to High 7th: Kathryn Strazicich, Emma Grizich. High 7th to Low 8th: Chas. Sambrailo. High 8th to High School: Stephen Marinovich.

EP; 25 Jan 1916; item: “Declaration of Homestead of Mitchell V. Pista—Lot in Cassin Park tract, Watsonville.”

EP; 28 Jan 1916; article: “Messrs. P. A. Callaghan, chairman of the Light committee of the Board of Alderman, and John Stanovich, city light electrician, called upon us this morning and took exceptions to the article published in last evening’s issue of this paper, regarding any faulty lighting conditions on Main street or across the bridge. They state that since Mr. Stanovich took hold of the Main street lights and reduced the voltage from 220 to 110, he has cut down the number of unlit lamps from 50 and 60 to about 8 lamps per month and has made a saving of 10c per lamp on each one having to be replaced.

“They stated that Mr. Stanovich’s good work in this respect, was brought about by the advice and directions of two of the leading experts on electric lighting on the Pacific Coast.

“They admitted the deplorable conditions that existed on West Third street, but said that the Board of Alderman were in nowise to blame for the conditions prevailing as the electrolier system was installed and belongs to the property owners along that block (between Rodriguez and Main streets), and the city had no jurisdiction over it; that the electroliers were of a peculiar pattern that were hard to

keep in order, and parts had to be sent for to the east.

“Mr. Callaghan said that he had taken up the matter of turning over the system to the city several times with the property owners but nothing had been done. He was anxious to see better lighting on the block, for, as a tenant, in the T. & D. building, he considered the system a failure.”

EP; 28 Jan 1916; item: “The case of E. J. Kelly vs. F. J. Bettencourt for the failure to pay an amount of money due was heard in the justice court this morning. It is alleged that the defendant bought some horses from Frank Radovan and was to pay the money to Mr. Kelly but the plaintiff alleges he failed to receive the money. Attorney R. H. Hudson is representing the defendants while Mr. Kelly is representing himself. The witnesses called upon this morning were Frank Radovan, F. J. Bettencourt and Manuel Silva. The case is still on at press time.”

EP; 28 Jan 1916; promotions by exam: Low 1st to High 1st: George Gera, Mary Lucich, Lucy Perovich; High 1st to Low 2nd: Annie Gluhan; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Mary Perovich; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Marie Rilovich, Anna Scurich, Nicholas Radimer [Radimir]; High 3rd to Low 4th: Mary Castropelli, Anna Glage, John Miljanich, Peter Zar; High 4th to Low 5th: Mary Glage, Annie Matson; Low 5th to High 5th: Willie Sambrailo, Frank Saveria; High 5th to Low 6th: Nellie Puhiera, Stephen Nemanich; Low 6th to High 6th: John Castropelli, Paul Dubreta, Tony Dubreta; High 6th to Low 7th: Kathryn Arbanas, Nick Castropelli; Low 7th to High 7th: Mark Rilovic, Anna Knego.

EP; 29 Jan 1916; item: “According to last Thursday evening’s Hollister Free Lance when James Sorsseo met Martin Gospodnetich in front of the Elite restaurant in that town...last Wednesday night a fracas occurred. The reason for the international quarrel is as obscure as the reason for the war in Europe. Quite likely national feeling did not enter into the matter at all as Sorsseo recently started hostilities with a fellow countryman...”

EP; 29 Jan 1916; item: “B. Pista has returned from a business visit to Salinas.”

EP; 29 Jan 1916; ALL: J. Miljeskovich.

EP; 31 Jan 1916; item: “George Miljanovich was arrested yesterday afternoon by State Game Commissioner J. H. Hill on the Murphy ranch on the San Juan road for hunting without a license. He was brought before Justice of the Peace Rohrback at Pajaro, pled guilty and was fined \$10.

“The open season for ducks, snipe and all protected game closes today and there will be nothing more to hunt until August 1, when the deer season opens. Local nimrods are requested to remember this in order to prevent being arrested.”

EP; 1 Feb 1916; class ad.: "FOR RENT. Elegantly furnished rooms 50c, weekly rates \$1.50 to \$2.00, private tub or shower baths, hot or cold, at Hotel Central; also furnished or unfurnished housekeeping rooms with gas, very reasonable. Also several houses from 3 to 6 rooms, with modern improvements, some with barn. Inquire of STEPHEN SCURICH, at Hotel Central. Phone 18."

EP; 2 Feb 1916; item: "A transfer of John P. Zar's retail liquor license from its present location in the Morning Star Hotel at 208 Main street to 300 Main street, the corner of Main street and Maple Avenue, which was formerly occupied by Nye's pool hall, was granted last night by the board of aldermen by a vote of 6 to 2. Attorney C. R. Taylor, who represented Zar, and Mr. Zar himself stated that the Morning Star property was untenable, that the building was in a dilapidated condition and unfit for occupation and that his requests for improvements to the structure had met with refusal on the part of the owners. Mr. Zar promised to conduct a decent saloon in his new location and said he would abide by the law in every respect. Attorney J. L. Atteridge appeared for the Atteridge estate, which owns the property at the corner of Maple Avenue and Main street, and he advocated the granting of the transfer. Chief of Police Whitsitt reported that Mr. Zar had always conducted a respectable saloon and the police had never had any trouble with him..."

EP; 4 Feb 1916; item: "The barbers of this city have come to an agreement after several informal meetings in regard to closing hours.

"Shops will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. on each day, except on holidays, on Sundays and on days preceding holidays and on Saturdays. On Saturdays shops will remain open until 10:00 p.m. On Sundays shops will remain closed the entire day. On the six holidays set down by the Merchants Association at their last meeting shops will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 12 m. On days before the holidays set down shops [*sic*] will remain open until 8 p.m. Patrons will not be admitted to any shop after the hour of closing (6:30 p.m.) under any circumstances. On Monday, Feb. 14, these new rules will take effect..."

"We are glad to know that the barbers are getting tired of their self-imposed hours and will endeavor to become human beings once again.

"The following barbers signed the above agreement: ...John Previsich...[of 12]"

EP; 4 Feb 1916; item: "A. B. Litchfield, who has conducted the poolroom in the Faustino building on Main street near the City Hall, today sold his place of business to J. Jurkovich and N. Boskovich, who will take possession tomorrow. Mr. Litchfield's future plans are uncertain but he intends to remain here for a time at least. Both of the new proprietors are well known in this city, having resided here several years."

EP; 5 Feb 1916; item: "Nick Sresovich attempted to leap from the second story of the Central hotel this morning...The man has been ill for some time and was slightly demented but he has been placed in charge of a local physician and the last report stated that he was doing nicely and would fully recover."

EP; 5 Feb 1916; ALL: Kroll [Kralj?] & Zupan, Peter Miller, J. Miljeskovich.

EP; 7 Feb 1916; item: "The Watsonville high school basketball team won the championship of the Coast Counties Athletic League for the season of 1915-16 from the Santa Cruz high school on Saturday evening in Santa Cruz by a score of 23 to 20. The local team came from behind in the last minute and a quarter of play and cinched the championship..."

"...The Watsonville team wrapped themselves in glory, Captain Crosetti making six of the 11 field goals. John Strazicich made two fine field goals which started the rally and virtually won the game for the locals..."

EP; 8 Feb 1916; item: "Mr. M. Zar, who conducted the auto contest at the Opera House in this city last June, is in town today. 'Mike' is now connected with the T. & D. Co. and is that firm's 'outside' man. He came down last evening on business connected with the T. & D. Theater, and looks hale and hearty."

EP; 8 Feb 1916; item: "A warrant for insanity was sworn out in Justice of the Peace A. B. Hawkins' court this morning against Nick Sresovich. A few nights ago Sresovich attempted to jump out of the second story window of the Central Hotel. Ill health is said to have caused his insanity. He will be taken before the Superior Court in Santa Cruz for examination."

EP; 8 Feb 1916; item: "Estate of Chas. Uskovich, deceased—Notice of publication of notice to creditors."

EP; 9 Feb 1916; item: "Patrolmen Zimmer and Whalen took Thomas Vusich into custody last evening for threatening to destroy property and do other dangerous things. Vusich's actions have been very strange of late and the local authorities have been watching him very closely. Last evening his actions became so noticeable that the patrolmen decided that he should be placed in jail and taken to Santa Cruz to be examined. Police Judge Bridgewater sentenced him to 40 days in the county jail this morning."

EP; 9 Feb 1916; born: "At Aromas, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Capitanich, a son." [*John*; +1953]

EP; 9 Feb 1916; county supervisors, payments: "County: ...Jack Novacich [Novcich] \$46.80...California Restau-

rant \$20.28...County Good Roads: ...Martin Kulich \$24... Panama Pacific: ...Copriviza & Gera \$5...”

EP; 9 Feb 1916; article: “**The Deserving Poor’. A True Story in Five Chapters...**

“**CHAPTER I. The Capitalist That Wanted to Invest Here.**

“Gather up mates! Hitch your chairs closer to the warm stove, whilst I tell you an o’er true tale!

“Indeed it is a weird and winksome yarn! Get out your ‘hankychefts!’

“And the strange part of it is that it had its inception in this city of Watsonville...”

“For an obvious reason, ‘ig-ner-ence,’ we are unable to give names in this melodrammer. We are ignorant of the cognomens of the two principal characters. No one seemingly knows—or wants to know—their names. Suffice for the purposes of this story to style the leading character, ‘The Canadian capitalist’; the ‘heavy’ character, ‘The Weeping Villun,’ and the third character (the ‘juvenile,’ as it were) ‘Mr. Innocent.’ The latter party is one of our leading apple packers, a shrewd, keen, business man, and always willing to dispense charity. So now—

“There breezed into the Hotel Appleton in this city, about six or eight weeks ago, a portly, smooth, well-dressed Austrian, who, after registering, proceeded to take in the town. Curiously enough, his meandering steps led him to a favorite thirst parlor much frequented by people of his own nationality. There he proceeded, after displaying much ‘diner’ (coin of the realm) to divest himself in an impressive way, to an admiring audience of the information that he was from Canada via Tacoma, looking for a live town wherein he could open up a big business; that he had been in business in Canada—in fact had had one of the largest all-around stores in the entire dominion, but owing to the present unpleasantness wherein England and Austria had commenced to bite thumbnails at each other, he had been requested to vamoose, to ‘git out.’ Consequently, alas! and alack! he had been compelled to sacrifice his immense business; and gathering the shattered remnants of his fortune together, he had, figuratively speaking, pinned a piece of mistletoe to his coattails and proudly walked out of Canada to this ‘land of the spree and home of the suave!’ (encore). Now—he was looking for a place to start anew, to build up again; and ‘how about Watsonville?’

“He was a very impressive, intelligent and fluent gentleman, and his rendition of his wrongs didn’t help England one bit in her present troubles. It wouldn’t have taken much more to have caused the formation of a company of recruits to go back to the old country to fight. The crowd fell for him.

“‘How about Watsonville?’ They hastened to assure him he had made no mistake in coming to this ‘vale of the blest’...and the mythical Garden of Eden, a ringer. Could he get a good location for his proposed store? Sure

Steve, likewise Mike! Not only could he get a good location, but there would also be thrown in the right-of-way through Main street to Whiskey Hill, where the amber nectar gushed from springs. Why the owner of the thirst parlor could supply him with a location. (This was evidently what the Canadian capitalist was looking for. He wanted to give the aforesaid owner the once-over.) The aforesaid owner was called in, introduced to the C. C. Yes; he had a location, but the lessor would have to show his responsibility and after much talk, negotiations were suspended. Evidently the ‘once over’ that the Canadian Capitalist gave the landlord was disappointing—the landlord had had his eye teeth cut clean through. Then Mr. C. C. gave the landlord’s brother the ‘once over,’ and that was sufficient. However, he hung around and made himself known as a general good fellow.

“It was the next day, or the day after that, he fell in with Mr. Apple Packer. They took to each other immensely—became very friendly, and to the latter, the capitalist unfolded his plans, his hopes and fears. He looked at the vacant stores in the P.V. Bank building:—had half a mind to take the vacant Lyric theatre; wasn’t sure but that the Week’s store wasn’t better, and finally fell firmly, but irrevocably in love with the former location of the postoffice in the John T. Porter building. It was it! Was the only place—and so reasonable in rent!

“Mark you, my mates! How nicely everything was arranged in this plot.

“**CHAPTER II. Enters the ‘Heavy Villun’**

“It was on a Friday when Mr. Capitalist ‘diskivered’ the Porter location, and it was on the following Saturday morning that he developed a burning curiosity to see the interior of the store. He phoned to Mr. Apple Packer from the Hotel Appleton he would like to see the inside of that store—who had the key? The latter didn’t know unless it was kept over at the Porter residence on the Pajaro road. Would Mr. Apple Packer come down town in his auto and take him over to the Porter residence to get the key so he could take a peep at his future ‘hang-out?’ ‘Squirtingly!’ So down to the Appleton rolled Mr. Apple Packer in his auto, picked up Mr. Capitalist and they started out. Somewhere on Main street about the crossing of Peck street, Mr. Capitalist suddenly discovered that he had forgotten to post an important letter; it must catch the next outgoing mail; it would never do to not post it; so much depended upon it would his friend stop and step over to the postoffice with him to show him the proper orifice wherein to post it; it would never do to have it lost!

“The Apple Packer was obliging. He would and he did. Stepping out of the auto they both went across to the postoffice where the letter was carefully posted, and then proceeded to retrace their steps across the Plaza to the auto. They had arrived at, or near the bandstand, when a strange incident occurred—

“He was a very ordinary weepy, lachrymose-looking

individual, rather shabbily dressed and apparently an Englishman. He had a bewildered, woe-begone look. Anyone looking at him would at once pronounce him an overgrown gawk or gink, or 'nobody home!' and in his hand he carried a shabby-looking (rather the worse for wear) satchel or valise!

"A satchel! Gadzooks! Sheriff Trafton doesn't this remind you of the Dodero case!

"As the pair proceeded to pass Mr. Gawk, who was gazing around in a bewildered way, he timidly approached Mr. Capitalist and asked him 'the way to the depot.' The latter scarcely noticed him, gruffly replied, 'Oh go away! Don't bother me! I don't know the way to the depot!' and kept on his way.

"But Mr. Gawk was not to be repulsed. He stepped after Mr. Apple Packer, and again repeated the query in a broken voice. The latter turned around, and, to his astonishment, discovered that the man was crying like a baby. He told the man how to proceed down West Third street to the depot, whereat the man's grief broke out anew. 'Oh, gentlemen,' he cried, 'won't you please take me down to the depot? I'm lost, and I've got to get back to San Jose right away! I've got plenty of money; I'm afraid I'll be robbed—I'm no bum! See—and opening up the satchel, inside of which was a black tin coin box, he opened the box and displayed to the bewildered gaze of the apple packer package after package of greenbacks and United States banknotes. Aladdin's treasures were outdone!

"All of the above entreaties, assertions and vociferations were punctuated with heartrending sobs, which were received by Mr. Capitalist with a bored and cynical air. He told his companion in their native language, that he didn't believe a word of it, although he was apparently taken back at the sudden display of the treasure the box contained. Finally he turned to his companion, 'Let's take the fellow down to the depot,' he suggested, 'and get rid of him.'

"And so they started for the auto. Mr. Gawk was profuse in his thanks, albeit still some weepy. Mr. Capitalist was still apparently cynical and unbelieving. On arriving at the depot, the apple packer went in to the ticket office and was informed by Agent Roy Davis that the next train for the Garden City didn't leave until about 12 o'clock. When he returned to the group with this information Mr. Gawk's grief was uncontrollable; and to queries unfolded the following phantasmagori:

"CHAPTER III. The Erring Father That Died Rich.

"When but a small boy together with his father and mother and a blind sister (every time he mentioned this blind sister his grief and tears came afresh and his sorrow was pitiable) lived at San Jose. One night his father came home unexpectedly, and found a friend making love to his mother. Enraged beyond expression, his father drew his pistol and killed the man. He was a murderer! He rushed out of the house bewildered, not knowing what to do.

"At that time there lived in San Jose a certain clergyman who had often befriended his father. To the clergyman's house he directed his steps, and rushing in, threw himself upon his mercy and told him the entire story. The clergyman was terribly shocked, and in answer to the man's appeals told him there was no chance of saving him from the gallows unless he managed to escape; he had grossly violated the laws. Too bad! Too bad!

"The murderer took the hint, and made his get-away to San Francisco, thence escaping to Alaska, where, in time, he discovered some valuable diggings and became immensely rich.

"The mother sold the small holdings at San Jose and taking the boy and his poor blind sister (tears) went back to her folks in the old country where many years after the mother died.

"In the meantime the rich father in Alaska often wrote to the boy and sent him sums of money, which letters and money were carefully taken and appropriated by the mother, without the son's knowledge, and it wasn't until the father wrote to the American consul regarding the boy, that he became acquainted with the true status of affairs. He wrote to his father in Alaska, and in due time received, in return, a sum of money and a letter (through the consul) requesting him to get to his fast failing father at once.

"The mother in the meantime had died. So leaving his poor blind sister (tears) in the old country he hurriedly journeyed to Alaska—and arrived none too soon! The rich father was on his deathbed! (sobs). His father died leaving the son and blind sister \$150,000, making them rich beyond their fondest dreams—but there was another bequest.

"CHAPTER IV. The Good Clergyman and the Poor.

"The dying father, between gasps (tears) gave his son the sum of \$36,000 additional, and conjured him by all that was sacred to repair, on his way home, to 'Sank Hosay' and give \$6000 of the money to the worthy clergyman who had befriended him, and the other \$30,000 to give to some worthy persons or charitable organization for the deserving poor.

"Closing his poor dead father's eyes (so he wouldn't look like a fish) the son was hastening to comply with his wishes. Took the train at Frisco for the Garden City. A stranger in a strange land, he asked the conductor to put him off at San Jose; fell asleep; conductor forgot the request; and he awoke at Watsonville Junction; came over on the train to Watsonville; didn't know where he was. Now here he was; had a ticket on a train leaving Oakland mole that night, that would connect with the steamer leaving New York on a certain day that week for the old country and he must get back to San Francisco and catch that train that evening, and he wound up by carefully exclaiming—

"I must get back! I will get back! Here I will give one hundred, yes, two hundred dollars to get back to San

Francisco this afternoon!’ and so saying he pulled out a roll of greenbacks that would choke a cow, and preferred it to his newly-found friends.

“It was at this point that Mr. Capitalist commenced to take a passing interest in the proceedings. In his native tongue, (which apparently the gawk couldn’t understand), he suggested that it was an easy way to make a hundred dollars. Let the store inspection slide. It could wait until tomorrow. And after some little consideration it was arranged that the appleman would take the miner’s son to San Jose in his auto, Mr. Capitalist accompanying them. The money for the ride was to be paid over at San Jose.

“Accordingly they started; took the Riverside road; got out a little ways and the auto went on the blink. After a cursory examination Mr. Apple Man said that they’d better return to town. But, no! Mr. Capitalist said he once owned a Buick in Canada; he knew how to fix the auto; jumped out, and in a few moments started the machine. They crossed the bridge at Aromas, and in due time managed to get to Gilroy.

“It was necessary to stop a short time at Gilroy to get the auto attended to at a garage, and in the interim Mr. Gawk got hungry and wanted a cup of coffee. After beating around the town a little for a secluded place where coffee could be had, and not finding any joint that suited, the party adjourned to Millias’. They went into one of the rooms, Mr. Gawk carefully holding the satchel, and letting no one touch it. Arriving there Mr. Gawk was taken ill, begged to be excused, and left the party taking the satchel with him. Whilst he was gone Mr. Capitalist drew his companion’s attention to the care bestowed upon the satchel, and gave it as his opinion that the fool did have some money in the box—but he would assure himself.

“Upon Mr. Gawk’s return to the party Mr. Capitalist bantered him: ‘Say; you are bragging about having so much money—how do we know if you’ve got it or not?’

“Mr. Gawk’s answer was startling and convincing. He put the satchel on the table, unlocked the tin box and threw out on the table wads of greenbacks which he commenced counting. ‘One thousand; two thousand; three thousand!’ he announced and finally at the tenth thousand, Mr. Capitalist closed the matter.

“‘That’s enough. You’re all right! You’ve got the money.’

“Everything being ready the party started for San Jose. Mr. Capitalist and Mr. Apple Man discussed, in their own tongue the strange proceedings. Mr. Capitalist was of the fixed opinion that the gink needed a guardian badly.

“San Jose was finally reached, and then to find the reverend clergyman. The party stopped at a cigar store on one of the main streets. Did the cigarman know of a certain Rev. Mr. Blank. The cigarman did not, although he knew every priest and preacher in the village. Finally Mr. Capitalist took a hold of the matter.

“‘Wait here,’ he said, ‘I have a friend living around on the cross street. I’ll go and find out from him!’

“He disappeared, and after a short time returned. Alas! Alack, and oh, sorrow! His friend informed him that the Rev. Mr. Blank had died some three years ago!

“Mr. Gawk then threw another fit! He might have known it. His father had told him that the clergyman would be quite old! and his grief and tears were so uncomfortable that Mr. Appleman felt downright sorry for him. In order to restore him to his normal equilibrium it was deemed necessary to adjourn to another restaurant, and here the next act was staged.

“CHAPTER V. Who Would Disburse the Charity?”

“Mr. Capitalist was becoming vastly interested in Mr. Gawk’s worthy scheme. How did he propose to disburse this \$36,000 to the poor? ‘Oh, give it to some charitable organization, or to some worthy, responsible persons to disburse!’ Mr. Capitalist ventured to gently suggest that his friend and himself would be willing to assume the burden if allowed. Yes, they’d been very kind to him, retorted the benevolent dispenser, but how did he know they were honest? Mr. Capitalist was outraged and showed his indignation (like Mae McGinnerty, the chorus girl). What, didn’t he know Mr. Appleman; hadn’t he heard of him—one of the leading citizens of Watsonville; was worth thousands of dollars; bought up apple orchards; had money to burn, etc. Hadn’t the gentleman and himself been high officials at one time in a ‘Home of Benevolence?’ Wasn’t it at their feet that Andy Carnegie sat and imbibed those benevolent instincts that prompted him to throw library buildings (without books) at the people? Oh, pshaw! Tish! likewise Tut! Tut!

“Mr. Gawk sorrowfully shook his head, and was hard to convince. He was suspicious of all men since the good clergyman had gone and died on him. Finally he allowed the reluctant admission to be drawn from him that he would trust them if they would put up some money to show their good faith. The money to be deposited with the \$36,000 jack pot, and it all to be deposited in the Italian bank, corner of Market and Mason streets, in San Francisco. How much money would convince him? Not less than \$3000. When they commenced to disburse the 36,000 bucks to the deserving poor, they could withdraw and retained their \$3000.

“For a moment the demand was a poser, but the capitalist was equal to the occasion. ‘Well, all I’ve got about me is \$1100,’ (and he threw that sum in greenbacks upon the table) ‘can you furnish the \$2000?’

“Mr. Appleman could, but he didn’t have that much money about him. ‘Couldn’t he put in a check?’ But Mr. Gawk wouldn’t hear that. Nothing but greenbacks would do—so the upshot of the matter was that all hands repaired to one of the San Jose banks, where Mr. Appleman drew his check on one of the Watsonville banks for \$2000. The San Jose bank called up the local bank and inquired to know (by phone) if Mr. Appleman was good for \$2000. The local institution replied ‘Yes; if the signature was genuine,’ and Mr. Appleman being proper-

ly identified was handed over the sum.

“But luckily—and here is the nub of the story—the bank was short on greenbacks, had very few of the rags, and handed over the \$2000 in bright and shining twenties [coins].

“Then the parties started for San Francisco; got there in due time, and started for the bank. They were proceeding up Market street, and had got to the block between Fifth and Sixth streets, and almost opposite the Italian bank, when an untoward happening took place. All of a sudden Mr. Gawk was taken ill. A sicker man was never seen. His [stomach] went back on him, and rushing to the edge of the sidewalk he began to vomit. There was no use of talking. The worry and excitement coupled with the fear of losing that train that evening was too much for him. His companions stood by him, and finally Mr. Capitalist suggested that some food might restore him, and ordered three chop sueys (why three chop sueys is the question); Mr. Appleman never liked chop suey, and whilst he didn’t countermand the order, didn’t taste the dish but drank his coffee. All this took place in one of the small dining boxes in the rear of the restaurant.

“Mr. Capitalist pitied Mr. Gawk and at length suggested that he ought to be in bed—anyway the sooner he got over to that Pullman and laid down the better for him. Instead of going over to the bank, why not bunch the money then and there, hand it over to Mr. Appleman and let the Watsonvillian deposit it in the bank.

“After considerable urging Mr. Gawk consented, he placed the tin box on the table, unlocked it and opened it, put out several of the greenback bundles on the table, slowly rearranged them in the box, took Mr. Capitalist’s \$1100 in greenbacks, put them in the box, and then placed therein Mr. Appleman’s shining heavy \$20 pieces.

“The table at which they were sitting was a narrow long affair. Mr. Capitalist sat at one end, facing him at the other end sat Mr. Appleman, and in the centre, on one side sat Mr. Gawk.

“The money had been placed in the box. ‘Wait a moment,’ said Mr. Gawk, ‘and I’ll lock it!’ So saying he deftly swept the box down in his lap.

“What followed, followed so fast that it almost baffles description.

“Whatever it was that excited Mr. Appleman’s suspicions he cannot remember. But as the box was put back onto the table, after being locked in the fellow’s lap (it took only an instant, and he never took his eyes off it), Mr. Appleman reached for the box and its lightness after having stored so many twenties, struck him. Suddenly arising, he jerked up his end of the table throwing the table on end into Mr. Capitalist’s lap, and there in Mr. Gawk’s lap was his bag of shining twenties. He made a step forward and reaching down suddenly seized the gold and ran out of the place.

“Evidently the other two were paralyzed by his sudden and unlooked-for move. They made no effort to follow him.

“Mr. Appleman ran rapidly up Market street...and never stopped until he reached the postoffice. Entering the building he rushed to the money order department and throwing the sack down, pale and trembling he demanded ‘\$2000 in money orders on Watsonville!’ His strange appearance and his unwonted demand caused scrutiny. Who was he? Where did he come from? Why did he want so many orders? And the United States government represented by the postal department at San Francisco suspended business and invited him to explain himself in an inside private room.

“Pale and nervous he told them his name, where he came from, and that he wanted the orders. He told nothing about his adventure. Well, there was nothing to do but issue the orders which took some time, owing to his nervousness in signing the requisitions. Having got the orders he buttoned them safely in an inside pocket and then beat it out to a friend’s house where he stopped all night, returning to Watsonville the following day.

“During the trip up Mr. Gawk was quite lavish with money, and forced certain sums upon him to show good will for favors bestowed. Mr. Appleman was \$35 or \$40 ahead on the trip, plus a soon-uva-noon fright!

“But, mates! It was lucky that \$2000 wasn’t in greenbacks. The gold spoiled the whole trick.

“And, again: Was the chop suey doped, or was it simply pie-gut?

“We might go on and tell how the local postmaster also threw a fit when he got an order from San Francisco to pay \$2000, and there wasn’t that much money, just then, in the United States treasury at this place.

“But why go on! It’s a sorrowful tale, mates!”

“As an addenda to the above we clip the following from today’s Examiner which under the heading of ‘Man Drops \$1300 in “Rich Uncle” Trick,’ says.

“Alex Dimoff, 2954 15th street, told the police yesterday that he was swindled out of \$1300 on the “rich old uncle” trick a few days ago. The money, he says, had been saved after many years. He charges Miller Zunich as a party to the swindle.

“Dimoff says Zunich and another man persuaded him to give them his savings as security for many thousands of dollars he was allowed to distribute to the poor. He says they switched boxes on him. He found the box he held as “security” contained iron washers. Zunich and the other man have fled.” [see 12 Feb. 1916 to find out who Mr. Appleman was; also see 13 July 1916]

EP; 10 Feb 1916; item: “An unknown thief appropriated seven chickens from the property of Tony Gospodnetich on upper Lincoln street last evening. A search is being made for the thief but as yet no clues have been found.”

EP; 11 Feb 1916; article: “The suit of N. Matulich and N. Gutenich, co-partners of Watsonville and Mrs. Elizabeth

McHoul against the Pacific Fruit Produce Company of San Jose occupied the attention of the superior court yesterday. T. J. Horgan, a fruit buyer of Watsonville and agent for Mrs. McHoul was on the stand all morning.

“The plaintiffs are seeking to collect \$739.31 from the San Jose concern alleging that this amount is still owing in part payments of three shipments of prunes made them from the Pajaro Valley last autumn.

“Mr. Horgan’s testimony tended to show that the prunes were inspected before purchase, properly weighed and sold under contract at an agreed price to the defendants...—Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 12 Feb 1916; article: “Says last evening’s San Francisco Call: Miller Zurich, declared by the police to be one of the cleverest bunko men in the game, who recently arrived here from Seattle, was arrested today by Detectives Burns and Gallivan on Market street as the man who bunkoed Alec Dimov, a restaurant man of 2954 Sixteenth street, out of \$1300 a few days ago.

“Zunich was recognized in the crowd while walking leisurely along the street last night. According to Dimov, Zurich came to him to trade property, declaring he had a ranch at Watsonville. To make the trade, Zurich persuaded Dimov to put \$1300 into a box containing a similar amount of Zurich’s money, and gave Dimov the box to hold. When Dimov open the box it contained iron washers.

“(Zunich is alleged to be the artist that got Mitchell Resetar of this city in his scheme for helping ‘The Deserving Poor’, as related in the Pajaronian last Wednesday.—Ed. Pajaronian.)”

EP; 12 Feb 1916; item: “The following trial jurors for the ensuing year from the Pajaro Valley as arranged from the various election precincts have been named as follows by the Santa Cruz supervisors: ...Watsonville Precinct No. 1 ...Antonio Mioceovich...Watsonville Precinct No. 10: ... Luke P. Cikuth...”

EP; 12 Feb 1916; item: “PARTNERSHIP SUIT. The cases of Chris Milanovich against B. Pista and Pista against Milanovich was heard yesterday in the superior court before Judge Bardin. The two men were engaged in fruit raising on the Gabilan and the suit is over the accounting. Luke Pulich, is the official court interpreter in the Slavonian language. After hearing the evidence Judge Bardin ordered the case submitted on briefs. Daugherty & Lacey and C. M. Cassin are the attorneys for Pista, while P. E. Zabala and G. W. Smith of Santa Cruz are the attorneys for Milanovich.—Salinas Journal.”

EP; 15 Feb 1916; item: “N. Matulich and N. Gutenich [Gutunich] and Elizabeth McHoul vs. Pacific Fruit Produce Co.—Submitted and taken under advisement.”

EP; 15 Feb 1916; item: “Fearing that Motor Patrolman J.

R. Mellander would ‘pinch’ him for riding his bicycle along the country road without the necessary light, Jack Bossich rode for all he was worth and after he found that he could not escape he threw his bicycle over a fence and ran across a field to safety. This all occurred last Saturday evening on the Santa Cruz road near Freedom.

“This morning Bossich came to Mellander and asked for his bicycle, which the motor patrolman had confiscated after the flight. The bicycle was returned after a severe lecture and Bossich went down and purchased the necessary illumination for his machine and is now a sadder but wiser man.”

EP; 16 Feb 1916; item: “Nicholas M. Lettunich left today for a business visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 16 Feb 1916; item: “Mike Zar of San Francisco was a business visitor in this city last evening. He remains here until tomorrow and is looking into matters connected with the T. & D. Theatre.”

EP; 18 Feb 1916; item: “Mrs. Celeste Mortizia et al gives notice that she has sold her grocery store and bakery, on Lower Main street to Lorenzo Vaninetti et al.”

EP; 18 Feb 1916; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co.—Order extending time to March 6 for plaintiff to file second amended complaint.”

EP; 18 Feb 1916; item: “Milan Marjanovich will speak at the Odd Fellows’ hall tomorrow evening. Read the ad. on page four.”

EP; 18 Feb 1916; article: “NOTED SERBIAN TO DELIVER LECTURE. Milan Marjanovich, vice president of the great Yugoslav Committee in London, the aim of which is to create a big south Slav state after the war, will be here tomorrow and will deliver an address tomorrow night at 7:30 o’clock in the I.O.O.F. hall to his local countrymen. Admission will be free and all Serbians, Yugoslavs, Croatians, Slavonians and Austrians are invited to be present as Mr. Marjanovich has a great message for them. For many years he was editor of the leading newspaper in Ragusa [Dubrovnik], Dalmatia, and is one of the best posted men on Austrian affairs that has visited the United States since the war opened. The committee in charge of tomorrow’s meeting is composed of Vido Lister, N. Stolich, Jakov Diklich, G. Milkovich, A. Vukich, G. Simunovich and A. Lucev.

“Mr. Marjanovich comes here also to consult with leaders of the South Slav element in the United States. He says there are over a million Serbians, Croatians and Dalmatians in America.

“His mission is to discuss with them national aspirations and plans, and to gauge their opinions as to whether the proposed new Slav state, which is to incorporate sev-

eral Austrian provinces should have a republican or monarchical government.

“Marjanovich says he has obtained personal declarations from Sir Edward Grey and Premier Asquith that the union of the Austro-Slav territories and Serbia will be considered a ‘sine qua non’ by the allies when peace negotiations are opened. Marjanovich said:

“The Jugoslavs, the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes are by blood, language and tradition, no less than by their economic and political conditions, one homogenous nation, with identical aims in their national life. They are 5 millions strong in Serbia, and 9 millions in Austria.

“Here they have a nation of 14 millions divided against its will. The Slav subjects of Austria are also oppressed in an economic way. Of every dollar they pay in revenue, 56 percent goes into Austrian pockets. The Austrian government refuses to permit an independent industry in Dalmatia and Herzegovina, and goods manufactured in these provinces can be sent cheaper to Vienna and Budapest than to Slav towns in the immediate neighborhood.

“The great Slav state planned will be one of the richest countries in Europe. It contains the greatest copper mines in Europe, and is a great grain and fruit country. Austria, for reasons of its own, has not permitted the coast line to be linked up with the interior. Still two-thirds of the Austrian Mercantile Marine is in the hands of Marjanovich’s people.

“The southern Slav state will include Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Istria, Carniola, Dalmatia, Syrmia and Slavonia. It has a coast line of about 400 miles. It will possess two excellent ports, Fiume [Rijeka] in the north and Spalato [Split] in the south, as well as several smaller ones. It will control certain zones in the Adriatic.”

EP; 18 Feb 1916; disp. ad:

COMING
Saturday Night
 I.O.O.F. HALL 7:30 P.M.
MILAN
MARJANOVICH
 SLAVONIAN SPEAKER on
 ‘THE FORMATION OF A SOUTH SLAV STATE’
 Committee in charge:
 Vido Lister, N. Stolich, G. Milkovich,
 Jakor Diklich, G. Simunovich, A. Lucev
 ADMISSION FREE
 ALL SLAVONIANS WELCOME

EP; 19 Feb 1916; item: “Among the prospective jurors drawn from the jury box to try Thomas Kenny, in the superior court, charged with burglarizing some Brookdale houses are...Peter Stolich...[of 10]”

EP; 21 Feb 1916; item: “Mr. Zar, of the T. & D. forces,

San Francisco, arrived here last Saturday evening, to take charge of the T. & D. theatre for several weeks, pending the arrival of another manager for the house, vice Clyde Earls, whom Mr. Zar says ‘will be taken care of and sent around the circuit.’ Mr. Zar will be occupied for the next week in packing up the defunk Lyric theatre’s outfit and shipping it to the city.”

EP; 21 Feb 1916; item: “Major A. N. Judd, the militant fruit man of the Pajaro Valley, who has led many a charge against the forces who seek to form a protection district in his valley to prevent inroads from the Pajaro river, was made the subject of an inquisitorial attack by District Attorney Smith Saturday morning in behalf of the county which has been made co-defendant with the supervisors in a suit brought by the major and his wife in which it is sought to collect \$80,160 as damages for alleged inroads on his property by flood waters and destruction of trees by the county servants...”

“Major Judd was closely questioned as to the life of his orchards when they were planted and how protected, and was also asked to specify the dates and incidents involving the alleged carelessness of the county employees in burning and destroying his property.—Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 21 Feb 1916; obit: “At Gilroy, Feb. 16, 1916, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marinovich.” [John]

EP; 21 Feb 1916; item: “Mike Zar of the T. & D. force arrived here last Saturday evening and will take charge of the T. & D. theatre in this city for a while.”

EP; 21 Feb 1916; article: “HEARS FROM BROTHER. Martin Lettunich of this city has received a letter from his brother, John N. Lettunich, who is serving with the Austrian army in the drive on Salonika, Mr. Lettunich having been granted a few days leave of absence from the front when he wrote the letter. Mr. Lettunich’s brother has been in the war since it began and has so far escaped injury. It goes without saying that Martin was glad to hear from him and to learn that he was still alive and well.

“Mr. Lettunich, who wrote the letter from Ragusa [Dubrovnik] on January 8th, stated that when he returned for his two days furlough he was greeted by several hundred people at the depot and cheered. He is a private in the Austrian army and has recently been engaged in the Balkan fights. He states too, in his letter that the Austrians are winning and that they will beat the allies.”

EP; 22 Feb 1916; item: “Antone Balich to Lorenz Dethlefsen—Lot on West Lake Ave., Watsonville.”

EP; 22 Feb 1916; item: “Lease—Amos W. Condit to L. P. Cikuth—Lot in Condit ranch.”

EP; 22 Feb 1916; item: “Prosper Lettunich of San Francisco is here as a guest of his father, M. N. Lettunich.”

EP; 22 Feb 1916; item: “George Milcovich, who resides on Second street, will leave tomorrow for his new home in Arizona.”

EP; 23 Feb 1916; obit [front page]: “Natale Chriss Skocko, a resident of this valley for the past 16 years, passed away at his home on the Santa Cruz road near the Five Mile House last evening at 10:30 o’clock.

“Mr. Skocko was a native of Dalmatia, Austria, and was aged 58 years, 1 month and 27 days. He came to California 40 years ago and settled in Amador County where he engaged in mining. Sixteen years ago he came to this valley and has been engaged in farming and fruit growing up to the time of his death.

“He is survived by a widow, two daughters, Lucia and Christophia [Christopher, a son] Skocko of this valley and three sons, Peter, Lazarus and John Skocko of this valley. T. J. Skocko and John Skocko of Sanger and Paul Skocko of Angels Camp are brothers and he also leaves a brother and sister in Europe...” [see photo, Fig. 2-8]

EP; 23 Feb 1916; obit: “Near Five Mile House, Feb. 22, 1916, Natale Chriss Skocko, a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged 58 years, one month and 27 days...”

EP; 24 Feb 1916; item: “A number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chapin tendered them a delightful surprise last evening at their home on West Lake avenue, the affair being in honor of Mrs. Chapin’s birthday...Those present were: ...Mrs. Paul Alaga...[of 26]”

EP; 24 Feb 1916; honor roll: High 7th: Emma Grizich; High 6th and 7th: Kathryn Strazicich; High 5th: Willie Sambrailo; High 4th: Ned Gluhan, Tony Scurich; Low 4th: John Miljanich, Peter Zar; High 3rd: Louis Bonicich, Mary Matson, Martin Franich.

EP; 25 Feb 1916; item: “Jacob Steigleman, Chester Eveland, George E. Du Commen, Peter Stolich, Martin Hart, Louis Ritter, Frank E. Pullen, C. B. Neuman, Harold Hushbeck, J. A. McCorkle and John Cruz are in Santa Cruz today. They are on the venire from which a jury will be picked to try a Brookdale burglar.”

EP; 29 Feb 1916; item: “The case of Paul Arbanas vs. Fred L. DeBack, a suit for \$10,000 for injuries received in an auto collision on the Salsipuedes road in the fall of 1914, began today in the superior court at Santa Cruz before a jury...”

EP; 29 Feb 1916; item: “We are informed that Frank Radovan, the fruit packer, formerly of this city, is now in Chile, working in some capacity for that country in its

horticulture department. The last heard from him some-time ago, he was making his way for Chile, via crossing the Andes Mountains, and stated that he had a good position waiting for him when he arrived at his destination.”

EP; 1 Mar 1916; item: “Harry Odell, who has been conducting the Rex barber shop at 275A Main street for several months past, has sold his place of business to John Previsich, who has been proprietor of a tonsorial parlor at 263 Main street. Mr. Previsich was forced to move from the Marinovich building because a new structure is soon to be erected there. The future plans of Mr. Odell are not known.”

EP; 1 Mar 1916; item: “Paul Arbanas vs. Fred L. DeBack and Annie Rowe—On trial before a jury for \$10,200 damages.”

EP; 1 Mar 1916; article: “Says this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel:

“In the superior court before a jury a \$10,200 damage suit is going on, having started yesterday with the selection of the 12 men who are to decide on the merits of the case, and the presenting of some of the evidence for the plaintiff. Paul Arbanas is suing Fred L. DeBack and Annie Rowe, as the outgrowth of an accident in which the plaintiff claims that while on Salsipuedes road out of Watsonville on October 13, 1914, driving a team of horses hauling apples, he was run into by an auto driven by DeBack. It is claimed by the plaintiff that his wagon was tipped over, that he was thrown out and injured about the head and body, being rendered unconscious, and that as a result he has been permanently disabled. Witnesses for the plaintiff yesterday were Emery DeBack, John Souza, Jerry Driscoll and John Arbanasin.

“The defendants intend to show that while the auto was traveling along a country road the dog of Arbanas ran into the road, as it had after every auto passing, and landed against the front wheels of the machine, causing it to swerve to the left side of the road, where it was stopped. And the defendants claim that the wagon ran into the auto instead of the auto running into the wagon. Mrs. Rowe is made defendant to the suit because DeBack was acting as her agent and handling her property on the Salsipuedes road...”

EP; 2 Mar 1916; item: “Marko Vujinovich, who went from here about a year ago to visit Serbia, his native country, has returned in safety to this city after a narrow escape from the war zone. Vujinovich traveled through Albania, where he got a ship to Brindisi, Italy, going thence to Naples and sailing from that port to New York. He describes Serbia as the scene of utter desolation and feels happy to be again safe in the United States.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 3 Mar 1916; item: "For several years the local Opera House held the record for change in managership but it now seems that the T. & D. Theatre is about to break the record, having had four since last July with the fifth, Philip Norde of Oakland, here to succeed Mike Zar. Norde was formerly associated with the Photoplay Theatre in Oakland and is regarded as being a very capable man, whom all of us will welcome to our community. Mr. Zar will leave Monday for Reno to manage the Reno theatre, which we thought was to be conducted by Jack Hunter, formerly local T. & D. Theatre manager.

"Clyde Earls will accompany Mr. Zar back to Fresno to resume employment with the T. & D. Co..."

EP; 3 Mar 1916; item: "John P. Zar will open his new saloon at the corner of Maple Avenue and Main street tomorrow (Saturday) evening. He invites all his friends to be present. The name has been changed from Morning Star to Congress Saloon."

EP; 3 Mar 1916; item: "J. P. Maskovich is in San Francisco for a business visit."

EP; 3 Mar 1916; item: "Professor McCormick and Miss Prince will hold their second dancing contest at the T. & D. Theatre, Sunday, March 5th. The pupils participating are as follows: ...Della Gill and Johnnie Strazicich, Ida McFarland and Louis Lettunich...ballroom dances... Pauline Strazicich and Fred Kane...Gavotte Petite..."

EP; 4 Mar 1916; ALL: Mr. and Mrs. M. Krijanovich.

EP; 4 Mar 1916; item: "The damage case of Arbanas vs. DeBack which has been on trial in the superior court at Santa Cruz, for the past five days, resulted in a verdict in favor of DeBack last night, the jury returning into court with its decision about 10 o'clock. The case has been hotly contested..."

EP; 4 Mar 1916; article: "LOCAL CENSORS FAVOR NOTED MOVIE PLAY. 'Damaged Goods,' the much talked of and widely advertised motion picture play, which has aroused such a storm of protest and approbation throughout the country in the past few months, was presented to a representative number of local business and professional men at the T. & D. Theatre this morning and at a conference of the censors held afterward it was almost unanimously decided that the famous play should be given here to the public in two weeks. As a result of the approval of the censors the T. & D. Theatre is arranging to present 'Damaged Goods' in this city on March 13 and 14.

"The picture, which is a six reel treatise on the deadly work of syphilis, the most loathsome venereal disease in the world, points out the manner in which parents can transmit the dread disease to their unborn offspring and it

teaches a moral lesson that the local censors, but with two exceptions, believe should be shown to the children and older people of this community. A feature of the review of the film play this morning, which was appreciated by all present and which added to the enjoyment of the picture, was the rendition of a number of selections on the pipe organ by Miss Aura Thompson, the clever organist of the T. & D.

"Those that acted as censors of the picture and who viewed the famous plays were Rev. E. B. Hays, C. L. Thackeray, Father P. D. Hassett, Mayor W. A. Trafton Aldermen C. H. Lewis, R. S. Tuttle, P. A. Sager, P. A. Callaghan and J. R. Uren, former Mayor J. A. Hall, Chief of Police S. Whittsit, City Clerk M. M. Swisher, Secretary Frank E. Gates of the Y.M.C.A., Fire Chief Lawrence Sandberg, Deputy District Attorney Clayton W. Seevers, United States Marshal J. B. Holohan, Roy. V. Bailey, Charles McSherry and Mr. Underwood of the Register; E. H. Lorensen and Philip A. Cox of the Pajaronian; Doctors E. E. Porter, D. S. Woodard, G. S. Easterday, G. P. Tolman and L. M. Liles; F. P. Krough, Fred R. Hudson, E. B. Walling, N. H. Lovering, Garrett V. Baker, A. N. Judd, D. F. Leddy, H. A. Harrison, S. D. Menasco, Dr. Carl Kilburn, C. P. Rood, C. H. Baker, George Hrepich, Sidney A. Johl and William L. Waters.

"After the picture had been viewed Manager Mike Zar of the theater requested all the censors to meet in the rest room of the house and to give their opinions.

"The first speaker was Dr. G. S. Easterday, who heartily endorsed the picture. He stated it taught a strong moral lesson in a clean manner and he could see no harm in the picture as it was true to life and deals with problems that confront the physicians nearly every day. He further declared that the picture was not overdrawn and he strongly recommended that every young man and woman contemplating matrimony should view the play.

"Mayor Trafton also endorsed the picture and said he had viewed pictures in theaters in the past that were much worse than 'Damaged Goods.' His sentiments were echoed by Aldermen Uren, Sager and Tuttle and Alderman Callaghan, who having to leave before the conference, left word that he also favored the play.

"A. N. Judd said that if thousands of the old men now suffering because of folly in their youth had seen such a picture as 'Damaged Goods' while they were young they would not be in the condition that they now are. He was in favor of allowing boys of the age of 12 and girls aged 14 to see the picture believing that the age limit of 16 years did not cover enough of the children that should see the play. He stated that every school child over the age of 12 and 14, boys and girls respectively, should see the picture.

"F. P. Krough said the picture was a mild way of presenting the world's most horrible crime and he too thought that children under the age of 16 years should view the picture.

“Rev. C. L. Thackeray said it was most important that the young people should be properly instructed in such matters but while he heartily endorsed the picture yet he believed that a certain class should not be allowed to see it. He said that the picture should be shown, if possible, only to those that should see it, thus excluding those with morbid, evil minds. But he was in favor of the play and endorsed it. He stated, too, that Father Hassett, who had to leave the theater had left word that he could positively not endorse the picture for there was enough rottenness on the street without seeing it on the screen.

“Rev. E. B. Hays said he had seen nothing that gave him moral strength and declared that the picture was suggestive throughout and abnormal. He wished to enter a protest against allowing the general public to see the picture and would absolutely not endorse the film.

“James A. Hall said it taught a moral lesson and endorsed the picture in strong terms.

“Secretary Gates of the Y.M.C.A. said that if his son was 14 years of age he would like to have him see the picture. He declared that he heartily endorsed the picture and believed that the age limit should be set at 14 years.

“Dr. Porter said there should be no age limit at all. He was of the opinion that the picture was not a bit over drawing, but in fact was not strong enough.

“Deputy District Attorney Seevers said he had been instructed by District Attorney Smith to view the picture and pass upon its merits. He stated that if in his (Seevers’) opinion the picture was not fit to be shown Smith would have a bar from the County but Seevers said he would recommend that the picture be shown as it taught a strong moral lesson and should be viewed by everyone.

“Dr. Tolman said that ignorance was one of the greatest causes of venereal diseases and therefore he favored ‘Damaged Goods’ as being an educational play. He declared he could see nothing in the film to arouse the passions and he vouchsafed the opinion that the picture should not only be shown but should be publicly discussed.

“Sidney Johl said he endorsed the picture and gave several instances from personal observation of the horrible effects of syphilis.

“Philip Norde, the new T. & D. manager, spoke briefly calling attention to the fact that C. L. Langley, general manager of the T. & D. corporation, was of the opinion that the picture was fit for anyone to see or it would not be shown by the T. & D. company to its patrons.

“Manager Zar of the local theater then thanked the censors for their trouble and kindness and the meeting of the first board of motion picture censors in Watsonville was brought to a close.”

EP; 6 Mar 1916; article: “REV. HASSETT ROASTS THE CENSORS. One of the fiercest denunciations that we’ve ever listened to was delivered from the pulpit of

St. Patrick’s Church in this city at 8 o’clock mass yesterday, by the pastor Father Hassett, about the forthcoming showing of ‘Damaged Goods’ at the T. & D. Theatre.

“‘Fierce!’ Well it was and then some! It brought back to our mind the good old days when the editor of the Pajaronian was at least once a month the subject of the reverend gentleman’s animadversions; when our name was ‘anathema!’

“Yesterday, however, our esteemed fellow-laborer in the field of journalism, Roy Bailey, editor of the Morning Register, was the offender—

“And Bailey got all that was coming to him—and some to spare.

“Likewise, so did that censoring committee that pronounced ‘Damaged Goods’ ‘O.K.! Go ahead and show it!’

“Wherein Bailey had offended Father Hassett does not appear clear to us. There was something in the item in yesterday’s Register about ‘Damaged Goods’ which was objected to.

“However, whatever it was, hanging was too good for Bailey!

“And as for the T. & D. theatre and its management the speaker evidently held no brief! He roundly denounced all who had anything to do with showing the picture. Words could hardly express his abhorrence and detestation of such a (as he expressed it) ‘rotten play!’

“And up in the front pews sat Mike Zar, the T. & D. manager, listening to the excoriation.

“Mike says it was the first time in six months that he had gone to church and ‘It was an awful deal!’ He is of the opinion that Sid and Raymond Jehl knew what was coming, and lured him there. Zar says that it is the last time he’ll be caught up in the front of any church ‘amongst the elders!’

“The manager of the Opera House, in fear and trembling, in the rear of the church ‘waited for his!’ Luckily, he only got a sideswipe!

“It never touched him!

“The Opera House hasn’t ‘closed down!’ It is still running.

“Father Hassett read the list of ‘those present’ at the censoring ceremony, and his facetious remarks [of] each name as he read them over from the printed slip convulsed his auditors with laughter. Some of his comments were calculated to burn.

“One incontrovertible statement made by the reverend gentleman was ‘A moving picture that needs any censoring at all, is not a fit picture to be brought into a town!’

“That was one of the most telling points in his denunciation. He also paid a tribute to Rev. Mr. Hays, of the Presbyterian church, for the stand that clergyman took.

“It was stated around town when the question of censoring ‘Damaged Goods’ was first mooted that the scheme was a clever advertising dodge.

“If it was, it was clever! Deucedly clever!

“For with all this agitation stirred up, and talk going

on, we shall be surprised if the T. & D. theatre is not packed at every show of 'Damaged Goods.'

"Mike Zar left for Reno this morning. He says he don't care if he never comes back!"

EP; 6 Mar 1916; obit: "Watsonville, March 4, 1916, Mitchell Secondo, a native of Watsonville, aged 15 months."

EP; 6 Mar 1916; obit: "Mr. and Mrs. N. [M.] L. Secondo of Grand Avenue are mourning the loss of their fifteen-months-old son, Mitchell, who died last Saturday night of pneumonia. The baby had been ill for several days and all efforts to save its life were in vain."

EP; 6 Mar 1916; item: "Mike Zar left this morning for Reno in the interests of Turner & Dahnken. Clyde Earls will remain here a few days until he is notified where he is to be stationed in the future. It is rumored that Clyde is to get back his former job of ticket taker at the local theater."

EP; 6 Mar 1916; item: "Kosmos Gospodnetich of Chualar was a business visitor here during the week-end."

EP; 7 Mar 1916; card of thanks: "The funeral services of Baby Mitchell Secondo was held on Monday afternoon from the family residence at No. 50 Grant Ave. Interment was made in the Valley cemetery. The baby was taken ill on last Thursday and passed away on Saturday...He was 15 months and seven days old at the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Secondo thank their relatives and friends for their sympathy and beautiful floral pieces, also to the local Moose lodge for their sympathy. The pallbearers were Willie Sambrailo, Peter Stolich, Frank Saverija [Saveria] and Tommie Arbanas.—MR. AND MRS. SECONDO."

EP; 7 Mar 1916; item: "Mike Nirich, the well known local agent for the Santa Cruz and Salinas breweries, made a ten strike this morning when he also secured the agency here for Fredericksburg lager beer and Garden City Steam, which were represented here up to a few days ago by Joe Reed. Mr. Nirich now is sole agent for the Fredericksburg, Salinas and Santa Cruz breweries and will continue to operate from his present location at 33 Kearney street. Mike comes close to being the whole beer trust in this city at present and his many friends will wish him continued success in his business."

EP; 7 Mar 1916; board of aldermen, payments: "...Miscellaneous: ...California Restaurant, \$58.75...Central Electric Works, \$76.60...City Grocery Co., \$4.50; M. Mattson [Matson] \$3.95."

EP; 7 Mar 1916; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Emeral Dickie, who have just returned from a honeymoon trip to their home on Watsonville Heights, were tendered a 'welcome

home' party last night by a number of their friends. A wedding supper was first enjoyed, after which dancing games and other amusements were heartily indulged in by those present. It was a merry affair and those present voted Mr. and Mrs. Dickie first class entertainers. Those present were: ...Mrs. Gurash...Julia and Lucy Kulich..."

EP; 7 Mar 1916; item: "TWENTY YEARS AGO. L. G. Sresovich has started to construct his new fruit packing house near the depot."

EP; 8 Mar 1916; obit: "N. M. Vucich [Vuicich], a resident of the valley for the past 27 years, died yesterday afternoon while being taken to the hospital. Pneumonia caused the death, Mr. Vucich having been ill about 10 days.

"He was a native of Dalmatia, Austria, and was aged 45 years, 5 months and 20 days. During the 27 years he has been in the valley he has been engaged in fruit packing and a few years ago established a packing house on Walker street where he had been very successful in business. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Nellie Capitanich." [*see photo, Fig. 1-46*]

EP; 8 Mar 1916; item: "The pupils of Mrs. Annie Lyon's class, fifth grade, in the grammar school observed conservation, bird and arbor day yesterday in their school room. March 7 is set aside by the schools of this state in honor of the birthday of Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, and it is generally observed by all..."

"[Other] pupils of the class who took part in the drills, recitation and instrumental numbers, were: ...Peter Stolich...Frank Saveria..."

EP; 8 Mar 1916; item: "Vinzensa Domich vs. Lucca Domich—Notice of motion directing defendant to pay to plaintiff the sum of \$100 for counsel fees, \$25 costs and \$20 per month for support."

EP; 8 Mar 1916; obit: "Watsonville, March 7, 1916, N. M. Vucich [Vuicich], a native of Austria, aged 45 years, five months and 20 days."

EP; 9 Mar 1916; obit: "The funeral of the late M. N. [N. M.] Vuicich was held this morning from the family residence at Sixth and Walker streets with a requiem mass at St. Patrick's Church. The body was interred in the Valley cemetery and a large number of the friends of the deceased were in attendance at the obsequies. The pallbearers were Messrs. L. G. Bachan, Mike Mekis, B. Memed, Luke Paljetak, Martin Zglav and G. Vuicich."

EP; 8 Mar 1916; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith was here for a few minutes this morning and upon being asked what persons were barred from being election officers under the new law he replied that only those in the employ of the county or any incorporated city[,]

namely those who are under the control of a supervisor or a city government in their work. The law is aimed to prohibit the placing of men or women on election boards that are likely to work in the interests of some one candidate or office and not for the general good of the county.”

EP; 9 Mar 1916; board of supervisors, payments: “...Indigent Fund: City Grocery, \$34.10...”

EP; 9 Mar 1916; item: “Luke [Steve] Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co.—Plaintiff is granted ten days’ time within which to amend amended complaint.”

EP; 10 Mar 1916; born: “Watsonville, March 9, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Viscovich, a son.” [John; +2008]

EP; 11 Mar 1916; item: “District Attorney George W. Smith passed through this city last evening on his way home to Santa Cruz from Modesto. Mrs. Smith was a visitor here during his absence.”

EP; 13 Mar 1916; item: “Mrs. Caroline Learned to Martin Vukasovich et al.—Lot on Locust St., Watsonville.”

EP; 13 Mar 1916; born: “At Hollister, March 7, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Matulich, a son.” [Antone]

EP; 14 Mar 1916; item: “Estate of Nicholas Vucich [Vuicich], deceased—Petition of George E. Easterday for letters of administration.”

EP; 14 Mar 1916; item: “Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Original summons and cross-complaint.”

EP; 16 Mar 1916; item: “Ambrosino Mano vs. Celeste Mortizia et al.—Demurrer to complaint.”

EP; 16 Mar 1916; item: “Stephen Scurich is a business visitor to Los Angeles for a few days.”

EP; 17 Mar 1916; item: “Miss Lorraine Murphy observed her 10th birth day anniversary yesterday evening...at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Piratsky, on Rodriguez Street...”

“Those present were...Ruth Scurich...[of 15]”

EP; 18 Mar 1916; article: “One of the best entertainments yet held in this community was staged last night in St. Patrick’s Hall on Ford street in honor of St. Patrick’s Day...”

“The affair last night was a complete success in every way and all connected with it in any capacity are entitled to credit for their work. The accompanists during the evening were...Anna Scurich...”

“...Exhibition Dancing, (a.) ‘La Brazilian’ (b) ‘Fascination Waltz’, Miss Pauline Strazicich and Mr. Fred Kane...”

EP; 18 Mar 1916; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co.—Second amended complaint.”

EP; 21 Mar 1916; item: “While Tony Gospodnetich of Aromas was driving to his home last evening he neglected to light the lamps on the side of his vehicle and as a result his horse and buggy were struck by an automobile operated by Dave Russell of this city. The accident occurred near the junction of the Pajaro and San Juan roads while Russell was driving a rent car to this city. Gospodnetich did not only fail to light his lamps but was driving in the wrong part of the road and the collision resulted in his horse being so badly injured that it was necessary for the animal to be shot. It is also reported that Russell was driving too fast at the turn and the chances are that both men were to blame for the accident.”

EP; 22 Mar 1916; item: “The regular semi-monthly debate of the Commercial Debating Society was held on Friday morning. The question debated was: Resolved: ‘That Child Labor Should be Regulated by National Law.’ The affirmative was handled by Edith Groves, Mary Hopkins and Norman Hansen, while the negative speakers were Ruby Hunsucker, George Hrepich and Fred Kane. The arguments on both sides were good and the debate throughout was one of the best ever held by the society. The critics’ report by Raymond Christensen was very good and emphasized the strong and weak points of the arguments.”

EP; 22 Mar 1916; article: “TWO SERVIANS...REFUSE TO CONFESS...Yahan Crnoevich and O. Vancovich, the two men that attempted to murder Constable G. R. Cano of Pajaro shortly after midnight this morning on the Pajaro Road near the Pajaro school house, were captured early this morning by the Watsonville and Junction officers, both men being in the Watsonville Hospital as the result of being shot by the officers and Crnoevich is in such a critical condition that he is not expected to live. Vancovich was captured in the Watsonville Junction railroad yards about 4 o’clock this morning and in attempting to escape from Railroad Officer Marston, Deputy District Attorney Clay SeEVERS, Officer Frank Myers of Chinatown and Patrolman Corr of this city was shot in the left leg by Marston. Vancovich dropping in his tracks and surrendering.

“Constable Cano had received word from San Luis Obispo last night to watch out for two men, who are wanted in that section for felonies. Cano spent the early part of the night in watching all trains and in searching the Watsonville Junction yards and before midnight thought he would take a last look. He had started his tour and was returning to the Junction on his bicycle when he saw two suspicious characters walking on the road near the school house. He stopped and told the men to halt a moment as he wanted to see them. Their answer was a

revolver shot, the bullet striking Cano in the mouth, tearing out all the teeth on the lower right jaw and deflecting into the jawbone, Cano afterward spitting out the bullet.

"Cano immediately opened fire and his first few bullets missed the men but one of them struck Crnoevich in the lower portion of the back. Crnoevich yelled, 'My God, I'm shot,' and with his companion disappeared into the dark school yard where Cano could not find them. Cano immediately notified the Watsonville officers and Chief of Police Whitsitt, Patrolman Corr, Patrolman Zimmer and Patrolman Whalen, Officer Marston of the Junction, Constables Devine and Mann, Officer Myers of Chinatown and Deputy District Attorney Seevers of this city, all armed to the teeth, started to look for the two men. Devine struck out for Manresa while the others honeycombed the Pajaro region.

"About 4 o'clock this morning Corr took a detour and returned to the railroad yards just in time to hear Railroad Officer Marston, who was accompanied by Seevers and Myers, order Vancovich to halt, which order was not obeyed after two shots had been fired. Marston then aimed at Vancovich and brought him down with a bullet in the leg near the knee. But Crnoevich was still at large and it was not until seven o'clock this morning that the wounded man was found by Oliver, Chief Whitsitt, Constable Mann and Patrolman Zimmer being on the scene soon afterward.

"This forenoon two automobile loads of deputies and officials arrived from Salinas, headed by District Attorney Walter E. Norris of Monterey county. In the party were Undersheriff Tom Phillips, Deputy Sheriff Jim Robinson, Officer O. M. Hiserman of Salinas and Court Reporter R. S. Spinks of Salinas.

"Upon searching the clothes of the two prisoners the officers found about \$150 in cash, a diamond ring, a gold watch and what was more suspicious than anything the two men wore the latest kind of gumshoes, the shoes being among the most ingenious of workmanship yet seen by any of the local police. Each of the four shoes had rubber heels and rubber soles and heels and soles being smaller than the size of the shoes in order to give the police the impression in case they investigated any footprints that the shoes worn by the criminals would not fit the marks.

"That the two wounded men are wanted somewhere for a serious crime and that they are desperate characters is borne out by the circumstances of their arrest and their attempt to flee.

"Two burglaries took place last night at the Junction and the prisoners may have been the culprits in both places. James Carey frightened two men from his home near the Allison road last night while the sum of \$16.50 was stolen from a pair of overalls belonging to Mr. Carso, one of the railroad section bosses.

"Both men are Servians and are young men, neither being over 30 years of age. They were well dressed. Dis-

trict Attorney Norris of Salinas tried to secure a statement from both men but Crnoevich was in such bad shape that it was impossible to get him to talk while his companion acted in a surly manner and would not divulge any of the facts in the case. Nick Lamat acted as interpreter..."

EP; 22 Mar 1916; item: "No more birth certificates will be recorded by the County Recorder D. F. Mahoney where the birth has occurred before a certain time, without court orders. This new order of things goes into effect at once, as a result of instructions which Mr. Mahoney has just received from the bureau of vital statistics at Sacramento.

"The bureau's order is based upon a recently enacted state law. It has been discovered that in some sections old birth certificates have been recorded in various counties of the state by people having ulterior motives. To forestall such practice in the future[,] physicians will be obliged to strictly adhere to the law, which requires certificates of birth to be recorded within 36 hours after birth.

"There is going to be a whole lot of people unpleasantly surprised on account of the failure of the family physicians to abide by the law,' said Mr. Mahoney. 'Many physicians have permitted births to go unrecorded for more than the time allowed by law, and the principles interested have been unaware of this.

"Now the procedure for such certificates will be the same as that for probating a will. A petition will have to be filed with the superior court and advertised for 10 days, in some newspaper, then a hearing will be had in the court, at which the petitioner will be obliged to offer proof of birth in the same manner as proof is offered in establishing a death. This all means money.'

"Mr. Mahoney suggests that all parents who have had children born to them see that certificates of birth are filed, and thus avoid the large expense of court proceedings later.—San Luis Tribune."

EP; 22 Mar 1916; item: "...The following building permits were granted [by the Board of Aldermen]: Peter Scurich, bungalow at 113 East Fifth street, \$1500... Vukicich Brothers, bungalow on Locust street, \$300..."

EP; 24 Mar 1916; item: "George Hrepich and Paul Maladin [Miladin] were Santa Cruz visitors today."

EP; 25 Mar 1916; item: "Estate of Chas. Uskovich, deceased—Inventory and appraisal, \$187.17."

EP; 27 Mar 1916; item: "Yahan Crnoevich, the assailant of Constable Cano and who escaped a few nights ago from the Monterey county hospital near Salinas, is still at large although strenuous efforts are being made to locate him. In view of his quick and complete disappearance the officers believed that he had outside assistance and that

his friends spirited him away in an automobile. Jack Bean, the negligent guardian of Srnoevich [*sic*], who thought more of a cup of coffee than he did of preventing the escape of a desperate criminal, will probably be discharged, says a report from Salinas this afternoon.”

EP; 28 Mar 1916; item: “Eleven big committees that will have charge of the plans for the local Fourth of July celebration were appointed last night by Frank Rodgers, director general of the celebration at a meeting held in the offices of the Merchants Association in the W. W. Ford building. These committees will start to work immediately to map out the plans for the greatest celebration of the national holiday ever observed by this community...”

“The members of the various committees appointed were as follows: ...Decoration: H. B. Smith, F. W. Rupert, L. L. Gilmore, C. R. Fye and John Stanovich...”

EP; 28 Mar 1916; item: “Stephen Scurich has returned from a business trip to San Jose, San Francisco and Los Angeles.”

EP; 29 Mar 1916; item: “On last Friday morning a number of the prospective graduates of the Commercial Department of the high school held a meeting in their classroom and discussed plans for Commencement. Committees were appointed to take charge of the Class Will, Class Prophecy and Class History and to make arrangements for the class graduation and the taking of the class picture. The committee selected are as follows: ...arrangements: Agnes Rianda, chairman, Miss Perry, George Hrepich and Henry Long...”

EP; 29 Mar 1916; notice: “Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that, in accordance with the terms and under the authority of a certain deed of trust executed by Andrew Tuck, the party of the first part, to Luke Scurich, the party of the second part and Luke Pulich, the party of the third part, dated the 29th day of August, 1913, and recorded in the office of the County recorder of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, in Volume 6 of Trust Deeds, at page 361, Records of the said County of Santa Cruz on September 12, 1913; and in pursuant of an application and notification of said Luke Pulich, the holder of the note, to secure the payment of which the aforesaid deed of trust was executed, declaring that default had been made in the payment of the principal sum, interest and other sums due under said note and deed of trust:

“That there is now due, owing and underpaid the sum of \$330, principle together with interest thereon at the rate specified in said promissory note from the 29th day of August, 1913, and other sums per by date in said deed of trust, and requesting and directing the undersigned, Luke Scurich, the trustee named in said deed of trust, to sell the real estate therein described to satisfy said indebtedness.

“NOW THEREFORE, Luke Scurich, trustee named in said deed of trust, does hereby give notice that on Monday, the first day of May, 1916, at 12 o’clock noon of that day, on the premises hereinafter described situate in the city of Watsonville...he will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, gold coin of United States of America, that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the city of Watsonville...and bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit: [legal description of property, omitted]

“Title to be subject to all liens and interest superior to the title of said deed of trust.

“The holder or holders of the promissory note secured by said deed of trust, his, or their, agents or assigns, may be a purchaser at said sale.

“Dated: This 24th day of March, 1916. Luke Scurich, Trustee.”

EP; 29 Mar 1916; honor roll: Low 8th: Charles Sambrailo; High 7th: Katheryn Strazich, Emma Grizich, Anna Knego; High 5th: Willie Sambrailo; High 4th: Nick Dubretta, Ned Gluhan, Tony Scurich; Low 4th: Peter Zar, John Miljanich; High 3rd: Louis Bonitich [Bonacich], Mary Matson, Martin Franich; Low 2nd: Vene Glage.

EP; 29 Mar 1916; item: “Stephen Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co. et al.—Demurrer to second amended complaint, and motion to strike out.”

EP; 29 Mar 1916; item: “Estate of Nicholas M. Vuicich, deceased—George S. Easterday appointed administrator.”



EP; 30 Mar 1916; born: “Watsonville, March 30, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Emile Strazicich, a son.” [*Emile*; +2007]

Fig. 5-3. Emile Strazicich.

EP; 30 Mar 1916; item: “Guardianship and estate of Nick Sresovich, insane—Steven Scurich appointed guardian with bond fixed at \$1250.”

EP; 31 Mar 1916; born: “In Watsonville, March 20, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Pavlovich, a son.” [*Steve*; +2003]



Fig. 5-4. Steve Pavlovich.

EP; 1 April 1916; item: "The following elected officers for the various positions in Pajaro Valley have been appointed...Watsonville No. 3 Polling place, Pista Packing House, Walker St., between First and Second Sts... Watsonville No. 9 Polling place Garage building, corner East Fifth and Pierce alley on Marinovich property..."

EP; 1 April 1916; article: "BREVITIES OF HIGH SCHOOL LIFE...Principle T. S. MacQuiddy gave a short and interesting talk in behalf of the Seniors and also presented the following students with Block 'W's' and stars for their creditable showing in football and basketball: ...John Strazicich...a Block W and a star: ...Louis Lettunich...a star..."

"The Sophomore Boys Tennis Team composed of Henry Blohm and John Strazicich, doubles, and Lloyd Palmtag, singles, is now ready to play different classes for the interclass championship."

EP; 3 April 1916; item: "Mrs. Martin Procuriza gave a party at her home on Rodriguez street last Friday evening in honor of Miss Beth Dunham, who will leave soon for southern California to be married..."

EP; 3 Apr 1916; item: "CRNOEVICH IS CAPTURED...Yahan Crnoevich, the assailant of Constable Cano of Pajaro and who escaped in such a mysterious manner from the Monterey county hospital near Salinas over a week ago, was captured about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Spence Switch, a few miles south of Salinas, by S. J. Smart, one of the Salinas constables. The man was suffering greatly from the pain in his leg that was caused by one of Cano's bullets and was also starved."

"Constable Smart and his family had started out for an automobile ride yesterday afternoon when Smart saw a man in the road ahead that looked like the wanted bandit. Smart halted his machine and asked the fellow what he was doing. Crnoevich was sullen and Smart pulled the fellow's coat aside with a quick jerk, disclosing one of the nightgowns used at the county hospital. There was then no doubt as to the identity of the man and leaving his family at Spence Switch Constable Smart returned to Salinas with Crnoevich, who was locked up in the county jail."

"For capturing Crnoevich Smart will receive a reward of \$50. Crnoevich had evidently suffered painfully from his wound as he had reduced in weight considerably and in addition to his suffering he had probably been on short rations for the past eight days since his escape."

EP; 4 Apr 1916; item: "Is Watsonville to enjoy another apple show this year? That an apple show in October is a possibility was made known last night when the directors of the California Apple Show met in the offices of the Apple Distributors and discussed the advisability of holding another show in conjunction with an industrial exposition to be held under the auspices of the Merchant's Association."

"A meeting of the Apple Annual finance committee is being held this afternoon and after the meeting of the committee more definite news in regard to the apple show may be made public. The members of the finance committee are C. A. Palmtag, J. E. Gardner, F. S. Jerome, W. R. Radcliff, Luke Scurich and Mateo Lettunich, and they will discuss the financial question of the show from every angle."

"At present there is an indebtedness of about \$2000 hanging over the apple show and those present last night felt that if that debt could be wiped out it would be a mighty good thing to hold an apple show this year. The apple crop this year promises to be one of the largest in the history of the valley and an apple show would no doubt be a big success if managed economically and handled in a proper manner. But the action of the finance committee will tell the tale and if the committee can devise ways and means to clean up the \$2000 debt there may be another Apple Annual."

"We would suggest, however, if another apple show is proposed for this city, that before the question of financing the same or cleaning up the old indebtedness is taken up that a full and complete report of the financial expenses and receipts of the last show (held in San Francisco) be published. No report, according to our recollection, has been made on that show, and it would be well to publish one and do away with many of the distressing remarks prevalent around town at the close of that show."

"Unless you publish such a report, and take the public fully into your confidence, gentlemen, there will be no chance of pulling off another apple show until the San Francisco affair is forgotten."

"Those present last night were President O. D. Stoesser, Mateo Lettunich, Treasurer E. W. Ruppert, E. Steinhauer, George W. Sill, J. H. Rowe, F. L. Selleck and Secretary T. M. Wright."

EP; 4 April 1916; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: ...M. Glech \$80...Supplies: California Restaurant \$10.50..."

EP; 4 April 1916; ALL: N. Rovich.

EP; 5 April 1916; item: "The daughter of M. Glage, fell from a wagon this morning at the corner of Ford and Main streets, striking the back of her head on the pavement. At first it was believed that she was seriously injured but it was found that the only trouble was a severe jarring up. The girl was with several companions but how she happened to fall from the wagon is unknown."

EP; 5 Apr 1916; board of supervisors, payments: "...General County Fund: ...Jack Novicich [Novcich], \$46.80... Jack Novicich, \$56.50...Indigent Fund: ...City Grocery Co., \$34.10..."

EP; 5 Apr 1916; item: “William Marinovich re-entered the commercial department of the high school on Monday.”

EP; 5 Apr 1916; article: “Fully identifying Yahan Crnoevich as the larger of his two assailants on the night of March 21, Constable G. R. Cano, brave Pajaro officer, visited the county jail this afternoon for the first time since his shooting. With all the teeth on his lower right jaw gone, he is still able to converse without trouble, and appears none the worse for his close call.

“He talked with both Crnoevich and Zidanovich. Both refuse to converse freely. Crnoevich admitted having been shot, but he did not know who shot him. He wanted to know who shot Cano.

“‘I’d like to get you out and give you a good-licking,’ said Cano, looking at his former assailant through the bars of the latter’s cell. The other, unperturbed, said he had never seen Cano before, did not remember having been hailed by him, saying he could not remember anything since he was shot, adding that he had had a ‘h—l’ of a time ever since. He said that his leg pained him some.

“Zidanovich, when asked if he remembered the fateful night, had ever seen Cano before, or how he came to be shot replied: ‘I don’t know, see my lawyers.’ He acted rather sullen, and more reticent than his partner. He denied having seen Crnoevich before. The similarity of the features of the two has been most striking, some of the officers venturing the opinion that they are brothers or some blood relation.

“Crnoevich was the nearest man to Cano, when the latter hailed the two, hence he recognizes him. When asked by Crnoevich why he did not kill him if he (Crnoevich) was really the man he had the revolver duel with, Cano replied that he was stunned and blinded by the shot in his jaw and could not see very well. ‘I have to eat soup now,’ said Cano, ‘but if I got another chance at you you would not be able even eat soup.’ — Salinas Index.”

EP; 6 Apr 1916; item: “Work will commence very soon on the remodeling of the California Restaurant building on lower Main street. Architect Ralph Wyckoff has charge of the remodeling plans which consist of a new front on the building, a new kitchen and more rooms to be built out over the new kitchen.

“George Hrepich, proprietor of the restaurant, has been looking forward to these improvements for some time and promises when they are completed his place will be one of the most modern in the city.”

EP; 7 Apr 1916; item: “Andrew Balich has returned from San Francisco. He reports having met Mayor Rowe’s bride at dinner the evening before the event. He said: ‘I approved this match fully, except in one particular. Mayor Howe has been dinning into everybody’s ears, the doctrine, ‘trade at home.’ Then when he wants a bride he

goes out of town. Talk about consistency being a jewel—nevertheless! what?’ — Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 7 Apr 1916; born: “In Watsonville, April 6, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Gurash, a daughter.” [*Juliana*; +1976; married *Braycovich*]



Fig. 5-5. Juliana Gurash.

EP; 7 Apr 1916; disp. ad:

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at \$1.10 per gal.

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Muscat Wine

At \$1.50 per Gal.

And all other Table Wines.

City Grocery Co.

307 Main St. Phone 63.

EP; 8 Apr 1916; ALL: Marin Boko, Jack Mustahinich.

EP; 10 Apr 1916; article: “In an exciting game of baseball yesterday at Santa Cruz the Watsonville club was bumped in the dust by the Santa Cruz boys to the tune of 4 to 5 in favor of the county seat kids. The game was hotly contested, and at times quite sensational, especially when Touli and Hartman made home runs. The next game (‘for the championship’) will be played here on April 23rd, and the boys are going to get ready to humble the Santa Cruzians in elegant shape.

“The boys that composed the Watsonville club yesterday were Peterson, Marinovich, Neia, Touli, Franklin, Hartman, Rider, Larson and Vucich...”

EP; 10 Apr 1916; item: “Mrs. George Pulich and daughter of Stockton are here to visit Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy.”

EP; 11 Apr 1916; article: “Petitions bearing the names of 105 men of this city and valley between the ages of 18 and 45 years, who have agreed to enlist in the state militia in the event such a company is allowed this community by Adjutant-General Thomas, were mailed to General Thomas this morning and action on the part of Thomas will now be anxiously awaited here. The petition met with enthusiasm throughout the city and after the petitions were closed to entry yesterday evening there were many other men of the community who volunteered to join the organization and who will be afforded the opportunity if the National Guard is stationed here...”

“Those that have agreed to enlist in the militia company in case such a company is given Watsonville are the following:...Mike Nirich...[of 106]”

EP; 11 Apr 1916; item: “Estate of Nicholas M. Vuicich, deceased—Inventory and appraisal, \$4722.58.”

EP; 11 Apr 1916; item: “Santa Maria Ranch Co. vs. E. B. Rilovich et al—Dismissal of case.”

EP; 11 Apr 1916; born: “At Hollister April 7, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick G. Matulich, a daughter.” [*Joanna*]

EP; 11 Apr 1916; item: “Yahan Crnoevich and O. Vancovich the two men that attempted to murder Constable G. R. Cano of Pajaro a few weeks ago near Watsonville Junction, will be arranged before Judge Rohrback in the Pajaro justice court next Friday afternoon...The two Serbians have retained P. E. Zabala and Frank W. Sargent of Salinas as their attorneys and plan to put up a hard fight for liberty. Constable Cano has sworn out complaint against the two men and he intends to send them both to the state penitentiary if he can.”

EP; 12 Apr 1916; item: “The following interesting data in regard to the assessment and valuation of property owned by the signers of the petition now before the supervisors of Santa Cruz and Monterey counties has been prepared...and will be presented at the hearing of the petition for dissolution of Pajaro Protection District on May 1st:

[categories are as follows:

1. Name of protestant.
2. Area owned in Protection District in acres.
3. Assessed valuation.
4. Amount of assessment paid.]

“...M. L. Milcovich, 32, \$4850, \$8.84...Mateo Lettunich, 35, \$11,645, \$17.79...”

EP; 14 Apr 1916; item: “Yahan Crnoevich and Obrad Vancovich, the two alleged assailants of Constable Cano of Pajaro, are before Judge Rohrback across the river this afternoon for a preliminary hearing, the two men being brought over from Salinas at noon...The case is in progress as the Pajaronian goes to press.”

EP; 14 Apr 1916; item: “Judgment—Peter Resetar vs. Edward L. Allen, admr., et al—Land on north west side Lake Ave., Watsonville.”

EP; 14 Apr 1916; item: “Astrid Jr. Ingeborg Taubenroth, who has applied for citizenship, is the first woman in this county to make application under the new law. She is a native of Copenhagen, Denmark. It was her husband who was drowned in Branciforte creek this winter and he had taken out his first papers. The law allows her to follow

this application and use his first papers.—Santa Cruz Surf.”

EP; 15 Apr 1916; item: “Harold Mundhenk and Arnold Koepke defeated Wallace Scott and Chester Kumie in the final round of the boys’ inter-class tennis doubles by a score of 6-4, 6-2. The Seniors was the hardest team Mundhenk and Koepke have had to play. The games were closer than the score would indicate. The Senior team, composed of Scott and Kumie, defeated S. Blohm and J. Strazicich, thereby winning second place...”

EP; 15 Apr 1916; ALL: Mrs. John Flavich, Mrs. B. Guirich, Mrs. Katavich, Spiro Vukasovich.

EP; 15 Apr 1916; item: “Yahan Crnoevich and Obrad Vancovich, the two Servians accused of attempting to murder Constable Cano of Pajaro a few weeks ago, were ordered held to answer to the Monterey county superior court by Judge Rohrback of Pajaro late yesterday...after a number of witnesses had testified against them at a preliminary hearing. They were bound over in lieu of \$15,000 bail and taken to the county jail at Salinas...”

“District Attorney W. E. Norris conducted the prosecution...Constable Cano, Deputy District Attorney Clay SeEVERS of this city, Undersheriff Phillips and Deputy Sheriff Robinson were put on the stand by Norris and all positively identified Crnoevich and Vancovich, the witnesses relating the incidents that occurred from the time Cano was shot until the two men were rounded up.

“Crnoevich, who still shows the effect of the bullet wound in his leg as the result of Cano’s fire was nervous and appeared to be a greatly worried young man. He limps with the aid of a cane. Vancovich was the bravest of the two, smiling at some of the witnesses and apparently being in good spirits. The trial attracted an audience that packed the little courtroom and even placed standing room on the sidewalk outside at a premium...”

EP; 17 Apr 1916; obit: “John Matulich, who was in the apple business in this city for many years before he removed to Hollister to engage in the restaurant business, died yesterday...in Hollister. He was a native of Austria and was aged 57 years, 6 months and 15 days. Mr. Matulich had been in the restaurant business in the Hay City for the past 12 years but before going there had been here in the apple packing business and was also cook at the California Restaurant for some time. He was well known here, especially in the Austrian colony, and was regarded as an estimable gentleman, whose death will be mourned by many people. Two nephews, Nick and John Matulich of this city, survive him as does a brother in Austria...”

EP; 17 Apr 1916; item: “The following named merchants of this city have agreed to discontinue the giving of trad-

ing stamps, coupons, etc., on and after July 1st, 1916. This date has been set so that everyone can have ample time to get their books filled and redeemed.

“...Central Grocery Co...Central Electrical Works... City Grocery Co...”

EP; 17 Apr 1916; obit: “Hollister, April 16, 1916, John Matulich, a native of Austria, aged 57 years, 6 months and 15 days.”

EP; 19 Apr 1916; item: “F. P. Marinovich was granted a permit to construct a one-story concrete and brick building at 261 Main street, the structure to cost \$4500.”

EP; 19 Apr 1916; item: “Nicholas M. Vuicich, deceased—Order granting petition to sell personal property.”

EP; 19 Apr 1916; item: “Execution George Copriviza et al. vs. J. P. Hulsman—\$54.88 damages, \$26.50 costs. Certain crops on land occupied by defendant at Manresa.”

EP; 20 Apr 1916; item: “The will of John Matulich, deceased, has been filed for probate and S. N. Hawkins is applying for letters testamentary therein. The next of kin of the testator are two nephews, John Matulich of Hollister and Nick Matulich of Watsonville, and a brother, Antonio Matulich, who lives in Austria.

“The will was placed in an envelope at the testator’s request at the time of its making and the envelope is sealed. It will not be opened until the court hears the petition for probate and so the names of the legatees are not known.

“The decedent left considerable property, mainly cash. The sum of \$943.35 is on deposit in the Hollister Savings Bank and \$3,382.55 in the Savings and Loan Bank of San Benito county. Besides the cash, the inventory lists the Universal restaurant at \$600, making the total value of the estate a little less than \$5000.—Hollister Free Lance.”

EP; 20 Apr 1916; item: “J. P. Mascovich & Company were forced to close their store at Maple Avenue and Main street last night as the result of an attachment being filed on the place by Sheriff H. V. Trafton who arrived late yesterday afternoon from Santa Cruz. The attachment was filed in Santa Cruz yesterday by Baso Busio of this city through Attorney J. A. Hall, Busio alleging that Mascovich owed him \$1800 for money loaned.

“Mr. Mascovich has had a difficult time since he first opened his store a few months ago and while he enjoyed a fair business yet it was largely credit business and he has so far been unable to collect his bills. As a result his creditors were pressing him for payment of their bills and he finally was forced to close up his grocery store. Mr. Mascovich has many friends in this community and all will learn of his trouble with regret. He intends to remain in this city.”

EP; 21 Apr 1916; item: “At a meeting of the directors of the Merchants’ Co-operative Delivery Co. held last night, Oscar Buob of the Tuttle Meat Company, was elected president; George W. Huntsman was chosen as vice president, F. S. Jerome as treasurer and E. W. Beimfohr as secretary and general manager.

“The Resetar packing house and stable at 30 W. Lake Avenue was elected as the central station for the delivery service and the place will be fitted up and renovated to accommodate the new system. The by-laws of the Company were adopted by the directors, who are Oscar Buob, J. W. Baxter, W. J. Espindola, G. W. Huntsman, F. S. Jerome, J. O. Quinn and Andrew Strazicich.

“Six daily deliveries are to be made. The schedule calling for deliveries at 8, 9:30, 10:45, 1:30, 3 and 4:45. It is expected that the new system will be inaugurated on May 1.”

EP; 22 Apr 1916; item: “M. N. Lettunich has departed for a business visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 22 Apr 1916; item: “Mike Zar, the irrepressible, has struck out for himself, and was in town last evening, booking a big feature picture, ‘The Unwritten Law,’ now playing the Alcazar Theatre, San Francisco.”

EP; 22 Apr 1916; born: “In Watsonville, April 22, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Scurich, a daughter.” [*Anna; +1992; married Pavlovich*]



Fig. 5-5. Anna Scurich.

EP; 25 Apr 1916; item: “FOUGHT OVER A DOG. Tony Miosovich was arrested by Patrolman Corr this morning on a charge of battery, which was preferred in Police Judge Bridgewater’s court by Poundmaster Morehouse. The facts of the case will be brought out Thursday morning at 10 o’clock when Miosovich comes up for trial.”

EP; 25 Apr 1916; item: “Martin Gospodnetich, a native of Dalmatia, was arraigned before Justice Agnew Saturday afternoon, says the Hollister Free Lance, charged with disturbing the peace. Gospodnetich was arrested Friday evening by Nightwatchman Earle while engaged in loud and boisterous talk on the sidewalk in front of the San Benito Hotel on Fourth street.

“Martin is a big man and has a religious hobby that he rides hard. He started to expounding his religious views to the hotel crowd and brought on an argument, which though very one-sided was verbally warm. Considerable abuse was heaped on the disbelievers in Martin’s theory before the police officer broke up the meeting.

“Justice Agnew did not dispose of the case Saturday.

“Gospodnetich is being held for observation. There is considerable doubt regarding his sanity.”

EP; 27 Apr 1916; item: “Tony Miosovich will not have trouble with Poundmaster Morehouse when the poundmaster takes his dog hereafter. A few days ago the Poundmaster arrested Miosovich’s dog and a row ensued with Miosovich as the aggressor. Miosovich was arrested on a charge of battery and this morning he paid a fine of \$10 after pleading guilty.”

EP; 27 Apr 1916; honor roll: Low 8th: Charles Sambrailio; 7th: Anna Knego; High 6th: Katheryn Strazicich; High 5th: Willie Sambrailo, Peter Stolich; High 4th: Ned Gluhan; High and Low 4th: Tony Scurich; Low 4th: John Miljanich; High 3rd: Martin Franich, Marie Rilovich, Louis Bonacich, Mary Matson; Low 3rd: Peter Copriviza.

EP; 27 Apr 1916; obit: “Vega, April 26, 1916, Chris Milanovich, a native of Austria, aged about 40 years.”

EP; 27 Apr 1916; item: “Luke [Stephen] Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co.—Demurrer to second amended complaint overruled and ten days granted within which to file answer.”

EP; 27 Apr 1916; article: “Despondent over the loss of his ranch near Hollister through litigation with his former partner, Blas Pista of this city, Chris Milanovich, a well known fruit man of the Pajaro Valley, committed suicide yesterday afternoon in his room at the Steve Bulich home near Vega by blowing off the top of his head with a single barrel shotgun. Milanovich took advantage of the absence from the house of Bulich and a friend to commit his rash act. Milanovich placed the barrel of the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger, the shot scattering his brains and blood over the floor, walls and ceiling of the room. He was instantly killed. Bulich and a friend were just outside the house and upon hearing the shot they rushed into the room only to find Milanovich’s dead body lying in a pool of blood upon the floor.

“Coroner Cornett of Salinas was called immediately and an inquest was held late yesterday afternoon, the jury in the case being composed of Messrs. Louis Frandsen, John Frandsen, Edward Frandsen, George Love, T. L. Cornell, R. Neill and Constable W. B. Mann of Watsonville. A verdict of ‘suicide’ was rendered.

“Three notes were left by Milanovich. One addressed to Coroner Cornett instructed that official to take \$45 in gold from Milanovich’s purse and pay a few bills at Salinas, another letter written to Bulich gave the latter his watch, rings and other trinkets and the third letter stated that he wanted to be buried by an Austrian society in San Francisco of which he was a member.

“Milanovich was born in Austria and was aged about 40 years. He was a brother of Mrs. Charles Smith of this

city and an uncle of District Attorney George W. Smith. He came to the United States early in the ‘80s and came to California soon after his arrival in America. At first he was associated with L. G. Sresovich in the commission business in San Francisco but in 1893 he went to Capitola to handle the Sresovich interests there, remaining at Capitola until 1900 when he came to Watsonville to start in the apple business. In 1901 he returned to San Francisco, but a few years ago he returned to the Pajaro Valley to go into partnership with B. Pista in a ranch near Hollister. The two engaged in bitter litigation as a result of their partnership and the result of the lawsuit was that Pista gained complete control of the ranch and Milanovich lost everything. This blow caused Mr. Milanovich to become a victim of deep melancholia and he brooded continuously after that. He was induced to come to Vega in an effort to forget his loss but it had so preyed upon his mind that he finally decided life was not worth living. In his last note he wrote ‘I wish Mr. Pista luck with the ranch,’ which showed that up to the hour of his death he had the disappointment still in mind...

“...[T]he body will be shipped to San Francisco on the 8:10 train, burial to take place in Holy Cross cemetery under the auspices of the Austrian Military Society.”

EP; 28 Apr 1916; item: “Jan Crnoev and Obran Zidanovich were arraigned before Judge J. A. Bardin this afternoon on the charge of attempting to kill Constable G. R. Cano of Pajaro on March 22. They pleaded not guilty and preferred to be tried separately. Crnoev’s trial is set for May 22 and that of Zidanovich for May 23...”

EP; 28 Apr 1916; item: “Mrs. George W. Smith of Santa Cruz has been a visitor here for several days with Mrs. Charles Smith.”

EP; 28 Apr 1916; obit: “The funeral of Chris Milanovich, who committed suicide near Vega last Wednesday afternoon, was held this morning...The body was shipped to San Francisco at 9:10 o’clock and will be buried in Holy Cross cemetery this afternoon under the auspices of the Austrian Military Society of the Metropolis.

“The pallbearers were Andrew Schopp, Arthur J. Devine, Steve Bulich, Steve Zelen, Sam Hrepich and S. Kveir.”

EP; 28 Apr 1916; item: “Estate of Nicholas M. Vucich [Vuicich], deceased—Notice the publication of notice to creditors.”

EP; 28 Apr 1916; item: “Guardianship and estate of Nick Sresovich, insane—Inventory \$1043.43.”

EP; 29 Apr 1916; item: “Wesley Manning, the twenty-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manning, who reside on the Santa Cruz road near the Five Mile House,

was drowned in Pinto Lake late yesterday afternoon while trying to rescue a boat that he had been using in the lake while fishing for bass...

“Coroner Easterday conducted the inquest, and the members of the jury, who were S. P. Stanforth, J. F. Kane, C. B. Overhulser, Albert Mundhenk, Jr., George W. Jones, T. J. Albright and Luke Scurich rendered a verdict of ‘accidental death by drowning’...”

EP; 29 Apr 1916; item: “John Strazicich was tendered a surprise party last night by a number of his friends, the affair taking place at his home on Maple Avenue. Games, music and refreshments were enjoyed, a number of short talks being a feature of the feast. Dancing was also indulged in and all present had a most delightful time. Those present were the Misses Fern Tuttle, Delia Gill, Mildred Kuhlitz, Ida MacFarland, Mildred Gilbert, Helen Strazicich, Katherine Strazicich, Pauline Strazicich and Kenneth Shelby, Lewis Lettunich, Teddy Fritz, Fred Kane, Joe Walte, Leland King, Paddy Sheehy, William O’Brien, John Strazicich and M. N. Lettunich.”

EP; 29 Apr 1916; item: “This afternoon and evening the Watsonville Woman’s Club will show its annual Rose Show...The list of exhibitors is as follows: ...Miss Scurich...”

EP; 29 Apr 1916; item: “Scampavia Brothers have the honor of shipping the first cherries from the Pajaro Valley in 1916. Yesterday afternoon they shipped eight boxes of black cherries by Wells Fargo Express to San Francisco. Hereafter the cherry shipments will continue to increase and although this season is somewhat early as yet for cherries yet those shipped were rich in flavor, highly colored and of a high quality.”

EP; 29 Apr 1916; item: “John Hrepich is laid up at his residence on Sudden street with three broken ribs, the result of an accident last Wednesday, whilst plowing on the Pat Sheehy place. The single-tree broke and the horse pulled him over and against the plow.”

EP; 29 Apr 1916; order to show cause: “In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California...George S. Easterday, as Administrator of the estate of Nicholas M. Vuicich, sometimes called N. M. Vuicich, deceased, having presented to this Court and filed herein his verified petition in due form of law, praying for an order for the sale of all the real property of the said decedent, for the purposes therein set forth, and it appearing to this Court by said petition that it would be for the advantage, benefit and best interests of the said estate and of those interested therein to sell the whole of said real estate belonging to said estate, and that it is necessary to sell the whole thereof to pay the debts outstanding against said deceased and the debts, expenses and charges of administration.

“It Is Therefore, Ordered by this Court that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased appear before said Court on Monday, the 29th day of May, 1916 at 2 o’clock in the afternoon of said day, at the Court room of said Court in the Courthouse in the said County of Santa Cruz, to show cause why an order should not be granted to said Administrator to sell the whole of the real property of said deceased, at either public or private sale as said Administrator shall judge to be the most beneficial for the said estate...”

[legal description of property, omitted]...

“Dated this 28th day of April, 1916.—BENJ. K. KNIGHT, Judge of said Superior Court.”

EP; 1 May 1916; item: “Mrs. George W. Smith of Santa Cruz, Miss Florence Smith and Sydney Smith have returned from San Francisco where they attended the Milanovich funeral.”

EP; 1 May 1916; item: “A suit has been brought in the superior court of Santa Cruz county by the Central Grocery Company of this city against Pecarovich & Company of Los Angeles, the amount asked for being \$1900. The action is brought to recover money due on a note for goods delivered...”

EP; 2 May 1916; summons: “In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California.

“Mary Kuzmanich, plaintiff vs. Andrew Kuzmanich, defendant. Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, and the Complaint filed in said County of Santa Cruz, in the office of the Clerk of said Superior Court.

“The People of the State of California Send Greeting to Andrew Kuzmanich, defendant.

“You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz... within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this county or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

“And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

“Given under my hand and the Seal of said Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 11th day of April, A.D. 1916. (Seal of Superior Court.) H. H. MILLER, Clerk. By Emma Rodhouse, Deputy Clerk. C. R. Taylor, attorney for plaintiff.”

EP; 2 May 1916; board of supervisors, payments: “...General County Fund: ...Jack Novicich [Novcich], \$56.50...P. Secondo, \$70...Jack Novich, \$46.80 ...”

EP; 2 May 1916; item: "M. N. Lettunich has returned from a visit to San Francisco."

EP; 2 May 1916; item: "Estate of Nicholas M. Buicich [Vuicich], deceased—Petition for sale of real estate; hearing set for May 29."

EP; 2 May 1916; item: "Mary Kuzmanich vs. Andrew Kuzmanich—Order for publication of summons and affidavit."

EP; 5 May 1916; article: "PACKING HOUSE ON KEARNEY STREET BURNS. An early morning fire today destroyed the packing house of Resetar Brothers in the rear of their home at 30 Kearney street, the loss being in the neighborhood of \$1500. The fire was first discovered by Henry Bertelsen, a neighbor..."

"The fire department was on the scene in fast shape but the packing house was a roaring inferno and it was out of the question to save the building. The efforts of the firemen were then turned to protecting the adjacent buildings. The Resetar packing shed contained a large number of empty apple boxes, all of which were burned. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss will be partially covered by insurance."

EP; 8 May 1916; item: "Lawrence Vukich, a sixteen-year-old boy of the Pajaro section, who resides on the San Juan road, was sent to Salinas this morning by Judge Rohrback of Pajaro, the boy having been arrested as an incorrigible by Officer Corr of the city at the instance of Constable Cano of Pajaro. Cano has had much trouble with young Vukich, who is accused of being a petty thief. He has been sent to the juvenile court at Salinas twice in the past but they have turned him back here each time. This time the officers are determined to have him sent to the reform school as he is getting on their nerves."

EP; 8 May 1916; item: "The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O. Quinn at 15 Kilburn street was the scene of a merry party yesterday afternoon when Miss Evelyn Quinn, their daughter, observed her ninth birthday anniversary by inviting a number of her friends to spend the afternoon as her guests. Early in the afternoon Mr. Quinn escorted the hostess and her guests in his automobile to the T. & D. Theatre where a theatre party was enjoyed, the guests returning afterward to the Quinn home to play games, indulge in refreshments and to otherwise enjoy themselves. Everyone present had a jolly time and Miss Quinn proved to be a clever little hostess. She received a number of pretty birthday gifts and the best returns of the day were extended to her by all. The house was decorated with baby roses and presented a neat appearance.

"Those present at the delightful affair were Wilma Reddy, Ruth Driscoll, Alice Nicholls, Francis Batchelder, Alice Hall, Stella Thompson, Edith Rickard, Morine

Blohm, Rachael Cikuth, Evelyn Quinn and Master Alan Quinn."

EP; 10 May 1916; item: "Among the participants that are to take part in the May Pole dance next Saturday afternoon at the opening of the new children's playground on Upper Main street are the following: ...Mary Castropelli...Anna Knego...Mary Glage...Anna Glage..."

EP; 10 May 1916; item: "Central Grocery Company vs. M. A. Pecarovich et al.—Demand for change of place of trial: demurrer to complaint; notice of motion to be made on May 16 asking the action be transferred to Los Angeles county."

EP; 10 May 1916; item: "Paul Cumelich [Cumbelich] of San Francisco is here to visit his sister, Mrs. Nicholas Strazicich."

EP; 11 May 1916; item: "Miss Helen Balovich of this city is to become the bride of T. M. Kissich, the well-known local fruit packer, within 10 days, according to an announcement that the popular young people have made to some of their friends. Miss Balovich is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Balovich of this city and is well known in this community. Mr. Kissich has been a leading apple packer here for several years and is also well known in a wide circle."

EP; 12 May 1916; item: "Miss Ellen Balovich takes exception to our statement published yesterday that her marriage to Mr. T. M. Kissich would take place in 10 days. No date for the wedding has been selected yet."

EP; 12 May 1916; item: "J. P. Mascovich was declared bankrupt in the United States District Court yesterday on petition of his creditors."

EP; 12 May 1916; item: "Sheriff H. V. Trafton was here today from Santa Cruz to conduct the sale of the merchandise of the J. P. Mascovich store at Maple Avenue and Main street but there was no sale after all. Mascovich went through bankruptcy in the San Francisco federal courts yesterday and his creditors have taken over his assets, which amount to only the stock in the store in the city."

EP; 12 May 1916; item: "BREVITIES OF HIGH SCHOOL LIFE. Leland King was awarded the Remington pennant for proficiency in typewriting for the month of April. Miss Helen Strazicich received one for the month of May..."

EP; 13 May 1916; ALL: Mrs. Luce Poletak [Paljetak], J. Udovicic.

EP; 15 May 1916; article: "The new municipal play-

ground at the gore of Main, Brennan and Sudden streets was opened in a burst of glory last Saturday...

“Fifty yard race for boys, 14 to 18: Joe Silva, first; John L. Allegretti, second; Choon Leu, third. Prize, pair of shoes...”

“Three legged race for boys: John Hrepich, first... Prize: order on H. A. Hyde...”

“Girls’ relay race, won by team made up of Cleola McCarthy, Emma Remiro, Thelma Baumgardner and Mary Glage...”

EP; 17 May 1916; item: “N. Stojanovich and family of San Jose motored to this city yesterday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Joe Piroja.”

EP; 17 May 1916; item: “Doretta Rogge to Mary Novacovich—A lot on Southwest wall line of Locust street, Watsonville: rights of way [easements], etc.; \$10.”

EP; 17 May 1916; item: “Estate of Nicholas M. Vuicich, deceased—Account of sale of personal property is confirmed.”

EP; 18 May 1916; item: “A farewell party was held last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Procuriza on Upper Rodriguez Street in honor of Miss O’Grady of the Hotel Appleton, who is soon to depart from this city. All present had a most enjoyable time and the affair was a jolly one throughout. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Procuriza, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nunes, Miss Minnie Higgins, Miss McBride, and Miss O’Grady. Messrs. John Burns, Robert White and Sebastian Soto.”

EP; 18 May 1916; item: “The trial of Yahan Crnoevich and O. Vancovich, who attempted to murder Constable Cano of Pajaro a few months ago, will be commenced in the superior court at Salinas next Monday morning and a large number of local witnesses have been subpoenaed to attend...”

EP; 19 May 1916; item: “Louis Secondo, Miss [Mrs.] Lucy Bakich, Marie Secondo, Mrs. S. Jerinich, Katie Ar-



Fig. 5-7.
Lucy Secondo Bakich (1888-1941) and Lucy Vlahutin Fransulich (1859-1953), in the national dress of the Konavle region of Croatia. Left is the dress of an unmarried woman, right of a married woman. Photo taken in San Francisco. Lucy was later married to Nick Borina.

banas, Tony Arbanas and Joseph Secondo, left today for San Francisco to attend the Austro-German display of country costumes for the benefit of the Red Cross.”

EP; 19 May 1916; item: “Free mussel feed at the Congress Bar, Maple Avenue and Main street, tomorrow night. Everybody invited to attend and enjoy themselves. John P. Zar, proprietor...”

EP; 20 May 1916; item: “Nicholas Alaga is a business visitor to San Francisco today.”

EP; 22 May 1916; item: “Constables Mann and Devine, Officers Corr, Zimmer and Whalen, Constable Cano of Pajaro, and other local people are in Salinas today to attend the trial of Crnoevich and Vancovich, the two men that attempted to murder Constable Cano a few weeks ago. The two men are on trial on charges of attempted murder and the local officers are to act as witnesses.”

EP; 23 May 1916; item: “Company ‘L’ of the National Guard of California, was officially mustered into service in the city last night by Colonel Smith of Sacramento there being 68 on the muster roll and four others that passed the examinations but could not appear for muster last night. Company L will be connected with the Second Regiment of the National Guard in this state...”

“The members of the newly formed Company L are as follows: ...Mike Nirich...[of 67 listed]”

EP; 23 May 1916; item: “Architect Ralph Wyckoff reports that building improvements are somewhat on the boom in Watsonville at the present time and so far over \$22,000 worth of building is going on. Work will start in a few days on the new front and rear addition and improvements in the interior of the California Restaurant, which improvements will cost between \$5000 and \$6000...”

“Work on the Marinovich building opposite the City Hall, is being rushed and it is possible that two stories will be built instead of one. This job will cost \$10,000...”

EP; 23 May 1916; article: “Mrs. T. Knego of this city, was taken to the Watsonville hospital yesterday afternoon following her futile attempts to commit suicide by drowning in the river off Marchant street. A stranger that chanced to be near the scene of the attempted suicide pulled Mrs. Knego out of the water before she could accomplish her purpose and she was removed to the hospital where Dr. Porter took charge of her case.

“Mrs. Knego had been subject to melancholia recently and had complained of being lonesome, Mr. Knego being in the country most of the time. He promised, so she says, to come into town last Saturday to give her some money, with which she could pay some household bills, but he failed to put in an appearance and it is believed that she

became so despondent that she thought life was not worth living and she decided to end her earthly existence.

"Mrs. Knego had walked to the river from Marchant Street and had chosen a small pool near that street. She leaped into the water but the unknown man that had watched her movements...jumped into the river and hauled her to shore. He immediately brought about her removal to the hospital but upon examination it was found that she was suffering more from the shock and despondency than from her immersion.

"When she had partially recovered from her experience she bitterly remarked that she should have tried suicide at night and not in the daytime. The police will keep a watch over her movements hereafter and her husband has been notified to take better care of her after this."

EP; 24 May 1916; item: "Yesterday was the second day of the trial of Jan Crnoev, charged with shooting Constable Cano...G. R. Cano was recalled as a witness and he testified to being able to identify the defendant and to his actions after he was shot. Other witnesses were produced to identify the shoes worn by the defendant and the peculiar tracks they made, leading from the scene of the shooting to the warehouse in the Porter field where Crnoev was found by Miguel Figuero, wounded in a pile of potato sacks. He told Figuero that he had been shot by a S.P. yard man near the railroad tracks..."

"Constable Devine testified yesterday to finding the revolver (with which Cano was shot) buried 'neath some earth and grass, near the riverbank; also to the tracks around this place made by Crnoev and his pals. It was not known that the gun had been found, and Mr. Devine's testimony surprised the defendants.—Ed. Pajaronian."

EP; 24 May 1916; item: "Central Grocery Company vs. M. A. Pecorovich et al.—Continued to May 29th."

EP; 25 May 1916; item: "Steve Scurich of this city is acting as interpreter in the Serbian language at the trial of Jan Crnoev in the superior court at Salinas."

EP; 26 May 1916; item: "The jury yesterday in the case of Crnoev charged with shooting Constable Cano, took about three hours to find him guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. The maximum for this crime is two years..."

EP; 26 May 1916; item: "Deputy District Attorney C. W. Seevers, M. L. Keeney, Officer John Corr, Constable A. J. Devine, Dr. Clyde Wayland, Stephen Scurich, J. A. Cunningham and James Carey are among the local witnesses at Salinas today for the trial of Obrad Vancovich."

EP; 26 May 1916; item: "The trial of Obren Zivanovich commenced yesterday in the superior court before Judge J. A. Bardin. He is charged with shooting Constable

Cano. His alleged accomplice Crnoev was tried first.

"Eleven jurors were obtained up to five o'clock yesterday afternoon when the special venire ran out and Coroner Cornet was authorized to subpoena another venire..."

EP; 26 May 1916; item: "Ambrosine Mano vs. Celeste Mortizzia et al.—Notice of overruling demurrer."

EP; 27 May 1916; item: "This morning the commercial department of the high school went to Capitola on a picnic. This is the first picnic the department has had in several years and a great deal of interest has been aroused in this one. There were 31 of the students including teachers. Those that went were: ...George Hrepich..."

EP; 29 May 1916; article: "Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lanthier gave a Barn Dance last Saturday evening on the old White Dairy ranch in Fruitvale district. There were about 55 guests present. Supper was served at midnight and all present had a most enjoyable time. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lanthier, who are new-comers here from San Francisco, received many compliments on the success of the affair. The dance lasted until 4:30 a.m...."

"Those present were...L. Skocko, Pete Skocko..."

EP; 31 May 1916; item: "MAY BE INSANE. Paul Gootenich [Gutunich] who has been a patient at the county hospital recently and who is well known about Santa Cruz, where he has lived for a great many years, was brought in to the sheriff's office Monday morning for medical examination. It is feared that he may be losing his mind. He is a member of the lodge of Druids.—Santa Cruz News."

EP; 31 May 1916; item: "Estate of Chas. Uskovich, deceased—First and final account and petition for final distribution."

EP; 31 May 1916; item: "Central Grocery Co. vs. M. A. Pesarovich [Pecarevich] et al.—Continued to June 19."

EP; 31 May 1916; item: "Peter Marinovich of the University of Santa Clara is here to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Marinovich."

EP; 31 May 1916; item: "Harold Mundhenk will be the president of the local high school student body next term...The balloting took place in the morning and the votes were counted after noon. The election officers were: Judge, Fred Shipp; clerk, Jeffrey Wilson, Lewis Lettunich; inspectors, Fred Kane, Elmer Plaskett..."

"The result of the election was as follows: For president, Harold Mundhenk 78, Joseph Cumming 37...athletic manager John Strazicich 111 (no opposition)."

EP; 1 Jun 1916; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, May 31,

1916, to Andrew Gulermovich, 33 and Mary Lucich, 29 both of Wrights.”

EP; 1 Jun 1916; item: “Miss Mary Lucich of this city will become the bride next Sunday morning of Andrew Gulermovich of Wrights, the ceremony to be performed in St. Patrick’s Church. The bride has lived here several years and has been in the employ of M. L. Kalich.”

EP; 2 Jun 1916; honor roll: Low 8th: Charles Sambraillo; High 7th: Emma Grizich, Anna Knego, Mark Rilovich; High 6th and High 7th: Kathryn Strazich; [no class given]: Willie Sambraillo; High 4th: Tony Scurich; Low 4th: John Miljamich [Miljanich], Peter Zar; High 3rd: Louis Bonitich [Bonacich], Mary Matson, Martin Franich; Low 3rd: Peter Copriviza; Low 2nd Grade: Luke Cordich.

EP; 3 Jun 1916; item: “In the delinquent tax list published in this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel, the following names appear: City of Watsonville: ...Katuran, Kate, \$7.54...Pajaro Road District: Cikuth, Stane, \$11.01...”

EP; 5 Jun 1916; item: “The Central Electric Company has rented the store in the P. V. National Bank building (recently vacated by the S. & H. Green Trading Stamp Co.) and will remove from Scurich’s building, Central Hotel building, this week. Mr. Stajanovich [Stanovich] found his business increasing to the extent that he had to obtain larger quarters.”

EP; 5 Jun 1916; married: “Watsonville, June 1, 1916, Andrew Gulermovich of Wrights and Miss Mary Lucich of Watsonville.”

EP; 5 Jun 1916; article: “The incorporation of a stock company, capitalized for \$125,000 and which will handle the sale of the fruit in the Pajaro Valley, was approved by a large audience that assembled at the auditorium last Saturday afternoon to discuss the proposed central selling agency for this community. After the plan had been read by J. E. Gardner of the Committee of Thirty-one that drafted the plan there were a few talks given on the subject by J. E. Gardner, E. A. Hall, Dr. J. B. Cutter, A. N. Judd, Paul Kruger and others. After their talks a rising vote was taken on the plan and everyone rose to their feet to signify their approval.

“The meeting was the annual session of the Apple Distributors and the old board of directors had performed its work so faithfully and so efficiently that all were re-elected without opposition. The directors for 1916-17 are C. H. Baker, J. W. Baxter, George Copriviza, Dr. J. B. Cutter, H. T. Davis, O. O. Eaton, T. J. Horgan, F. S. Jerome, C. L. Langley, M. N. Lettunich, J. W. MacDonald, W. J. McGrath, W. R. Radcliff, Otto Raphael, C. J. Rodgers, F. L. Rowe, Luke Scurich, George W. Sill, H. M. Tenney, J. W. Tulloch and Edward White.

“The organization will not be started in this valley unless ninety percent of the packers and growers sign up with the selling agency. The agency plan is the formation of a stock company of 12,500 shares at \$10 per share, which will be sold at par. The growers will take one share for every acre of growing fruit they possess and the packer will pay on the basis of 4c per packed box, their share to be figured on their 1915 sales. There will be four payments of \$2.50 per share, which will extend over a period of four years. The shares to be purchased by those other than packers and growers shall not be more than one fourth of the total stock...”

“The report in full follows:

[very detailed and lengthy report, omitted]

“Respectfully submitted,

“COMMITTEE OF THIRTY-ONE,

“E. A. HALL, Chairman,

“CARROLL RODGERS, Secretary.”

EP; 5 June 1916; marriage: “Miss Mary Lucich of this city became the bride yesterday morning of Andrew Gulermovich of Wrights, the wedding being performed...in St. Patrick’s Church. After the wedding the invited guests and the newlyweds adjourned to the M. L. Kalich packing house on West Lake Avenue where a wedding feast and celebration held the crowd during the afternoon until the newlyweds departed for their honeymoon trip.

“The bride is a native of Austria and has resided here for several years, having been in the employ of the M. L. Kalich family for the past year. She is an estimable young woman and has many friends in this city. The groom is also a native of Austria and is a well known farmer of the Wrights section where he has a host of friends...”

EP; 6 Jun 1916; item: “J. P. Mascovich has secured the agency in this city for the well known old German lager, one of the most delicious beverages on the market. Mr. Mascovich will make arrangements to deliver this beer to any part of the town, and a trial order will prove its worth. It is a famous brand that needs only to be tried to be appreciated.”

EP; 6 Jun 1916; board of aldermen, payments: “...Services: ...Central Electric Works, \$74.40...M. Glech, \$77.90...S. Kucher, \$8...Supplies: ...California Restaurant, \$23.25...”

EP; 7 Jun 1916; board of supervisors, payments: “...General County Fund: ...Jack Novacich [Novcich], \$60.50...N. G. Papas [Papac], \$27.50...N. G. Papas, \$5...P. Secondo, \$10.50...Pajaro Road Fund: John Nemanich, \$16...N. G. Papas, \$25...Indigent Fund: ...City Grocery Co., \$26.40...”

EP; 7 Jun 1916; item: "Stanley Presho, chauffeur for Bruce Bonney, of Saratoga, who was arrested on May 27 on a charge of speeding on the state highway, entered a plea of not guilty in Justice of the Peace Houck's court yesterday and his trial went over for two weeks.

"His employer, Bonney, endeavored yesterday to have the county supervisors intervene to have the case dropped and also approached District Attorney George W. Smith. The supervisors gave him to understand that the case was out of their hands and he also got little sympathy from District Attorney Smith, who informed him that all violations of the automobile speed laws, especially on the state highway, would be vigorously prosecuted.—Santa Cruz News."

EP; 7 Jun 1916; item: "New officers were elected by the local Foresters of America last night...Those chosen were: ...senior woodward, A. Zadjelovich..."

EP; 7 Jun 1916; married: "Watsonville, June 7, 1916, Mitchell Kissich and Miss Eleanor Cecelia Balovich, both of Watsonville."

EP; 7 Jun 1916; item: "Mitchell [Antone] Kissich and Miss Eleanor Cecelia Balovich, both of this city, were married...this morning at St. Patrick's church...a large number of their friends being in attendance at the nuptials. Following the wedding a breakfast was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Balovich, the bride's parents, at 113 West Lake avenue and a large number of friends assembled at the family home to extend congratulations and best wishes.

"Both Mr. and Mrs. Kissich have many friends in this city and both are popular in a wide circle. The bride has resided here many years and is a charming young woman. The groom is a well known apple packer of this city



Fig. 5-8. Seated: Eleanor Balovich (1896-1974), Anton Kissich (1886-1953). Standing: S. Vlazicich and Eleanor's sister, Catherine Stolich (1891-1918).

and is highly regarded in business circles as an estimable gentleman. They will reside here upon their return from their honeymoon."

EP; 7 Jun 1916; notice: "ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE. In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Santa Cruz.

"In the matter of the Estate of Nicholas M. Vuicich, Deceased.

"Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

"Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz... made on the 29th day of May, 1916, in the matter of the estate of Nicolas M. Vuicich, sometimes called N. M. Vuicich, deceased, the undersigned, as Administrator of the estate of Nicolas M. Vuicich...will sell at private sale in one parcel to the highest bidder upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court, on or after Tuesday, the 29th day of June, 1916, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Nicholas M. Vuicich...at the time of his death, in and to the real property hereinafter described, and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has by operation of law or otherwise acquired other than or in addition to that of said deceased at the time of his death of, in and to that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate lying, and being in the City of Watsonville...and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

"[legal description of property, omitted]...

"Dated May 31st, 1916.

"GEORGE S. EASTERDAY.

"Administrator of the Estate of Nicholas M. Vuicich... deceased.

"SANS & HUDSON, Attorneys for...Administrator."

EP; 8 Jun 1916; born: "At Hollister, May 30, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. George Osoja [Ostoja], a son." [George]

EP; 8 Jun 1916; item: "Lis pendens—Pero Sambrailo vs. T. J. Horgan: Land on northeast wall line of Lincoln St., Watsonville."

EP; 8 Jun 1916; item: "Pero Sambrailo vs. T. J. Horgan, adm.; estate of Mary Ellen Aston, deceased—Complaint to quiet title."

EP; 8 Jun 1916; disp. ad:

FREE LUNCH every day and Bar-

becue every Saturday with

BIG GLASS OF BEER.

CONGRESS BAR

J. P. ZAR, Proprietor, 300 Main St.

EP; 10 Jun 1916; item: "A delightful surprise party was held last night at the O. S. Tuttle home on First street in honor of Miss Ruth Tuttle by the members of her class in the local schools. Miss Tuttle was completely surprised when the self-invited guests invaded her home but she soon recovered her composure and all present proceeded to have a jolly time. Games, music, refreshments and

other enjoyable features enlivened the evening until a late hour when the adjournment was taken.

“Those present at the party were: ...Katherine Strazich [of 32]...”

EP; 12 Jun 1916; article: “DISTRIBUTORS INCORPORATE...The following articles of incorporation of the Watsonville Apple Distributors were filed last Saturday afternoon at Santa Cruz with County Clerk Miller by J. E. Gardner of this city.

“Know all men by these presents:

“That we, the undersigned, all being residents and citizens of the state of California have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the state of California, and we do hereby certify:

“First—That the name of this Corporation shall be ‘Watsonville Apple Distributors.’

“...That the number of directors or trustees of said corporation shall be nine, and that the names and residences of the directors or trustees who are appointed for the first year, and to serve until the election and qualification of such officers, are as follows:

“C. F. Langley, W. R. Radcliff, F. S. Jerome, F. L. Rowe, Watsonville, Cal.; S. E. Elliott, Corralitos, Cal.; Carrol J. Rodgers, F. L. Selleck, M. N. Lettunich, O. D. Stoesser, Watsonville, Cal.

“...That the amount of the capital stock of said corporation is \$125,000, and the number of shares into which it is divided, is 12,500 of the par value of \$10 each.

“That the amount of said capital stock, which has already been subscribed is \$90, and the following are the names of the persons by whom the same has been subscribed:

“C. F. Langley, W. R. Radcliff, F. S. Jerome, F. L. Rowe, S. E. Elliott, Carrol J. Rodgers, F. L. Selleck, M. N. Lettunich, O. D. Stoesser, one share each of \$10 value; total \$90.00.

“In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 9th day of June, 1916. C. F. LANGLEY, W. R. RADCLIFF, F. S. JEROME, F. L. ROWE, S. E. ELLIOTT, F. L. SELLECK, CARROL J. RODGERS, M. N. LETTUNICH, O. D. STOESSER.”

EP; 12 Jun 1916; item: “Mitchell Matiach was arrested by Constable Devine this morning for disturbing the peace, A. J. Stanovich [maybe Stojanovich] being the complainant. Matiach put up \$25 bail in Judge Hawkin’s court and will come up for trial later.”

EP; 12 Jun 1916; item: “Mrs. John Alaga is a visitor in this city from San Francisco.”

EP; 12 Jun 1916; item: “Blas Pista and Nicholas Monkovich have returned from a two weeks’ visit to San Diego.”

EP; 12 Jun 1916; ALL: Peter F. Vojoodinch.

EP; 12 June 1916; article: “The fourth annual Boys’ Hobby Exposition held at the Y.M.C.A. last Saturday afternoon and evening drew a large crowd and was a success in every way. A great number of exhibits were on display and all reflected much credit upon the exhibitors. The manual training and fine arts displays were particularly creditable...”

“Drawing section...design, first, Rudolph Johnson; second, Rudolph Johnson; third, Stephen Marinovich; ...free hand, first, Gifford Hunsinger; second, William Marinovich...”

EP; 13 June 1916; item: “It was Anton Viskovich not John Stojanovich [maybe Stanovich], who had Mitchell Matloch [maybe Maslach] arrested yesterday for disturbing the peace. Stojanovich was away fishing when the disturbance occurred. We squared matters with John by telling him that we were informed that ‘some vich’ had Mitch arrested and we shoved the complaint on him as being the handsomest and best natured ‘vich’ in town. John was perfectly satisfied with our explanation, as he says the item was a good advertisement, a great many people assuming that the disturbance was created during the rush at his store to get some of those big bargains he is offering in electrical appliances and wouldn’t we please correct it so he could get another ad. out of it...”

EP; 13 Jun 1916; obit: “In Santa Cruz, June 8, 1916, Paulo Gutich, age 79 years, 5 months and 15 days, a native of Austria.”

EP; 13 Jun 1916; item: “Estate of Chas. Uskovich, deceased—Decreases settling final account and of final discharge.”

EP; 14 Jun 1916; item: “Doretta Rogge to Sam Hrepich—Lot on Locust St., Watsonville.”

EP; 14 Jun 1916; item: “Mrs. M. L. Kalich and children left today for Wrights to visit Mrs. N. Guliermovich, formerly Miss Lucich of this city.”

EP; 14 Jun 1916; item: “ORCHARDISTS WARNED. Two weeks ago Inspector Tate warned the orchardists to spray for codling moth and yesterday while touring the valley with George P. Weldon, acting State Horticultural Commissioner, he discovered that some of the orchardists have not heeded his warning. Several of the orchards showed signs of codling moth and all the orchardists that have not yet sprayed their trees are warned to do so at once or their crop will be injured.”

EP; 15 Jun 1916; item: “Lis pendens—Manuel Silva vs. Andrew N. Zufich et al.—1 acre, part of Ro. Bolsa del Pajaro.”

EP; 15 Jun 1916; item: "Tonight the commencement exercises of the High School Commercial Department will be held at the Presbyterian hall...and the public is cordially invited to attend. The graduates are...William Hrepich..."

EP; 15 Jun 1916; item: "Manuel Silva vs. Andrew N. Zufich et al.—Complaint in foreclosure for \$300."

EP; 16 Jun 1916; item: "Burritt R. Nichols et ux to J. S. Sambrailo—Lot on Rodriguez St."

EP; 17 Jun 1916; item: "Tom Pavisha, one of the section gang engaged in moving the freight track in the railroad yards at Hollister, had four toes amputated yesterday afternoon, when a rail dropped on his foot. Pavisha was one at the gang of laborers that were carrying the heavy rail to a new position. When they reached the spot where it was to be placed the foreman yelled 'drop it.' Tom apparently did not understand the command and he held on while the other men let go and stood clear. In consequence the descending steel caught his foot, crushing it badly."

EP; 17 June 1916; item: "Miss Jean Tuttle, who has resigned from the high school faculty, was the guest of honor at a delightful surprise party held last night at the home of Miss Violet Peterson on West Lake Avenue, the party being held under the auspices of the junior class..."

"Among those present were: ...L. Lettunich..."

EP; 19 Jun 1916; item: "A last farewell was given Miss Lucy Mount of the high school faculty in the form of a party held at the home of Miss Louise Struve on Saturday night. It is with great regret that high school students see this friend and teacher depart and in this way have shown their appreciation of her..."

"Nearly 40 people were present among whom were: ...Lewis Lettunich..."

EP; 19 Jun 1916; born: "At Watsonville, June 18, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew N. Zufich, a daughter." [*Augusta Frances; +1974; was a nun in Monterey*]

EP; 19 Jun 1916; born: "Watsonville, June 18, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Janich, a son." [*Peter*]

EP; 19 Jun 1916; ALL: M. Jercich, Peter L. Kristovich.

EP; 20 Jun 1916; honorary promotions: Low 8th: Charles Sambraillo; High 7th: Kathryn Strazicich, Emma Grizich, Anna Knego; High 5th: Willie Sambrailo; High 4th: Tony Scurich; Low 4th: John Miljanich, Peter Zar; High 3rd: Martin Franich, Louis Bonitich, Mary Matson; Low 3rd: Peter Copriviza; High 1st: Polly Franich; Low 1st: Pete Knego.

EP; 21 Jun 1916; item: "Eighteen local Moose visited the Monterey Moose Lodge last night to attend a big turkey dinner and to assist in the initiation of 50 new members..."

"The Watsonville members that were in Monterey last night were...Peter Secondo..."

EP; 23 Jun 1916; item: "Nick M. Lettunich will act as Constable, Arthur Devine's deputy, during the latter's absence with the militia."

EP; 26 Jun 1916; item: "Appointment and oath of Nicholas M. Lettunich as deputy constable in Watsonville Township is filed."

EP; 26 Jun 1916; item: "CERTIFICATE OF INDIVIDUAL TRANSACTING BUSINESS UNDER A FICTITIOUS NAME. Known All Men by These Presents, that I, John Stanovich, am transacting business under the fictitious name and style of 'CENTRAL ELECTRIC COMPANY', that my principal place of business is at No. 318 Main street, in the City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, that my place of residence is No. 20 Elm street, in the City of Watsonville...that John Stanovich is my full name; that no party or parties other than myself is or are interested in the said business conducted by me under said name.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto executed this certificate this 23rd day of June, 1916, at Watsonville, California. JOHN STANOVICH..."

EP; 26 Jun 1916; item: "Andrew N. Zufich started out today, over at Brooklyn, amongst the Chinese residents, and in a few hours, collected \$16.20 in cash and many packages of 'goodies' for the boys of Co. L the Chinese can always be depended on for doing a graceful act when necessity demands..."

"Mr. Zufich took the money and bought goods with it to be sent to the boys this afternoon."

EP; 27 Jun 1916; promotions by exam: From High 7th to Low 8th: Mark Rilovich; Low 7th to High 7th: Katie Arbanas; High 6th to Low 7th: Tone Dubreta, Paul Dubreta, John Castropelli; From Low 6th to High 6th: Stephen Neminich [Nemanich]; High 5th to Low 6th: Frank Saveria, Peter Stolich; Low 5th to High 5th: Mary Glage; High 4th to Low 5th: Nick Dubretta; High 3rd to Low 4th: Marie Rilovich, Anna Scurich; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Martin Grizich; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Mary Perovich; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Luke Cordich, Vene Glage; High 1st to Low 2nd: George Gera, Martin Kulich, Louis Lucich, Mary Lucich; Low 1st to High 1st: Minnie Salamonovich [Salamunovich], Lena Cordich.

EP; 27 Jun 1916; item: "John Labas has sold his apricot orchard in Pajaro Canyon to A. C. Hinkey of Monterey. Mr. Labas intends to make his home in Monterey. He

was for many years engaged in the apple packing business in Watsonville.”

EP; 27 Jun 1916; item: “Mr. Gluhan informs us that the item in last evening’s Pajaronian regarding Mike Nirich’s business being sold to Tom Anderson was erroneous—Mr. Nirich still being a partner, with Mr. Gluhan. As our information, regarding the business being bought, came from Mr. Anderson himself, we thought it was correct.”

EP; 28 Jun 1916; item: “WASHINGTON, JUNE 28—The house and senate conference committee have finally reached an agreement on the Hay draft resolution. The agreement eliminates the provisions for paying an allowance to families of militiamen and exempts all married men enlisted in militia organizations from service.

“(Note—This practically means that the married members of company L, who wish, may be excused from further duty with the troops.—Ed. Pajaronian.)”

EP; 28 Jun 1916; item: “During the past few weeks Justice A. B. Hawkins has transacted the following business: ...Frank Matatulich [Matulich], paid \$5 for driving a buggy without [*sic*]...and Mitchell Matulich, \$5 for disturbing the peace.”

EP; 28 Jun 1916; article: “SACRAMENTO, June 28... All the members of Co. L, Second Infantry, were sworn into the federal service late yesterday afternoon. They were all inoculated successfully. The McSherry boys are here and the total membership of the company is now 95. All are enthusiastic and awaiting the order (which is expected hourly) to entrain for El Paso. They request me to tell the folks at home to be of good cheer. They are going to defend ‘Old Glory.’—GEO. G. RADCLIFF.”

EP; 28 Jun 1916; article: “AN APPEAL TO THOSE WHO HAVE STAYED AT HOME. Eighteen men of Company L have left behind their wives and children, who were dependent upon them for comfort and protection.

“A number of young men have left widowed mothers, who are likewise dependent.

“The Citizens League is an organization formed to look out for and in every possible way to befriend these wives, children and mothers, during the absence of their husbands, fathers and sons.

“You men of this city and valley who have remained at home, owe this duty to your fellow citizens who have gone out to fight for you. We appeal to every man who enjoys the protection of the American Flag to join this League at once.

“You will find membership rolls at each of the Drug Stores, Banks and Stationery Stores. Don’t wait to be solicited. Get your name on the list today. DO IT NOW! EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CITIZENS’ LEAGUE.”

EP; 29 Jun 1916; item: “The alarm of fire last evening... was caused by a blaze from an oil stove that caught on fire in a room in the rear of the Hotel Central on lower Main street. For a few moments it looked as if there was going to be a big fire.

“Two fire extinguishers in the hotel, however, put out the blaze before much damage was done. The firemen rushed the apparatus to the scene, but their services were not required.”

EP; 29 Jun 1916; item: “Oliver’s barbershop is to move shortly from its present location in the Hotel Central, on lower Main street, to the one-story structure, adjoining the hotel, recently occupied by the Central Electrical Co. The present location of the Oliver barbershop will be fixed up by Landlord Steve Scurich as a billiard and pool room.”

EP; 30 Jun 1916; article: “All details for the Fourth of July Celebration to be held here next Tuesday, were completed at a meeting of the committee of arrangements held last evening. The celebration promises to be one of the best ever held in the city...

“There are to be 16 elaborate floats and many other features that have never before appeared in a procession of this kind. Grand Marshal C. B. Lewis will start the parade at 10 o’clock sharp...

“...The lineup of the parade, as adopted last evening, follows:

“First Division—Form on East Third Street...Grand Marshal C. B. Lewis and aids; Watsonville City Band; Mayor W. A. Trafton, Board of Aldermen and City Officials; Chairman Frank Rodgers, Hon. James F. Brennan and District Attorney George W. Smith...”

EP; 30 Jun 1916; item: “A letter received here today from Mike Nirich, with Co. L, says that he must be excused for not writing, as he is one of the company’s cooks, and when he gets through cooking for 100 men he is so tired that he immediately crawls off to bed. ‘Cooking for 100 men,’ is rich, for if there is anything Mike is bum in it is cooking. Why, on one occasion, he couldn’t boil an egg, and was thinking of taking correspondence school lessons on the art of cooking water. We understand that in the cooking department of the company Joe Hopkins cooks the bread; Hill cooks the ‘Mulligan Stews’; Charley Sibole does the dishwashing and Mike ‘wipes.’ They have got the company terrorized by threats of handing out something awful if the cooking is not praised...”

EP; 1 Jul 1916; article: “John Dujmovich, an employee of M. B. Tuttle, met with a serious accident, yesterday afternoon, whilst working on Mr. Tuttle’s ‘creek place.’ Dujmovich drove into the orchard with a wagon load of tree props which he was distributing around the place. While thus engaged, the team took fright and started to

run away. He started for the wagon, and caught the lines on one side, in an endeavor to stop the horses, but only succeeded in turning the outfit around in a half circle. The wagon struck him, he fell, and the vehicle ran over him causing a compound fracture of the left arm near the shoulder. The team crashed into an apple tree and was stopped. Dujmovich was taken to the Pajaro Valley Hospital, the fracture reduced and this morning he is feeling a little better after a night of much suffering. He was lucky to escape so lightly."

EP; 1 Jul 1916; item: "The City Grocery Store has placed on display a very fine window showing the Sperry Flour Co.'s products. This display is very tastefully arranged with a pretty cut-out and an ample display of the Sperry Co.'s products. The showing attracts much attention, and reflects credit on the City Grocery Co. We suggest to our readers to look it over."

EP; 1 Jul 1916; item: "HAVE YOU NOTICED IT? That since young Lettunich was appointed deputy constable, vice Arthur Devine (gone to fight the 'Mejacanos')[,] there have been no arrests nor crimes committed in this bailiwick? We have always held that if the right men were appointed on the constabulary Judge Hawkins would have nothing to do. The pity of this state of affairs is that Constable Lettunich is 'jest dying' to arrest someone, and no one will commit a crime."

EP; 1 Jul 1916; item: "Estate of Natale Skocko, deceased—July 10 set as day for hearing petition of Mary Skocko for letters of administration."

EP; 3 Jul 1916; item: "Abandonment: Edward B. Cikuth et ux.—Lot 186, Watsonville Heights."

EP; 3 Jul 1916; article [4th of July Parade program]: "...Reading of Declaration of Independence by District Attorney George W Smith..."

EP; 3 Jul 1916; ALL: C. Lucich.

EP; 5 Jul 1916; item: "Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gilbert and son, Edwin, of San Francisco are visiting with the E. B. Lettunich family."

EP; 5 Jul 1916; item: "Mrs. M. L. [N.] Lettunich, Miss Lucile Lettunich and Prosper Lettunich motored down from San Francisco to spend the Fourth in Watsonville."

EP; 6 Jul 1916; item: "Homestead—Stane J. Cikuth: Part of Secs. 21 and 32, T. 10 S. R. 2 E."

EP; 6 Jul 1916; item: "J. U. Lukrich was arrested for driving a horse and buggy without a light and was instructed to appear in the Justice Court within five days."

EP; 6 Jul 1916; article: "Yesterday the District Court of Appeal rendered its decision affirming the judgment of Judge Benj. K. Knight of the superior court of this county in the suit of W. H. Bone vs. H. V. Trafton, sheriff. The action was brought to recover the sum of \$540 and interests, the value of 4000 pine box shooks sold and shipped by Bone to Frank Radovan in September, 1914, and attached by the sheriff for the amount of a bill of groceries owing by Radovan to the City Grocery Co..."

EP; 8 Jul 1916; item: "Pajaro Valley Savings Bank vs. Katie Rilovich et al—Complaint in foreclosure of mortgage for \$4000 principal, interest, etc."

EP; 8 Jul 1916; item: "Lis pendens—Pajaro Valley Savings Bank vs. Katie Rilovich et al—Lot on Third St. and lot on West Lake Ave., Watsonville."

EP; 10 Jul 1916; item: "Among the guests registered at the Appleton hotel are John N. Sresovich, commission merchant of San Francisco..."

EP; 10 Jul 1916; item: "**\$545 Mess Fund for Co. L Raised Today**...The fund that went forward today was subscribed by the following: ...M. N. Lettunich & Co. \$20...George W. Smith, \$10..."

EP; 11 Jul 1916; item: "A. N. Zufich, assignee of Louise M. Connell, has brought suit in the superior court against E. A. Connell et al to foreclose a mortgage given to secure a promissory note for \$300 together with interest and costs.—Salinas Journal."

EP; 11 Jul 1916; item: "Considerable excitement was created at Main street and Maple Avenue this afternoon over a dispute in the Congress Bar. Immediately after the fracas John Zar appeared before Justice of the Peace A. B. Hawkins to swear out a battery warrant against Pete Zamuchin, a barber in the shop at the corner of Main street and Maple Avenue. According to Zar's statement before Judge Hawkins, Joe Mascovich and Zamuchin had been on unfriendly terms and this afternoon while in his saloon Zamuchin became engaged in a fight with Mascovich. Zar said that he tried to stop the fight, and Zamuchin had struck him in the eye. Zar was wearing glasses and as a result he was badly cut about the left eye. Zar said that Zamuchin had also struck Mascovich. Mascovich suffered a deep cut in the forehead."

EP; 11 Jul 1916; item: "Constable W. B. Mann and Deputy Lettunich were called to the Charley Cassin place on the Riverside road last evening to investigate a robbery which had occurred there during the day.

"The losers, it was discovered were four Slavonians living on the place. They left the cottage where they eat and sleep early yesterday morning. When they returned

at 6 o'clock last evening they found the place had been rifled.

"The house was entered by removing a pane of glass from one of the windows and the stolen articles were secured by forcing open a trunk in the house. The stolen articles were a blue serge suit, a razor, a razor strop, a pair of trousers and four shirts. The officers are working on the case, but as yet have discovered no clues leading to the identity of the thief."

EP; 12 Jul 1916; item: "Estate of Natale Skocko, deceased—Mary Skocko appointed administratrix."

EP; 13 Jul 1916; item: "The trial of Pete Zamuchin, arrested for battery Tuesday, was set for Friday, July 21... Zamuchin was released Tuesday on \$100 bail and appeared in court this morning...A plea of not guilty was entered in court today by Attorney Wyckoff and the case set for hearing next Friday..."

EP; 13 Jul 1916; article [a letter from Co. L]: "(By Sergt. Edw. H. Lorenson.) NOGALES, Ariz., July 10..."

"A reform wave, which is engineered by Corporal Robert Emmett Atteridge of Squad One, has struck the camp. Atteridge has issued an anti-profanity order to his tent-mates, William Cumming, Mitchell Boskovich, Charles Snyder, John Snyder, Nathan Mansfield, Archie Bloom, Fred Andrews, Henry Struve and Charlie Sibole, and for every offense Atteridge levies a fine of one cent. There is already \$4.30 in the treasury since the order was issued three days ago..."

"Company L has the champion athletes in the camp... Last Sunday our baseball team beat Company K of Fresno by a score of 18 to 7. Archie Bloom pitching a fine game throughout. Mike Nirich made three home runs..."

"I forgot to mention in the first part of my letter in speaking of the gifts we have received that Company L is smoking to its heart's content today. Today we received...a package of tobacco from Jack Novichich [Novichich], another package from Chief of Police Whitsitt, Officers Zimmer and Whalen, George Hrepich and George Forenchich...if any of our Watsonville friends think we are ungrateful and unappreciative we beg their kind indulgence until such time as we can find the time to properly acknowledge the receipt of the many welcome gifts that have poured into our camp..."

"I believe that by this time the readers of my unusually lengthy letter have become bored so I will hasten to close for this time. We all send our best regards to Watsonville and its people and we are hoping that our monotonous stay here will soon be at an end and we can enjoy civilized life once more..."

EP; 13 Jul 1916; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith was a visitor in the city from Santa Cruz yesterday afternoon looking into the various fisticuff affrays in this city recently."

EP; 13 Jul 1916; article: "Those two bunco men, who tried to victimize Mr. Resetar of this city, are at it again, and landed one Male Yezerac, of Davenport, yesterday for all of his savings, \$1126.65, which he withdrew from the First National bank yesterday afternoon in order to put it with a large sum of money that was to be used for the relief of the orphans and those in need. Yezerac was to keep the whole amount, which was supposed to have been put into a suitcase, but which later proved to contain only some old newspapers."

"As soon as the game was discovered and even before it had been pulled off, says this morning's Santa Cruz Sentinel, Chief of Police Frank Hannah, who received a tip that the Davenport man was to be buncoed, went to work to locate the trio. Andy Balich, a friend of the victim, was asked to assist in the work, as it was the purpose if possible to get in touch with Yezerac before the trap was sprung. But this effort proved unsuccessful and the job was done. Then the work of catching the bunco men began."

"It was learned that the trio had secured an auto at Cedar's garage and were willing to pay anything to be taken to San Jose as quickly as possible. The big fellow of the gang engaged the auto and then went across the street to get the two smaller fellows. It was said that one of the men's sister was dying in San Jose, which was the cause of the haste. This was shortly after 3 o'clock and Cedar sent a man out with the car. The party reached San Jose at 3:40 and at a small saloon on Santa Clara street the men got out to get a drink, and at this point the driver of Cedar's auto returned. Officers all up and down the coast have been notified by Sheriff Howard Trafton to be on the lookout for these men."

"About four years ago Yezerac was swindled out of \$65 by some gypsies and Andy Balich was successful in getting this money back for him. So aware of this fact, Chief Hannah went to Balich and asked him to help locate the man. They visited the Italian hotels about town without success. Balich even phoned the bank about 3 o'clock in the afternoon to stop the payment of any checks that Yezerac might have issued, or even to prevent him from drawing out any of his money, but it was too late. A man who knew Yezerac was found near the depot and was told to assist in locating the victim if possible. He found Yezerac at the depot later and told him that Hannah and Balich were looking for him; that they wanted to prevent him from being buncoed. 'Never mind, I am all right,' was the reply he received. This friend then accompanied Yezerac to Davenport and went to his cabin. The conversation that followed led to the opening of a valise that Yezerac had brought back with him, and the discovery of the old papers instead of fat rolls of greenbacks."

"Yezerac had spent the Fourth in San Francisco. On his way back a large man sat in the seat behind him and became quite friendly. He went to Davenport and stop-

ped at the Ocean View hotel, where the friendship grew. Then there appeared upon the scene a smaller man, a young fellow who was in distress because he had a large sum of money left him to distribute among the orphans and the poor and he needed some help, which the big bunco man was willing to give and Yezerac consented to assist in any way that he could. The third man then appeared on the scene and yesterday the party came to this city. Nearly three hours they talked over the plans in Willow Grove park and the plot ended with the Davenport man going to the bank to get his money to put into the valise with that of the other men. The big bunco man then told Yezerac that he had better keep the funds, and sent him on to the depot, saying they would meet him there by the time the train left for Davenport."

EP; 15 Jul 1916; item: "Says last evening's Hollister Free Lance:

"The first arrest made for illegal killing of deer was made in this county this season, when Game Warden J. H. Hill and Sheriff Croxon took Tony Radich and three companions, Watsonville residents, into custody for shooting a 'spike' buck near Mulberry. Radich pleaded guilty to killing the deer and was fined \$50 by Justice Agnew.

"Radich, in shooting the animal, committed two distinct offenses: the killing of the deer during the closed season and the killing of a 'spike' buck, which is unlawful at any time.

"The Watsonville party went to Mulberry to get some horses, saw the deer and shot it. They assert that they supposed that it was a coyote and that the rancher whose land they were on told them it was a coyote. The manner of telling the story was not very convincing.

"The men threw the carcass into their vehicle but after driving a few miles concluded to get rid of it and cast it over a roadside bank. The matter was reported by a resident of the district to the authorities and Radich and his friends were arrested on the road entering town. The carcass of the deer was recovered and given into the custody of the game warden..."

EP; 17 Jul 1916; item: "Luke Scurich, trustee, to Luke Pulich—Lot on Rodrigues St., Watsonville."

EP; 18 Jul 1916; article: "The apple season in this valley opened Saturday with the shipment east of a carload of Gravenstein apples from the Menasco orchard shipped by the Scurich Bros. The outlook for this season, according to Dr. A. W. Tate, state fruit inspector, is that the output of apples in the valley will be as large as last year. The fruit this year is quite clean, being free from diseases and pests..."

EP; 18 Jul 1916; item: "Stephen Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co. et al.—Answer to second amended complaint."

EP; 18 Jul 1916; item: "Central Grocery Co. vs. M. P. Pecarovich et al.—Continued to August 21."

EP; 18 Jul 1916; item: "Three new packing houses are under construction at present in the packing house district, all being of considerable size, and they will be completed before the opening of this year's fruit season. The three new buildings all cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 and will make possible the handling of a great many apples as the floor space of the three new structures will aggregate something like 36,000 square feet.

"Resetar Bros. are erecting one of the best packing houses in the city on Walker street, between the packing houses of the Chas. Ford Co. and Copriviza and Gera. This building will have a concrete foundation, and will be constructed of very good materials. The structure will measure 96x100 feet and will cost \$6000. Work was begun two weeks ago and according to John Luce, who is constructing the building, it will be finished by August 1.

"Work was started last Tuesday on a packing house for E. B. Lettunich on Third street almost opposite the packing house of M. N. Lettunich, where the Stephen Scurich packing house stood before being burnt. This building will measure about 100x100 feet and will cost between \$2000 and \$3000. It is expected that the building will be completed by August 16.

"Nick Scurich and A. N. Jerenich [Jerinich] are erecting a packing house on Third street, nearly opposite the Loma Prieta mill. Work was begun on this building two weeks ago and it should be finished by the middle of August. The cost will be between \$2,000 and \$3,000 and the structure will be about 100x100 feet."

EP; 20 Jul 1916; item: "Mrs. Mary Skocko has been appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband, the late Natale Skocko, who died recently. It is estimated that the estate, which consists of the ranch next to the Risdon ranch on the Santa Cruz road is worth \$9,750. The bond for the administratrix was fixed at \$2,500. Jas. A. Hall is attorney for Mrs. Skocko."

EP; 21 Jul 1916; item: "The case of Peter Zamuchin, charged with assault upon the person of John Zar, went over a week when it was called in Justice of the Peace Hawkin's Court yesterday morning."

EP; 22 Jul 1916; item: "NATURALIZATION DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY. The petitions of the following named applicants appear upon the calendar of the Superior Court for hearing, July 26, 1916..."

"...Mitchell Niko Marinovich...Juro Anton Forenchich...John Sapro...Chris Mracevich..."

EP; 22 Jul 1916; item: "The F. A. Hihn Co. today sold their entire apple crop to E. B. Lettunich and Alaga Bros., about 100,000 boxes of very fine apples. This is

one of the largest apple deals in this county in a long time.”

EP; 22 Jul 1916; item: “Improvements which will add much to the appearance of lower Main street are now being made on the property of F. P. Marinovich and on the property of Mrs. E. T. Dondero. F. P. Marinovich is erecting a modern re-enforced concrete building on his property and improvements have just been started on the building of Mrs. E. T. Dondero, in which is located the California Restaurant and the vacant store room next to it.

“The new building of Mr. Marinovich is 50x80 feet and will cost \$7,500. In the building will be three storerooms having over 16 feet frontage on Main street and being 80 feet in depth. The building will be of re-enforced concrete with a front of pressed brick and polychrome terra cota. It will be rushed to completion as soon as the polychrome terra cota is received. This building will be modern in every respect and the front which will be of very fine appearance should add greatly to the appearance of lower Main street.

“A new re-enforced concrete addition has been added to the rear of the California Restaurant, making room for a new kitchen and a number of new rooms upstairs. With the addition of the new rooms, there will be in all 25 rooms in the second story. The front of the California Restaurant will be remodeled and also that of the store room next door.

“New show windows and new vestibules will be installed and will make this frontage modern and up-to-the-minute. The remodeling of the building owned by Mrs. Dondero will cost about \$5,000. The vacant store room next to the California Restaurant will be occupied by the California Restaurant Bar, which will be moved next door upon the completion of the improvements.

“When the work is finished the Marinovich building and the building owned by Mrs. Dondero will have fronts that will harmonize. This will clean up the street front for 100 feet along Main street and the fronts installed will be artistic and modern. Ralph Wyckoff is the architect.

“Mr. Hrepich, proprietor of the California Restaurant proposes to make changes in his restaurant that will put it in the front rank of cafes in this section of the state...”

EP; 24 Jul 1916; item: “Jos. Boule and Marko Biladj were painfully injured last Saturday...when the machine in which they were riding was struck by a machine driven by Dr. J. M. Wolfhson, of San Francisco. Both the injured men were taken to the Gilroy Hospital, where they were given medical attention, and though their injuries are painful they are not dangerous.

“Boule and Marko Biladj were driving along a straight stretch of the road 3 miles this side of Gilroy at about 22 miles an hour, according to L. Brajkovich, in whose machine they were driving, when Dr. J. M. Wolfhson, of 2502 Fillmore street, San Francisco, came up behind

them and in turning out to pass them, misjudged the distance and ran into the rear of the Brajkovich machine, throwing it into the ditch at the side of the road and turning it completely over. Boule was hurt on the right side of the head and in the right shoulder, besides being bruised and scratched. Marko Biladj was badly cut on the right side of the neck by the glass from the broken windshield and his back was severely wrenched; he was bruised about the right leg also.

“Both men were rushed to the Gilroy Hospital by Dr. Wolfhson, whose machine was not badly injured, and received medical attention. Boule was able to return to this city later, but Marko Biladj is still in the hospital at Gilroy, and is reported as recovering from his injuries.

“L. Brajkovich brought his machine back from the scene of the accident yesterday badly damaged. The two rear wheels were smashed, the top, windshield, and steering gear broken, beside damage to the body, mudguards and lamps.”

EP; 24 Jul 1916; item: “Rado Chukovich was arrested last Saturday evening at the plaza for disturbing the peace. He put up six dollars bail, was released, and this morning, accompanied by his attorney, Geo. P. Burke, appeared, pled not guilty, and demanded a jury trial. The case will probably be tried tomorrow.”

EP; 24 Jul 1916; born: “July 22, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Gospodnetich, of Pleasant valley, a son.” [*William; +2008*]



Fig. 5-9. William Gospodnetich.

EP; 25 Jul 1916; item: “Petar P. Stolich et ux to Mary Novacovich—2 lots in Watsonville.”

EP; 25 Jul 1916; article: “The residence of Edward E. [B.] Cikuth, near Corralitos, in Brown’s Valley was burned to the ground at four o’clock this morning and Mr. Cikuth, who was asleep in the house, narrowly escaped very serious injury. The house was completely destroyed and everything in it was lost. The cause of the fire is unknown. The house was covered by insurance, the loss, as estimated by Mr. Cikuth, being around \$800 or \$1,000. The family of Mr. Cikuth had recently moved to Watsonville Heights and Mr. Cikuth was spending the night on his ranch.”

EP; 25 Jul 1916; item: “Rado Chukovich who demanded a jury trial when he appeared before Police Judge C. W. Bridgewater yesterday morning, changed his plea to guilty yesterday afternoon and was fined \$6.”

EP; 25 Jul 1916; item: "N. Matulich et al. vs. Pacific Fruit Products Co.—Decision in favor of plaintiffs for \$739.31, interests, costs, etc."

EP; 25 Jul 1916; item: "NOGALES, July 22—Twelve members of Company L...will leave Nogales for Watsonville in a few days as the result of their failure to pass the physical examinations...Those failing to pass were...Mitchell Boscovich...They are expected to leave for home any day and none but Corporal Dodge seem to feel sore over having to leave camp.

"Nearly all that failed had defective vision but Mitchell Boscovich was reported as out of proportion all over. The examining physician sized up his 6 foot, 3 inches of skin and bone and after hanging a hat on each of his hips they reported that there was no place in the army for him except as a hat rack and those aren't needed in the army just yet..."

EP; 26 Jul 1916; item: "County Horticultural Commissioner W. H. Voick has appointed Mr. A. J. Lewis as an inspector, to assist him in his duties of inspecting all apples packed and shipped during the present apple season. The chief duty of Mr. Lewis will be to visit the local packing houses and inspect the apples under the ordinance passed last August by the Board of Supervisors. This appointment is part of Mr. Voick's plan to strictly enforce the ordinance prohibiting the shipment of green or immature fruit.

"District Attorney Geo. W. Smith will be in the city tonight or tomorrow morning, and with Mr. Voick will see what can be done with the fruit that is picked green for storage. They will endeavor to make some arrangements whereby it will be possible to harvest apples for storage before they are ripe enough to be within the law as it now stands. It will be necessary, if this is done, to prove conclusively that the apples packed while green are to be placed in storage."

EP; 26 Jul 1916; item: "John Strazich and William O'Brien left today for a visit to San Francisco."

EP; 26 Jul 1916; item: "Miss Anna and Ruth Scurich have returned from a month's vacation in San Francisco where they visited friends and relatives."

EP; 26 Jul 1916; item: "P. M. Resetar sent 4 boxes of apples, yesterday to the boys of Co. L at Nogales, Arizona."

EP; 26 Jul 1916; item: "Michell Marinovich, George A. Forenich [Forencich], John Sapro and Chris Mjaricovich [Mracevich] are in Santa Cruz today to secure their naturalization papers, which will be issued to them today. There are about 14 others who have applied for naturalization papers. Accompanying the party are P. Miladin, Nick Lamat, Geo. Hrepich, Luke Scurich and J. Arbarsin

[Arbanasin]. A banquet will be held tonight in Santa Cruz by the local men to celebrate the final step in their efforts to become citizens of these United States."

EP; 27 Jul 1916; item: "THIRTEEN ALIENS MADE CITIZENS YESTERDAY...[Among those] admitted were Mitchell Niko Marinovich...Juro Anton Forencich...John Sapro, Chris Mracevich..."

"Those admitted yesterday must be citizens 90 days before they can register. This will give them an opportunity to vote at the general election in November..."

EP; 28 Jul 1916; marriage: "Antone Bakich and Miss Lucy Skocko, both well known residents of this valley were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at St. Patrick's church.

"Mr. and Mrs. Bakich are both well known here. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. and the late Natale Skocko. She was raised in Watsonville and educated at the local schools. The groom has made this his home for the last 12 years and during that time has made many friends. Their honeymoon will be spent in San Francisco.

"Mrs. Mary Novacovich and Steve Scurich were the attendants of the newlyweds."

EP; 28 Jul 1916; item: "The trial for Pete Zamuchin which was set for this morning before Justice of the Peace A. B. Hawkins, has been postponed until August 10."

EP; 28 Jul 1916; item: "E. J. Jolly, adjuster for fire losses, was here yesterday from San Francisco on business connected with the burning of the E. B. Cikuth residence in Brown's Valley."

EP; 28 Jul 1916; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith has returned from a week's vacation at Tassajara Hot Springs. Hearing of the agitation over arrests for auto speeding, Mr. Smith said he would require of the motorcops a full performance of their duty as they have been in the habit of doing in enforcing the law. The state highway commissioner demands a strict enforcement of the laws against speeding. Thirty miles an hour is fast enough for safety on any highway.

"(How about the enforcing of the law requiring dimmers on headlights or the proper tilting of same. Many motorists are still violating this law. Ed. Pajaronian.)"

EP; 28 Jul 1916; married : "At Watsonville, Cal., July 27, 1916, Antone Bakich and Miss Lucy Skocko."

EP; 29 Jul 1916; ALL: Mrs. A. Bronzich, J. Stetta.

EP; 29 Jul 1916; item: "Estate of Natale Skocko, deceased: Petition for letters of administration: and bond of Mary Skocko as administratrix."

EP; 31 Jul 1916; item: “M. L. Kalich and family, after a visit to Los Angeles, San Diego and other southern points, have returned home.”

EP; 31 Jul 1916; item: “Joseph Secondo, Mr. and Mrs. L. Secondo, Mrs. [Lucy] Bakich, Mrs. Jerenich [Jerinich] and Mr. Borino [Borina], of this city, attended the Austrian military picnic at Oakland yesterday.”

EP; 31 Jul 1916; marriage: “On last Thursday, July 27, at Los Angeles, George J. Budman, of this city, and Miss Florence LaGrand of Los Angeles were united in marriage.

“The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. LaGrand, prominent residents of Los Angeles and is a very estimable and charming young lady.

“The groom is well known in this community having resided for a long time in 1912, and for the past year, here. He is an industrious young fellow, and enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

“Mr. and Mrs. Budman arrived here from the south last evening, and will make Watsonville their future home. The announcement of the wedding came in the nature of a big surprise to Mr. Budman’s many friends, and he is receiving many congratulations along Main street.”

EP; 31 Jul 1916; item: “Mrs. Bocarica [Bokarica] of San Francisco, who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. B. Pista for the past month, returned home this morning. Mrs. Bocarica is a sister of Mrs. B. Pista and Mrs. A. Stolich.”

EP; 31 Jul 1916; married: “At Los Angeles, July 27, 1916, George J. Budman, of Watsonville, and Miss Florence LaGrand of Los Angeles.”

EP; 31 Jul 1916; article: “The following opinion as to the enforcement of the green fruit shipment ordinance has been secured from District Attorney George W. Smith:

“W. H. Volck, Esq., Horticultural Commissioner, Watsonville, Calif.

“Dear Sir: You are advised that under the provisions of the Ordinance No. 357, commonly termed the ‘Green Fruit Ordinance,’ fruit that may be immature at the time may be shipped and sold for storage but before you can permit any sale or shipment you must require satisfactory evidence that the sale is intended for storage only and not for immediate human consumption.

“The purpose of the ordinance is to prevent the offering to the consumer of green fruit.

“Care should be exercised also in determining whether or not the fruit can be properly matured in storage.

“The ordinance was drawn as nearly as possible to fit the condition of the fruit business in this county, and the enforcement of the same according to its spirit, intent and purpose can work no hardship on the industry.

“GEO. W. SMITH, District Attorney.”

EP; 1 Aug 1916; board of aldermen, payments: “...General Fund: ...B. Glech, \$82.25...Geo. Glech, \$2...California Restaurant, \$16...

“Light Fund: ...Central Electrical Co., \$64.90...

“Fire Dept. Fund: ...California Restaurant, \$10...”

EP; 1 Aug 1916; item [letter written by Edw. H. Lorenson]: “NOGALES, July 29...Tom Andrews, Joe Hopkins, Mike Nirich and Ben Parker have joined the forces of the married men in an effort to get loose from the army. All four have dependents at home and they have each filed applications and affidavits along with the benedicts...”

EP; 1 Aug 1916; item: “Miss Mary Borina of San Francisco is visiting Mrs. Louise Secondo.”

EP; 1 Aug 1916; notice: “NOTICE of Dissolution of Partnership. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore carried on at Watsonville, California, under the name of Novacovich & Stolich is dissolved. MARY G. NOVACOVICH. PETER P. STOLICH. Dated: July 25, 1916.”

EP; 1 Aug 1916; class. ad: “FOUND—Came to my premises July 28, 1916, a black boar. Owner is notified to come and take animal way and pay charges. P. PIEROVICH, Allison road, Pajaro.”

EP; 1 Aug 1916; item: “DEPOT BARBERSHOP—Pete Zamuchen has opened up the Depot Barbershop, opposite the S.P. depot. All my old customers as well as new ones gladly welcomed. Yours, PETE ZAMUCHEN.”

EP; 2 Aug 1916; item: “Sidney Smith has returned from a four day’s visit to San Francisco, where he successfully passed the Southern Pacific Co.’s tests and examinations.” [*brother of George, the D.A.*]

EP; 2 Aug 1916; item: “Pajaro Valley Savings Bank vs. Katie Rilovich et als—Dismissal.”

EP; 2 Aug 1916; item: “N. Mataulich [Matulich] et al. vs. Pacific Fruit Product Co.—Memorandum of costs and disbursements on part of plaintiffs, \$71.25.”

EP; 2 Aug 1916; item: “Pero Sambrailo vs. T. J. Horgan, adm. estate Mary Ellen Aston, deceased—Plaintiff granted judgment as prayed for.”

EP; 2 Aug 1916; item: “Mike Reseta [Resetar] was granted a permit to erect a packing house on Walker Street between Second and Third streets to be 96x160 feet and to cost \$5000...”

EP; 2 Aug 1916; item: “Kate Rilovich et vir to Pajaro

Valley Savings Bank—Lot on N.W. line of Third street, Watsonville; lot on S.E. line of W. Lake Ave., Watsonville.”

“N. Lucich et al. to Pajaro Valley Savings Bank—Quitclaim, same as above.”

EP; 3 Aug 1916; item: “Nick Chagel [Chagal] and Chas. Birinisa [Birimisa] had a disagreement at the corner of Third and Walker streets last evening, about ten o’clock. The discussion was over some family troubles, and resulted in a scrap in which Chagel came out second best and lost some teeth. Chagel had Birinisa arrested, and this morning, at ten o’clock, the latter plead not guilty and the trial was set for August 23rd...”

EP; 4 Aug 1916; item: “George Slavich, who some time ago worked for the T. C. Electrical Co., of this city, when Mr. Tittimore was conducting it, is just recovering at San Jose from a severe auto accident in Amador county, and is able to limp around. He had his hip hurt, several ribs broken and numerous scalp wounds. One of his companions in the ride was killed outright and another severely injured.”

EP; 5 Aug 1916; item: “Certified copy[,] judgment quitting title—Pero Sambrailo vs. T. J. Horgan adm. estate of Mary Ellen Aston, deceased—Lot on northeast wall line Lincoln St., Watsonville.”

EP; 5 Aug 1916; item: “Transcript of judgment—D. A. Curtis vs. Frank Farlin: amount, \$283.20 interest and costs.”

EP; 7 Aug 1916; item: “One D. J. Green, an itinerant sign painter, who has been lounging around town for a few days was arrested late Saturday for stealing a pair of tinner’s shears, worth about \$2 from Martin Grizich, on upper Main street, and given 15 days in the county jail by Justice A. B. Hawkins. Constable Mann found that Green had sold the shears to Nick Strazicich, at the depot, and Green, when first arrested denied knowing anything about the article, but finally ‘fessed up and took his medicine.”

EP; 8 Aug 1916; item: “An estimate made recently by a leading shipper of San Francisco, places the number of boxes of apples shipped from Watsonville for last season at about 2,000,000 boxes, divided in round numbers, as follows: 262,000 boxes mixed varieties; 642,000 boxes Bellefleurs, and 1,096,000 boxes of Newtowns. The above figures are estimates, but he was willing to back up his figures that he wasn’t 50,000 boxes over...”

EP; 9 Aug 1916; item: “Chris Krilitich left for his home in Santa Cruz yesterday after spending a few days here with John Strazicich.”

EP; 9 Aug 1916; item: “A telephone message from Nick Lettunich yesterday, who is in the Jolon country, states that he is well and hoping to get a deer within a day or two. He reports good fishing in the Nacimiento [Naciminto] headwaters.”

EP; 9 Aug 1916; board of supervisors, payments: “...County General Fund...B. Pista, \$5...Nick Papas [Papac], \$6.75...Jack Novicich [Novcich], \$46.80...Nick M. Lettunich, \$11.30...

“Pajaro Road Fund...N. G. Papas, \$31.88...”

EP; 10 Aug 1916; article: “At last the long-looked-for and more than welcome discharges for the married men stationed at Nogales, Ariz., have been received, and the joy of the benedicts knows no bounds today. The men expected to leave for home this morning, stopping one day at Los Angeles and arriving here sometime Saturday.

“Those who received discharges are: Baker, Thysen, Storm, Devine, Cox, Lancaster, Pratt, Fred Miller, Arthur Miller, Lorenson, Nirich and Ben Parker...”

EP; 10 Aug 1916; obit: “Mrs. Catherine O’Holland Grusich, well known in this city, died at New Orleans on Aug. 2d. The deceased was age 71 years and her death was due to an accidental fall. Mrs. Grusich visited members of her family here on several occasions and had a large circle of friends who will be pained to hear of her death. The deceased leaves a daughter, Mrs. J. Nemanich, of Watsonville and two granddaughters, Mrs. Steve Scurich and Mrs. J. Mascovic, both of Watsonville, besides other relatives, to mourn her loss. Deceased was a native of County Clare, Ireland.”

EP; 10 Aug 1916; item: “‘Billy’ Pulisevich arrived here this morning from Los Angeles.”

EP; 11 Aug 1916; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, Aug. 10, 1916, to Lucien F. Lettis, 36, of San Francisco, and Mary Novacovich, 33, of Watsonville...”

EP; 11 Aug 1916; item: “Estate of Natale Skocko—W. V. Gaffey appointed sole appraiser; order directing notice to creditors.”

EP; 14 Aug 1916; obit: “Mrs. Lucy Dragich Castrapelli, wife of George Castrapelli, of this valley, who died at Santa Cruz last Saturday, from a gangrened foot, was brought to this city for burial...The pallbearers were B. Zar, T. Capatanich [Capitanich], John Arbanas, George Strazicich, Nick Capatanich and John Franich. Deceased, besides her husband, leaves three children—two sons and one daughter. The family has the sympathy of many friends and acquaintances in their great loss.” *[one of the few times a woman’s maiden name appears in the paper]*

EP; 14 Aug 1916; obit: “At Santa Cruz, Aug. 12, 1916, Mrs. Lucy Dragich Castrapelli, a native of Austria, aged 46 years, 4 months and 25 days.”

EP; 14 Aug 1916; item: “Mrs. R. J. Baxter, of Santa Cruz, is here on a week’s visit as the guest of Mrs. Kathryn Strazicich.”

EP; 14 Aug 1916; item: “As per the ad. on our sixth page today, Messrs. A. J. Petrinovich and Nick Lamat have dissolved partnership in the saloon business at 271 Main street—Mr. Lamat retaining the business. Mr. Petrinovich says he [doesn’t] know what he’ll engage in next, but intends to stay in Watsonville, as he likes the town and its citizens.”

EP; 14 Aug 1916; item: “The local officers are looking into the reported burglary of two rooms at the Hotel Central sometime last Friday night. A room in the Hotel Main was also robbed. The thieves got away with a pair of pants from the latter hotel, and ‘snatched’ a small sum of money and a ring from the rooms in the Hotel Central belonging to Nick Paletak [Palietak/Paljetak] and Nick Lamat, respectively. All three rooms were found locked on the return of the occupants thereof, and the thieves must have had pass keys.”

EP; 15 Aug 1916; marriage: “Mrs. Mary Novacovich, of this city, became the bride of Lucien F. Lettis of San Francisco this morning, the ceremony being performed at St. Patrick’s church. The nuptials were quiet and only a few of the intimate friends and immediate relatives of the contracting parties were in attendance. Mr. [Joseph] Semcich of San Francisco was the groomsman while Mrs. [Annie] Sambrailo of this city attended the bride.

“Both Mr. and Mrs. Lettis are well known in this city. The bride was the widow of the late George Novacovich and she has resided here a number of years and has a host of friends in the community to extend congratulations and best wishes. The groom formerly conducted the Vienna Cafe in this city opposite from the city hall but has resided in San Francisco for several months past.”

EP; 15 Aug 1916; married: “Watsonville, Aug. 15, 1916, at St. Patrick’s church, Lucien F. Lettis of San Francisco and Mrs. Mary Novacovich of Watsonville.”



Fig. 5-10.
Lucian Lettis (1880-1968),
Mrs. Mary Copriviza
Novacovich (1881-1977).

EP; 15 Aug 1916; item: “Notice of intended sale: Anton Petrinovich to Nick Lamat—Business at 271 Main St., Watsonville.”

EP; 17 Aug 1916; item: “L. P. Cikuth, the well known local packer, has the honor of shipping the first carload of apples that bore the stamp of Apple Distributors. The carload of Bellefleurs was shipped this morning and was packed for George W. Sill. The first car to bear the state stamp was sent out a few days ago by the Corralitos Fruit Growers Association but Cikuth was the first local packer to send out a car with the Distributor’s stamp.”

EP; 18 Aug 1916; item: “George Pulich, city clerk of Stockton, is here to visit Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy.”

EP; 19 Aug 1916; item: “John Coljej [prob. Cicisly/Cicijelj], who was injured in the runaway on the San Juan road yesterday about noon is at the Pajaro Valley hospital for a few days while he recovers from the effects of the accident. He sustained a fractured shoulder blade and one shoulder joint was broken and while his injuries are not serious, yet he will be incapacitated for several weeks.”

EP; 19 Aug 1916; item: “...NOTES FROM HIGH SCHOOL. The long anticipated inter-class tie-up took place Friday afternoon immediately after the dismissal of classes. The Sophomores changed their clothes in the football room while the Freshmen got into their fighting togs underneath the janitor’s house. The Sophs then serpented around the football field while the girls of the class sang a class song composed particularly for the occasion.

“The signal for the melee was then given and for the next 27 minutes there was nothing to be seen but ripping garments, ropes and occasionally a pair of tousled heads protruding from a dust cloud. When the last Fresh had been securely tied and stowed away in his particular place four Sophomores were still untied and ready for action so that the second-year men were adjudged the winners.

“This was the hardest fought tie-up that has ever been staged on the local high school campus. Several participants fainted from exhaustion, one being out for about 30 minutes. About 20 of the mothers of some of those who took part in the affair were present and were somewhat frightened when they saw their sons buried under a struggling mass of young humanity.

“After the whistle had blown and the winners had extracted the dust and dirt from their eyes and hair they were treated to ice cream and cake furnished by the girls of their class.

“The judges for the tie-up were Lester McGowan, John Fahey, Louis [Lewis] Lettunich, Elmer DeBack, Henry Blohm, John Strazicich, Waldo Maher, Irving Anderson and Jeffrey Wilson...”

“The Junior vaudeville committee appointed by Warren Roach, the class president, is composed of Elenor Little, chairman, Delo Rider, Frank Oliver, John Strazicich and Miss Young and Mr. Daley of the faculty...”

EP; 19 Aug 1916; item: “Miss Leonore Perry has accepted a position as stenographer with M. N. Lettunich and Company, Watsonville...”

EP; 21 Aug 1916; item: “Mr. and Mrs. George Pulich returned to their home in Stockton today, being accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy who will visit in Stockton for several days.”

EP; 22 Aug 1916; item: “Order confirming sale: Estate of Nicholas M. Vuicich, deceased—Lots 1 and 2, and a 6 ft. strip, block 5, Official Map of Watsonville.”

EP; 24 Aug 1916; disp. ad:

RAILROAD MEN

APPLE MEN

MERCHANTS

all meet at the

Appleton Hotel

EVERY DAY

— at —

Luncheon



EP; 24 Aug 1916; item: “Miss Emma Milcovich is here from San Francisco to visit relatives.”

Fig. 5-11.
Emma Milcovich (1896-1994);
married Warnack.

EP; 24 Aug 1916; notice: “Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the requirements of Ordinance No. 140 (New Charter Series) of the City of Watsonville, that Antone Petrinovich and Nick Lamat, co-partners, have filed an application with the undersigned, praying for a transfer of Retail Liquor License No. 70 from the said Anton Petrinovich and Nick Lamat to Nick Lamat; that the building where said business is now carried on and where it is proposed to be carried on is at No. 265 Main street, owned by F. P. Marinovich, of Watsonville, California; that Antone Petrinovich resides at No. 18 Alexander street and Nick Lamat at No. 246 Main street, both in the City of Watsonville; that the character of license sought to be transferred is a Retail Liquor License; that said application will be heard before the Board of Aldermen of the City of Watsonville at 8 o’clock p.m. on the 5th day of September, 1916 at the Council Chambers of said

Board in the City Hall on Main Street, the said time of hearing being the next regular monthly meeting of said board after the filing of said petition. Dated August 21st, 1916 W. W. SWISHER, City Clerk.”

EP; 25 Aug 1916; item: “The California Restaurant will be closed to the public for three weeks to come while the alterations are being made in the building. When the work now in progress is completed the California Restaurant will be one of the best equipped eating places in this part of the state.”

EP; 25 Aug 1916; married: “At Hollister, Aug. 23, 1916, Peter Matulich and Helen Arnerich, both of Hollister.”

EP; 25 Aug 1916; item: “John Gurash of Oakland is here as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Borkovich on Locust street.”

EP; 26 Aug 1916; ALL: Sam Grbich, R. Kucnavich, Paul Vidavich.

EP; 28 Aug 1916; item: “BREVITIES OF HIGH SCHOOL LIFE...The Juniors held a meeting in their class room Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of talking over the coming vaudeville shows to be given September 29th. The meeting was turned over to Elinor Little, chairman of the Junior Vaudeville committee, which is composed of Delo Rider, John Strazicich and Frank Oliver...”

“John Strazicich and Ralph Hitchings of the Junior class were absent from school Friday.”

EP; 29 Aug 1916; item: “NELSON FRUIT SIZER AT ALAGA BROTHERS. F. M. Wit of North Yakima, Washington, is here in the interest of the Nelson Fruit Sizer of apples, lemons, pears, onions, peaches and potatoes that is on the market, Mr. Wit having opened offices in the Alaga Brothers’ packing house on Walker street, where he will gladly demonstrate his machine to all interested parties.

“The construction and operation of the Nelson Fruit Sizer is something out of the ordinary but the machine works successfully and its best boosters here are Alaga Brothers, the San Monte Fruit Company, E. B. Lettunich, Alaga Bros. & Lettunich, the A. Balich Fruit Co., Resetar Bros., B. Pista, and M. V. Pista who have all purchased machines and who are using them at present in their respective packing houses. The principle upon which the machine works, is in weighing the fruit as it passes in a circular route in the cups. Apples of a certain weight hit certain trips and drop into the canvas bins for the packers. The machine can be adjusted to handle only certain sizes if necessary and all apples not of those sizes pass back to a bin for further distribution when needed. Culls are dumped automatically before the apples reach the

weighing cups. The apples can be brought direct from the field to the packers and both time and labor are saved as it requires but four sorters, one tender and 10 packers to do what twice that number can do without the machine. The sorter is operated by a one-eighth horsepower motor and the cost of operation is stated to be but 12½c a day.

“The machine has a capacity of two cars per day and can turn out from 1200 to 1500 boxes daily.

“Mr. Wit intends to reside here permanently and will be glad to talk to anyone interested in his machine.”

EP; 29 Aug 1916; item: “Says the Santa Cruz News: ‘John Allgrette [Allegretti] of Watsonville, while bathing in the plunge yesterday noon cut three fingers of his left hand on the tiling between the big and little plunges.’”

EP; 29 Aug 1916; item: “John Grifich was fined the sum of \$10 by Judge Bridgewater this morning after the defendant had pleaded guilty to a charge of battery that was sworn to by Louis Zar. The two men engaged in a racket last night and Zar was the loser. Officers Whalen and Summer made the arrest last night after Zar had complained of the treatment given him by Grifich.”

EP; 30 Aug 1916; item: “Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lanthier gave another barn dance on Saturday, Aug. 26th, at their home in the Fruitvale district, the occasion was in honor of Miss Sophia Seymour, Mrs. Lanthier’s sister who is visiting here from Santa Rosa. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight when supper was served after which Miss Margaret Nunis sang several songs which were enjoyed by all...Those present were: ...Laz. Scochio [Skocko]...”

EP; 30 Aug 1916; article: “It was rumored about town this morning that an attempt had been made to burn E. B. Lettunich’s new packing house on West Third street but an investigation of the case disclosed the fact that the scare was caused by a drunken man trying to light a cigar in one corner of the building. The man was Tom Wilson by name and was a hard working man, who had come to town looking for work and had acquired too much liquid refreshment. He had strolled down to the Lettunich packing house, which is yet uncompleted, and had crawled a foot or so under the platform to light his cigar. He had struck several matches before Ed Norris, the mounted watchman, was attracted by the glare of a match. He investigated and found Wilson, whom he turned over to Officer Whalen.

“This morning Fire Chief Sandberg and Officer Corr investigated the case and after their efforts had satisfied them that Wilson had meant no harm they so notified Chief of Police Whitsitt, who had Wilson released from jail.”

EP; 31 Aug 1916; article: “Despite the fact that the Southern Pacific Company will not accept shipments of apples to any point tomorrow, after three o’clock in the

afternoon and will only take shipments today as far north as San Francisco[,] only a few of the packing houses in the city have closed today and only a few that are now open intend to close until they see just how long the strike to be called Monday will last...”

“A visit through the packing house section this morning found nearly all the houses in action. Most of the houses have considerable fruit on the floor and they will pack that and clean up the plants before they close up shop. A few of them are shipping to San Francisco today but all southern shipments have been called off. The general impression among the packing house owners and managers seems to be that the strike will not last long. They feel it would be a good policy for them to pack up all the fruit they can and either put it in storage or keep it in the packing houses so that if the strike is called off they will be prepared to ship it out at once.

“M. N. Lettunich of M. N. Lettunich & Company says he is for preparedness. ‘I am going to keep my house going,’ he said, ‘and when the strike is over I will be prepared to ship the fruit out at a moment’s notice...’

“Resetar Brothers have the largest output of apples this season of all the packing houses and their plant today was a busy place. Both Mitchell and Michael Resetar stated they would clean up the fruit on hand so that if the strike was called off they would be ready to ship out apples. The Resetars have shipped about 38 cars of Bellefleurs so far and still have between 35 and 40 cars to ship out, most of which will go to the East. Their plant will send out about 170 cars for the season and they will continue to keep their plant working until they get a line on just what the railroad strike will amount to...”

EP; 31 Aug 1916; item: “California Pine Box & Lumber Co. vs. Peter Saulovich et. al.—Request for dismissal.”

EP; 31 Aug 1916; item: “John Grifich to Louie Zar—Lot on Locust St., Watsonville.”

EP; 1 Sep 1916; class. ad: “WANTED—To buy fruit in large quantities by the ton or by the lump. Apply to L. BRAJKOVICH & CO., 345 Locust St. P. O. Box 185.”

EP; 1 Sep 1916; class. ad: “FOR RENT—Elegantly furnished rooms 50c, weekly rates \$1.50 to \$2.00, private tub or shower baths, hot or cold, at Hotel Central; also furnished or unfurnished housekeeping rooms with gas, very reasonable. Also stable of 20 stalls for rent by stall or the whole, room for hay, etc. Also office at 248 Main street. Inquire of STEPHEN SCURICH, at Hotel Central. Phone 18.”

EP; 1 Sep 1916; class. ad: “FOR RENT—Two acre apple orchard with house, barn, chicken house, etc. Plenty of water. Apply at ranch of R. S. CHUKOVICH, Calabasas road.”

EP; 2 Sep 1916; item: "Nick Lamat's Saloon will open in its new quarters, Marinovich building, 265 Main street, on Saturday, Sept. 2d. Grand barbecue. All friends and patrons invited to call."

EP; 2 Sep 1916; item: "BEACH HOME BURNED. A cottage belonging to George Strazicich was destroyed by fire at Port Watsonville last night, everything burning up. The house was located near the dance pavilion on the beach and had been unoccupied for some time past. The fire started about 12:40 o'clock but the cause of the blaze is unknown."

EP; 5 Sep 1916; item: "Mr. J. H. Jefsen 516 Main street, local agent for the noted Chevrolet cars reports that that fine auto is steadily pushing to the front and its popularity is just as steadily increasing. The car is without question the most powerful car on four wheels and challenges any car of any manufacturer selling within \$500 of its price in a pulling or climbing contest in either the high, intermediate or low gear. The 4-90 model has been reduced in price from \$630 to \$570 f.o.b. Watsonville...A few others who have recently become owners of Chevrolet cars are...Toni Jocovich..."

EP; 5 Sep 1916; item: "B. Pista is a business visitor to Salinas today."

EP; 5 Sep 1916; item: "F. Cadero of Oakland is here as the guest of George Hrepich."

EP; 5 Sep 1916; item: "E. B. Rilovich has been a business visitor to San Francisco."

EP; 5 Sep 1916; item: "K. Kospodnetich [Gospodnetich] of Chualar is a business visitor here today."

EP; 5 Sep 1916; item: "T. M. Kissich has returned from a business trip to San Francisco."

EP; 6 Sep 1916; item: "The returns of Tuesday's primary election as canvassed by the board of supervisors, show the following totals on the republican and democratic tickets:

"...Rep. Co. Central Committee..."

"Third Dist.—S. A. Palmer 336, H. F. Kron 334, C. C. Kratzenstein 330, W. P. Staples 329, Milo Cain 328, A. Morelli 296, G. A. Bangs 290, T. E. Blanchard 284, Andy Balich 266..."

EP; 6 Sep 1916; item: "John N. Alaga, the fruit broker, has opened offices in the Butier packing house building on Kearney street."

EP; 7 Sep 1916; item: "Martha Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Trial set for Oct. 12."

EP; 7 Sep 1916; board of supervisors, payments: "...County Fund...B. Pista \$5...Nick Papas [Papak] \$6.75...Jack Novicich [Novcich] \$46.80..."

"Pajaro Road Fund: N. G. Papas \$31.88...Indigent Fund: ...City Grocery Co. \$13.45..."

EP; 7 Sep 1916; honor roll: Low 8th: Emma Grizich; High 6th: John Cordich; Low 6th: Willie Sambrailo; Low 5th: Nick Dubreta, Ned Gluhan; High 4th: John Miljanich, Albina Cordich; Low 4th: Martin Franich, Louis Bonacich; High 2nd: Luke Cordich; Low 2nd: Polly Franich, Stephen Scurich.

EP; 7 Sep 1916; item: "Annie Pulich to Berzella Wasson—63½ acres in Salsipuedes rancho."

EP; 8 Sep 1916; item: "John Previsich has filed his notice of application for admission to citizenship. He is a native of Austria and resides at Watsonville. He first arrived at New York on June 25, 1904. His witnesses are George J. Carstulovich and George W. Smith of Santa Cruz and Andrew Strazicich and John Arbanosian [Arbanasin], both of Watsonville."

EP; 11 Sep 1916; article: "John N. Sresovich, president of the J. N. Sresovich & Company of San Francisco, who is commonly known as 'Honest John,' was a Watsonville visitor last Saturday from San Francisco, being accompanied by Otto B. Johnson of the Merchants Ice & Cold Storage Co. of San Francisco. Both men were in the valley to size up the apple crop for the season and Sresovich was also here to meet his many friends. Mr. Sresovich is a nephew of the late L. G. Sresovich the pioneer apple packer of the Pajaro valley and one of the leading fruit dealers in San Francisco during his lifetime.

"Mr. Sresovich visited the 'Pajaronian' office while in the city and stated that the outlook for apples was first class this year...Mr. Sresovich buys a large amount of apples each year from the Pajaro valley and no doubt he clinched a few carloads while here..."

EP; 11 Sep 1916; ALL: Michael Illich, Kris Silkovica.

EP; 11 Sep 1916; item: "The Universal Restaurant was closed Wednesday by the sheriff under an attachment issued from Justice Agnews court against George Hrepich, the proprietor, in favor of R. Bleifus, the meat market proprietor, for \$298.60.—Free Lance [Hollister]."

EP; 11 Sep 1916; item: "NOTES FROM THE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL. The El Pajaro Debating Society, a new high school organization, had its first regular meeting under the constitution Friday morning, September 8, 1916. Officers for the first 10 weeks were elected as follows: Edith Groves, president; Helen Strazicich, vice president; Ethleen Trafton, secretary; Joseph Silva, Treasurer..."

EP; 13 Sep 1916; item: “Luke Glavenich former pitcher for Snowden’s Giants at the beach, is here from Oakland for a few days. Luke was with Seattle this year in the Northwestern League until he was injured in a game of baseball one day, his injury being so serious that he had to undergo an operation. He is feeling better now and although he has had offers from Oakland and other Coast League clubs yet he does not now intend to play ball until next year. He is receiving a warm welcome from his many friends in this city.”

EP; 13 Sep 1916; article: “Last night’s song revue of ‘Canary Cottage’ as produced by local amateurs for the benefit of the I.O.O.F. Canton, No. 32, at the Opera House was an unqualified success from first to last. In fact, it was one of the very best amateur productions we have seen in this city for many months...”

“First of all was the ‘Dance Revue of the Canaries,’ in which a number of young girls appeared in pretty dresses, the young ladies going through a number of well executed dancing evolutions that brought forth much applause. In this number were Hilda Green, Viola Aston, Lorraine Murphy, Thelma Green, Janet Kane, Winona Sans, Alene Schuchard, Belle Prader, Ruth Scurich, Luella Green, Alberta King, Madeline Thompson, Alice Aggeler, Francis Ferguson...”

“The Misses Wilma Kane, Anita Laporte and Gladys Sheehy and Messrs. Arthur Thimann, Elmer Johnston and Milton McLaren were pleasing as the soloists in ‘Canary Cottage,’ their work bringing forth much applause and they were ably assisted by the following chorus: Misses Ethna Day, Leola Woods, Jean Johnston, Ruth Biersch, Esther Gordon, Anna Koch, Phyllis Reilly, Anna Scurich...”

EP; 13 Sep 1916; item: “Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Trial reset for Oct. 10.”

EP; 13 Sep 1916; item: “Nicholas M. Vuicich, deceased—final account settled and petition for distribution granted.”

EP; 14 Sep 1916; item: “J. & H. Gordon, limited, a corporation vs. John Franich et al.—Trial heard and case to be submitted on briefs in 20, 20 [*sic*] and 10 days.”

EP; 15 Sep 1916; item: “Louis Ritter to Lucy Jennie Bakich—Lot on Second St., Watsonville.”

EP; 16 Sep 1916; item: “STUDENT BODY CONSTITUTION IS AMENDED. The student body meeting was held Wednesday afternoon. The proposed amendment to the constitution, regarding non-members of the student body not being allowed to take part in athletics, dramatics, or any other school activity, was voted on. It was carried by a majority, so hereafter any student wishing to

take part in any high school activity must be a member of the student body...Mr. Strazich then made a report on the last C. C. A. L. meeting. A motion was made to adopt basketball and track for the athletics this year...”

EP; 16 Sep 1916; item: “A good deal of interest has been shown by the boys for basketball...Practice will be held every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon...Those who came out for practice were Lester McGowan, Johnny Strazich, Willis Forrester, Archie McEwing, Edward Johnson, Henry Blohm, Edward Morse, Willard Whitner, Albert Ogi, Edward Kelly, Herman Hanson and Roy Deben.”

EP; 16 Sep 1916; ALL: M. Capinatich [Capitanich].

EP; 18 Sep 1916; item: “Harry Peters and John Lyubicich, both of whom were arrested for disturbing the peace, forfeited their bail when they failed to appear before Judge Bridgewater at 2 o’clock this afternoon. Peters was arrested last night by Officer Zimmer and put up \$6 bail. The other man was jailed Saturday by Constable Devine and Officer Zimmer and he put up \$5.”

EP; 18 Sep 1916; disp. ad:

FREE LUNCH every day and Bar-
becue every Saturday with
BIG GLASS OF BEER
CONGRESS BAR
J. P. ZAR, Proprietor, 300 Main St.

EP; 19 Sep 1916; item: “Central Grocery Co. vs. M. A. Pecarovich et al.—Dropped to be reset.”

EP; 19 Sep 1916; item: “Peter Marinovich, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Marinovich, will leave in a few days for St. Louis to enter the medical department of the University of Missouri.”

EP; 19 Sep 1916; article: “DISTRICT ATTY. SMITH MAKES FINE SHOWING IN BIENNIAL REPORT. Says this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel:

“District Attorney Geo. W. Smith’s biennial report to Attorney General U. S. Webb, covering the two years ending June 30, 1916, has been made. During the first six months of this time Judge Knight was the district attorney. The report shows that the total number of persons charged with criminal offenses was 64. Of this number 7 were convicted, 39 pleaded guilty, 5 were acquitted, 7 were disposed of before trial, and there are 6 pending trial, or retrial after judgment...”

“This is considered a fine record for any prosecuting attorney, and certainly reflects great credit on Mr. Smith, for this is the first half of his first term as a prosecuting attorney, and in some of the more important cases he had arrayed against him the best legal talent in this part of the

state, men with years of experience as criminal lawyers, and there have been some hard fought battles, with the local prosecutor holding his own with the best of them...

"Another very important matter in connection with the handling of criminal cases is to secure, if possible, a confession of guilt and thus save the county the heavy expenses of trial. In this connection the report shows 39 prisoners pleading guilty. To bring about a confession of guilt in most instances is to confront the defendant with such complete evidence that he sees at once that his case is hopeless. This often requires a great deal of work on the part of the prosecution..."

"It was said that Smith would not be able to secure convictions in cases of violations of the liquor laws, but in this line he has succeeded in almost every case and has secured heavy fines against the offenders. At present there are five such cases pending."

EP; 21 Sep 1916; article: "John Bacca, an Austrian, who has been conducting the Jacks' orchard across the river, between the Corey home and the Associated Oil pumping stations, shot himself in the stomach Tuesday and was found dead by his wife. No cause can be attributed to the suicide, as his finances and business were in fine shape.

"He borrowed the shotgun from his partner, saying that he wanted to kill crows. He went to the far corner of the orchard, tied a string on the trigger and opening the front of his shirt placed the barrel of the gun against his abdomen and pulled the trigger. A round hole was tore into the stomach where the shot entered.

"Bacca with his partner have been running the Jacks' orchard, besides raising beans, potatoes, alfalfa and other produce. The crop prospects this year are most promising, and his bride of July 4, claims that their married life was most happy, no reasons can be attributed for the rash act.—Salinas Journal."

EP; 21 Sep 1916; article: "**The Days Gone By.** (Written by Edward H. Lorenson.) As Americans we are prone to forget the history of the past in considering the present and future and as the years roll on we forget the 'days of old' and the history connected with them. Pajaro Valley in the early days was not what it is today. Conditions have so changed here since the early pioneer days and even in the past 15 or 20 years that those living here in those times would not recognize the present city of Watsonville as being the straggling village of the days long goneby. For that reason the Pajaronian will each day tell something of the olden days so that the present generation may learn something of the past history of the community and that the older people may indulge in pleasant reminiscences of the past. The first article will be published today and the other articles will follow in their daily order until the series is completed..." *[a long, interesting story of the early days of Watsonville follows,*

focusing on Judge Watson; unfortunately it is way off our topic, and so is omitted; however, some interesting facts follow in the next episode, below]

EP; 22 Sep 1916; article: "**The Days Gone By.** (Written by Edward H. Lorenson.) Some Pajaro Valley 'Firsts'... The first redwood trees in Santa Cruz county were discovered by the Portola expedition in the fall of 1769 in the Pajaro Valley. They were found about 4 miles from Watsonville in the direction of Corralitos and because of the peculiar color of their bark were named 'pala Colorado' by Father Crespi, one of the missionaries with the Portola party..."

"Pajaro King was the first white boy born in this valley and Mrs. Alabama Tyus Williams was the first white girl born here. Both are living and have visited this city on several occasions..."

"Jesse D. Carr planted the first orchard in the Pajaro Valley in 1852..."

"The first shipments of apples from this valley were made by Isaac Williams.

"The first man to buy fruit on the trees and to handle the crop as it is handled now, was Charles Williams, a local merchant in 1869..."

"The first apple dealer to come to Watsonville to buy apples was Marco Robasa [Rabasa] in 1876.

"The codling moth was first discovered in the orchards of this valley in 1877. The San Jose scale was first discovered here in 1880..."

"The Santa Cruz-Watsonville railroad was first opened in 1876.

"The Southern Pacific first came to Pajaro in 1871..."

"The first tavern in Watsonville was started by Luke Thrift in 1852..."

"Stephen Martinelli was the first man to make apple cider in this city for commercial uses.

"The first church in this valley was the Catholic church that stood where the St. Francis Orphanage now is located..."

EP; 22 Sep 1916; item: "M. A. Fitzgerald vs. Nick Scurich et al.—Demurrer to complaint."

EP; 23 Sep 1916; obit: "Jack Matulich, a well known Slavonian, having resided here for the past 10 years, being engaged in the fruit industry, died today...after an illness of several months from heart disease.

"Deceased leaves a wife and five children, three boys and two girls; also a brother, Alfonso Matulich, residing here and two brothers and his father in the old country. He was a hard-working, industrious man, and highly respected by all who knew him. He was a member of Sokol Society, No. 352, N.H.C. of this city, and also belonged to the Slavonic Society of San Francisco.

"The funeral takes place on next Monday morning...from 47 Rodriguez St..."

EP; 23 Sep 1916; obit: “At Watsonville, Sept. 23, 1916, Jack Matulich, a native of Dalmatia, age 38 years, two months and two days...”

EP; 23 Sep 1916; item: “HIGH SCHOOL NOTES... Helen Strazicich was awarded a leather case certificate by the Remington Typewriter Company for proficiency in typewriting...”

EP; 25 Sep 1916; item: “Spiro Vukosovich [prob. Vukosovich], a local orchard laborer, is laid up with a broken collarbone and several painful bruises as the result of a runaway accident last Friday. His team ran away and he was thrown out. Dr. Koepke was called in on the case. The injured man is resting easily.”

EP; 25 Sep 1916; obit: “The funeral of the late Jack Matulich was held this morning from 47 Rodriguez street...the following acting as pallbearers: A. Zuzolich of Amador, J. Ostoja of Santa Cruz, J. Zalovich of San Mateo, V. Matulich of Hollister and N. Gutunich, J. Hrepich, T. Gospodnetich and F. Matulich all of Watsonville.”

EP; 25 Sep 1916; item: “The six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lucich, who reside at 8 Garden Avenue, ran into the rear end of Harry Vorheis automobile on Main street in front of the Lettunich building yesterday afternoon about five o’clock and as a result is laid up with a sprained ankle and several painful bruises. The girl was running across the street and accidentally did not see the automobile until she had bumped into the rear fender. Dr. Burch was called and took the girl home after giving her first aid attention.”

EP; 26 Sep 1916; item: “Peter Gurash, the local fruit packer, has brought suit in the superior court at Santa Cruz for a restraining order and \$1000 damages against George R. Bubresko, another local packer, Gurash alleging that the defendant has stolen his copyrighted label. Gurash claims that for five years last past he has been using a label that he had copyrighted according to law and that lately Bubresko has been using the very same label with the exception that he calls his brand the ‘Home’ instead of the ‘Hilltop’ as does Gurash. Gurash asks for an injunction prohibiting Bubresko from using the label and wants \$1000 damages besides...”

EP; 27 Sep 1916; item: “Luke Scurich is around town showing off his latest possession, one of those new Model 17-4 Studebaker touring cars, which he has just purchased from Harvey L. Burchell, the local distributor and agent. Mr. Burchell, who is stationed at the Neis Garage on lower Main Street, has had many inquiries about the new Studebaker, which is a classy looking car and one of the best in the market today. The factory guarantee

attached to the sale of each car and the factory service system are two features in connection with the Studebaker that are attracting favorable comment and much inquiry on the part of the public...”

EP; 27 Sep 1916; item: “Attorney E. J. Kelly is handling two suits for wages in Judge Hawkins’ court this afternoon, each case being for an amount in excess of \$200. One case is that of George Mann vs. F. L. Selleck and the other is that of Marion Celic vs. Martin Kulich. Both cases were hotly contested...”

EP; 28 Sep 1916; item: “John Alaga returned last night from a visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 28 Sep 1916; item: “E. B. Rilovich, the local packer, has returned from a visit to Sacramento and San Francisco.”

EP; 28 Sep 1916; item: “A. Jerinich, who has been visiting in Gilroy, looking after his varied interests in that section has returned.”

EP; 28 Sep 1916; item: “John Sresovich, the well known San Francisco broker, will be in Watsonville next Sunday to purchase 50 cars of apples. That he will get a warm welcome is conceded by all.”

EP; 29 Sep 1916; item: “George Strazicich has had his building on Walker street, opposite the S.P. depot, painted and the improvement adds much to the appearance of the depot section. Mr. Strazicich owns the Railroad Exchange, the 101 Bar building and the structures on the corner of Lake Avenue and Walker and he intends to paint all his houses.”

EP; 29 Sep 1916; item: “K. Gospodnetich, on his ranch 3 miles north of Chualar, is busily engaged in picking apples. He expects 10,000 boxes of apples, and has already dried and sold thirty tons of prunes. This land is on what is commonly known as upland, and the apples are grown without irrigation, and shows the possibilities of our soil. The ranch comprises 100 acres, and also has a number of acres planted to apricots which will come into bearing next year.—Gonzales Tribune.”

EP; 30 Sep 1916; item: “An interesting baseball game was played Wednesday afternoon between Co. A and Co. B of the W.H.S. cadets. The game was interesting throughout, Co. A winning by a score of 16 to 15...The lineups were as follows: Co. A—Steve Marinovich, c; Joe Silva, p; William Sullivan, 1b; Herman Hansen, 2b; John Strazich, 3b; Lester McGowan, ss; Joe Fahey, lf; Warren Courtermarsh, cf; Albert Ogi, rf. Co. B—L. Lettunich, c; Bill Baumhogger, p; Lester Toney, 1b; Vincent Linneman, 2b; Chester Kumle, 3b; Ellery Peterson, ss; Elmer

Neilson, lf; Warren Roach, cf; William Forrester, rf.”

EP; 2 Oct 1916; class. ad: “FOR RENT—Two modern stores, 17x80, new fireproof building. Suitable for any business. Opposite City Hall, Main street. For further particulars inquire F. P. MARINOVICH, phone 395R.”

EP; 3 Oct 1916; board of aldermen, payments: “...Labor: ...M. Glege \$44...Services: ...Central Electric Works \$47.55...”

EP; 3 Oct 1916; item: “Mrs. George Carstulovich has returned to Santa Cruz after a visit here with relatives.”

EP; 3 Oct 1916; obit: “Santa Cruz, October 2, 1916, George Panza, a native of Herzegovina, age 28 years.”

EP; 3 Oct 1916; obit: “George Panza, a resident of this city for the past seven years, died yesterday at Santa Cruz where he had lived for the past month. The deceased had been ill for seven months. He was a native of Herzegovina and was aged 28 years. He is survived by his mother, a brother and three sisters, all of whom reside in Herzegovina. The deceased was a member of the local society of Herce Stipan, No. 30, and the funeral will be held from the Aston & Neal funeral parlors tomorrow morning under the auspices of that order. Mr. Panza had been a laborer here in the orchards and packing houses for seven years and was highly esteemed by all that knew him.”

EP; 4 Oct 1916; board of supervisors, payments: “...City Grocery Co. \$13.45...”

EP; 6 Oct 1916; item: “Mrs. R. O. Walker and Mrs. R. J. Ryan (Mary and Ellen Zar), returned to San Francisco yesterday after a visit here with relatives.”

EP; 7 Oct 1916; ALL: Milo Raicevich.

EP; 7 Oct 1916; honor roll: High 8th: Charles Sambrailo; Low 8th: Anna Knego; High 6th: Stephen Nemanich; High 5th: Mary Glage; Low 5th: Ned Gluhan; High 4th: John Miljanich; Low 4th: Martin Franich, Louis Bonichich; High 3rd: Peter Copriviza; High 2nd: Luke Cordich; Low 2nd: Polly Franich, Mike Rasetar [Resetar], Stephen Scurich.

EP; 7 Oct 1916; item: “[high school notes] The weekly assembly was held Wednesday afternoon...John Strazich announced that there would be a meeting of the boys interested in athletics immediately after school for the purpose of electing a basketball captain...”

EP; 10 Oct 1916; item: “Tony Vukich, a minor of the Pajaro district, was arrested today by Constable Cano for stealing ducks from the Lettunich ranch across the river

and selling them to Chinamen. The Vukich boy has been seen before the juvenile court three times and each time was sent back. Cano says he has the real evidence on the youngster at this time and will try to have him sent to the reform school.”

EP; 10 Oct 1916; item: “At the reception last evening at the Santa Cruz high school auditorium to the Supreme Council of the U.P.E.C., now in convention at the county seat...District Attorney Geo. W. Smith gave an interesting and instructive discourse. He is an able speaker and careful in all his data, and Mr. Smith was listened to with closest attention and rewarded with never-ending enthusiastic applause. His theme was ‘Portuguese Citizens in California.’”

EP; 11 Oct 1916; item: “Mateo Lettunich and son, Lewis, are in San Francisco this week where Lewis is to undergo an operation upon his nose.”

EP; 13 Oct 1916; item: “Says last evening’s Salinas Index:

“Yesterday J. M. Davidson, who works nights at Spreckels, had his purse stolen from his person as he slept in his room at the German house. When he awoke from slumber the money was gone.

“According to this story he came into town from Spreckels and met a young Slavonian by the name of Mike Jokichi and that they had a drink or two together and that the young Slav asked him for the price of a meal. Not having any change he gave Jokichi a dollar and told him to go eat. He did go, but when he came back he didn’t give Davidson any change, but went along with him up to his room. The two lay down on Davidson’s bed and Davidson went to sleep. When he awoke he was alone and penniless.

“Complaint was made to Chief Thomson and a description of the Slav was given. Thomson caught him today rolling money along the street. When searched all he had was \$3.35. The chief investigated his career and discovered that he had treated a bunch of fellows and had changed a \$20 gold piece at that time. Later he bought a \$3 pair of shoes. What he did with the rest of the \$25 that he is alleged to have taken is a mystery. If he didn’t throw it away he must have had a confederate. Davidson has a recollection of someone else being in the room while he was lying down before Jokichi left.

“Chief Thomson has arrested Jokichi and has shown out a complaint against him, charging grand larceny. The accused denies everything, even to being in the room with his alleged victim.”

EP; 13 Oct 1916; article: “...The discharges received by all of the returned members of Company L state that they are discharged from the ‘United States Service’. When they took the federal oath at Sacramento last June they

did not relinquish their standing in the state militia but in order to go out of the state they had to take the federal oath. When Company L is mustered out of the federal service in a few days the members still belong to the state and the general opinion is that the returned members are yet in the company.

“Those affected in the matter are Arthur J. Devine, Arthur Miller, Fred J. Miller, Edward H. Lorensen, Garrett V. Baker, Mark Thysen, Frank Hill, Joseph W. Hopkins, Mike Nirich, Henry Struve, J. S. Pratt, Andrew Storm, Thomas P. Andrews, William N. Cumming, Percy W. Whitton, Charles E. McSherry, Vaughn Foote, Walter E. Fox, Albert Hartman, Elmer E. Nohren, Clarence Johnston, Charles J. Sipole, Benjamin Berryessa, Clarence Faul, Ira Dodge, Edward J. Kelly, Ardell Molares, Ben Parker and Mitchell Boskovitch.

“Company L can be expected to return to Watsonville between October 30th and November 1st and they should receive a big welcome...”

EP; 14 Oct 1916; article [see the intro to this series under 21 Sept]: “**The Days Gone By**...The first real newspaper started in Watsonville was the Pajaronian, which today has the reputation of being one of the few early papers started in this section of the state that survived. J. A. Cottle was the first editor and owner and the name of the paper was given by J. J. Owen, who at that time owned the San Jose Mercury. The Pajaronian has retained its name since that time. C. O. Cummings succeeded Cottle and in 1876 a half interest was purchased in the Pajaronian by W. R. Radcliff, now cashier of the Bank of Watsonville. In 1880 Mr. Radcliff purchased Mr. Cummings’ interest and became the sole proprietor of the paper. In 1902 James G. Piratsky of Hollister, and George Radcliff, now superintendent of the state capitol buildings and grounds, purchased the paper from Mr. W. R. Radcliff and have since been the owners...”

“The Watsonville Transcript, now the Register, was established by W. H. Wheeler in 1876 and sold by him in 1880 to Geo. W. Peckham. Later Peckham sold the paper to Charles E. Beckham, who sold it to Chas. W. Clough, who changed its name to the Register and moved it from the upper story of the Hildreth block, on Main street into one of the two stores at present occupied by the Pajaronian office, corner West Third street and Stoesser Alley. Clough made a number of up-to-date improvements in the paper and conducted it successfully for about four years, finally selling it to a company headed by H. H. Main of Watsonville Transportation Company fame...”

“Another paper known as the Rustler was founded in 1888 by Joe Hetherington and a man named Harry Fonticella...”

“Newspapers in the old days were not like the newspapers to be found in Watsonville today. In the old days every line of ‘copy’ was set up by hand, which at best was a slow and tedious task no matter how skilled the

compositor happened to be. Today the linotype has replaced hand composition...The power of the press was not so forcefully shown in the olden days as it is today and the work of getting out a newspaper was more strenuous than it is at the present day and age.”

EP; 14 Oct 1916; disp. ad: “ARE YOU ONE OF THE SATISFIED OWNERS—of the—HOUSEHOLD RUGBY and REGAL RANGES? IF NOT, WHY NOT? SATISFACTION GUARANTEED: [a long list of people follows, with no explanation of why they are listed; perhaps endorsers or perhaps people who bought the ranges]

“...L. Brankovich...Peter Knego, S. P. Knego...Mrs. S. Strazich...C. Mestrich...P. Aleger [Alaga?...]Geo. Rilovich...Martin Rilovich, S. Boskovich, J. Vukich...A. Guarich [Gurash?...]Wm. Pilvelich [Pulisevich?...]M. Perovich, V. Perovich...John Sambrailo...Paul Matulich...John Mustakanich [Mustahinich]...Geo. Kusanovich.

“—SOLE AGENTS—P. J. FREIERMUTH COMPANY. HUNTING LICENSES ISSUED.”

EP; 16 Oct 1916; item: “Miss Pauline Strazich spent the weekend with Mrs. R. J. Baxter in Santa Cruz.”

EP; 16 Oct 1916; class. ad: “FOR RENT—1 large stable, corner Union and Maple Ave., one 5 room cottage with barn for four horses on Second street, also a five room cottage on Ford street, all houses with modern improvements. Inquire of STEPHEN SCURICH, Hotel Central.”

EP; 20 Oct 1916; item: “...FRUIT LOST IN ENGLISH CHANNEL. At least six carloads of Pajaro Valley apples were lost in the English channel yesterday when the Cunard liner, Alaulni [Alaunia], was sunk by a mine. Word to this effect was received here last night by J. R. Kirkland, the local fruit broker, who had charge of several of the consignments to Liverpool and London. As far as could be learned today one car each was lost by Raphael & Murphy, George R. Bubresko, M. N. Lettunich Company, James Sheehy, Corralitos Fruit Growers Association and the Loma Fruit Co. All of the fruit was insured for almost its full value hence the local shippers are not expected to lose a great deal.

“Apples are bringing a fine price in London markets at the present time, the average quotation being 11 shillings and 6 pence, which is over \$2.50 in the United States money. This makes about 90c at Watsonville when the expenses are deducted of transporting the fruit to England.”

EP; 20 Oct 1916; item: “Steve Oblizaldo [Oblizalo] has sold his store at Roselawn and purchased a 25-acre ranch near Watsonville, planted to apples and prunes. Mr. Oblizaldo has long been a merchant in the Santa Clara Valley.—San Jose Mercury.”

EP; 20 Oct 1916; married: "At Hollister, Oct. 15, 1916, Peter Pulisevich and Elma Jacks, both of Santa Cruz."

EP; 21 Oct 1916; item: "LEVEE CONFERENCE...District Attorney George W. Smith is here from Santa Cruz this afternoon to discuss the levee question with the levee committee of the board of aldermen and City Attorney Sans. Aldermen Lewis, Tuttle and Sager are representing the board at the meeting and the various legal questions that affect the proposition of constructing a levee along the riverbank are being considered.

"As a result of today's meeting District Attorney Smith will prepare a petition to the board of supervisors asking for the election of trustees in the district.

"It is problematical whether the supervisors will call for the election as they have had considerable trouble in the past over protection matters and will be inclined to shy at the words 'Protection District.' The leading signers of the petition for a protection district along the river several years ago agreed to stand back of the board in the project but have since fallen down on their word, and the supervisors are now facing a civil action in the courts that will cost them thousands of dollars if they lose, and the expensive of which will amount to several hundred dollars apiece if they win out."

EP; 21 Oct 1916; item: "The rumor on the street today to the effect that John Scurich and Tony Kissich had engaged in fistic combat and that blood had been shed was later found to have been untrue. The encounter was only a verbal combat and Chief of Police Whitsitt, who was called to the scene on West Third street, found it to be merely a dispute over the use of a packing house that Kissich jointly uses with Scurich."

EP; 21 Oct 1916; ALL: John Cacejej [Cicisly/Cicijel].

EP; 21 Oct 1916; item: "Resetar Brothers have the honor of shipping the largest car of apples ever sent out of the Pajaro Valley. Yesterday they shipped a car of 1760 boxes to San Francisco, the car containing Newtown Pippins, and while there have been several big cars shipped out of this city[,] yet the one exported by the Resetar beats all past records."

EP; 21 Oct 1916; item: "NOTES FROM LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL...The basketball team that has been selected consists of the following: W. Whittner, A. McEwing, L. Lettunich, E. DeBack, H. Mundhenk, L. McGowan, J. Strazich, H. Morse and L. Palmtag."

"...The regular weekly assembly was held Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Strazich asked if the students could appropriate \$30 to the athletic fund to buy suits for the boys who play basketball. Mr. Freiermuth put this in the form of a motion and it was carried..."

"The El Pajaro Debating Society held a special meet-

ing last Monday morning to elect officers for the second quarter of the school year. The following were made officers of the society: ...secretary, William Marinovich..."

EP; 24 Oct 1916; item: "SAN FRANCISCO TO BAR WORMY APPLES. Despite repeated warnings on the part of Dudley Moulton, Horticultural Commissioner of San Francisco county, some Pajaro Valley apple shippers persist in shipping wormy apples to the metropolis. That this practice must stop immediately is evidenced by the following letter received today from Moulton by Chief Inspector A. W. Tate, Jr., of this city:

"I beg to call your attention to the following apple shippers in Watsonville who were forwarding second grade and badly wormy apples into the San Francisco market. They are ____ and ____, Watsonville. I think I have been most considerate in forewarning you and the apple growers of your district that the San Francisco market is no longer a place for wormy fruits and I beg to advise you any more shipments of wormy apples which are received here will be returned at the expense of the shipper and without further warning."

EP; 24 Oct 1916; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith and his wife were here last night en route to Santa Cruz, after a few days stay at San Jose."

EP; 26 Oct 1916; article: "Says the Santa Cruz News:

"District Attorney Geo. W. Smith and Chief of Police Frank Hannah have decreed that all punch boards in cigar stores, pool rooms and barber shops, where money prizes are given will not be allowed hereafter and Chief Hannah stated that in accordance with orders given by him these boards have been discontinued.

"District Attorney Smith said this morning that these boards appear to him to be gambling devices pure and simple and being in violation of the state law against gambling, will not be tolerated..."

EP; 26 Oct 1916; item: "Manager John Stanovich of the Central Electric Works of this city has received word that his firm has won sixth prize in the United States for the best 1916 fan window display, the contest having been conducted this year under the auspices of the Western Electric Company. Not only did the Central Electric Works win sixth prize in the United States but it was the only firm on the Pacific Coast to win a prize and naturally Mr. Stanovich is much elated. The Central Electric Works will receive big boost writeups in all the electrical journals of the country and Watsonville will be placed more up on the map than ever as a result. Everyone that saw Mr. Stanovich's window admired the display which attracted the attention of all that passed the store."

EP; 28 Oct 1916; item: "That there is a brisk demand for Chevrolet cars is shown by the following list of recent

sales made by J. H. Jefsen, local agent for this noted car: ...J. Franich...[of 21]"

EP; 28 Oct 1916; item: "Peter Secondo and family have returned from a three-month's visit in Castroville."

EP; 28 Oct 1916; item: "John Franich has purchased a new 'Four-Ninety' Chevrolet automobile from J. H. Jefsen, the local agent."

EP; 28 Oct 1916; ALL: Petra Arstoinck, M. Lattinick, Novacovich Stolich Co., Louise N. Radonich, Mr. L. N. Radonich.

EP; 1 Nov 1916; class. ad: "FOR SALE—A fine team (horse and mare), very reasonable; age 7 years; weighing between 2600 and 2800 lbs. Will be guaranteed as to gentleness and pulling powers. Inquire of STEPHEN SCURICH, Central Grocery Co., corner Main and Central Avenue."

EP; 2 Nov 1916; item: "Andrew Balich yesterday sold his fine ranch at Turlock for \$26,000. Prior to selling it he had several offers for long leases, each applicant trying to outbid the other.—Santa Cruz News."

EP; 2 Nov 1916; item: "C. M. Warden to Andrew Balich—4.951 acres of Corralitos Ro."

EP; 3 Nov 1916; item: "A game of basketball will be staged this evening between the picked team of the Y.M.C.A. and the local high school..."

"The lineups are as follows: High school—Morse and Strazicich, forwards; MacGowan, center; Whittner, Lettunich and DeBack, guards..."

EP; 3 Nov 1916; honor roll: High 8th: Charles Sambrailo; Low 8th: Kathryn Strazicich; Low 6th: Willie Sambrailo; Low 5th: Tom Arbanas, Ned Gluhan; High 4th: John Miljanich; Low 4th: Louis Bonacicsh, Mary Matson, Martin Franich; High 3rd: Peter Copriviza; Low 2nd: Louis Lucich, Polly Franich, Mike Resetar, Stephen Scurich.

EP; 3 Nov 1916; item: "Andrew Balich et ux to C. M. Warden—Lot on Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz."

EP; 4 Nov 1916; ALL: Mico Dahizinovnch, Mrs. Luci Franick Mata [Lucy, wife of Martin Franich].

EP; 6 Nov 1916; born: "Watsonville, Nov. 5, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alaga, a son." [Paul Jr.; +1936]

EP; 6 Nov 1916; item: "Paul Alaga's Pippin saloon at 310 Walker street was entered by a burglar last night and the cash register tapped for over \$5. The burglar broke a

window in the rear of the building to gain an entrance and although three men were asleep directly above the saloon yet he awakened none of them, the robbery not being discovered until this morning."

EP; 7 Nov 1916; item: "20 YEARS AGO. Items taken from the Pajaronian of Nov. 12, 1896: ...

"L. Opusich had packed a lot of fine Romanites in dry sand and was going to try to hold them until next spring..."

"M. N. Lettunich had packed and made a shipment of 170 half-barrels of Newtown Pippin apples for the Japan trade. 'The result of this shipment is being awaited with interest by local packers.'"

EP; 9 Nov 1916; board of aldermen, payments: "...M. Glech, \$33.40...Central Electrical Co., \$21.40..."

"The claim of Antone Scurich for \$150 and that of L. Ritter for \$4 were tabled..."

EP; 9 Nov 1916; article [see intro to this series under 21 Sept.]: "**The Days Gone By** (Written by Edward H. Lorenson.) **The Apple Industry**. The first orchard in the Pajaro Valley was planted in 1853 by the late Jesse D. Carr and was located about 2 miles east of Watsonville on what is known now as the Silliman ranch. This orchard was about 2 acres in area and the apples grown were of mixed varieties for home use only. The second orchard planted in the valley was put in by William F. White, father of Edward White, U.S. Immigration Commissioner, in 1854, and in the next few years several small family orchards were planted in various parts of the valley. The Cooper family planted a few trees on their lots in the town of Watsonville and a man named Scott had several trees growing where the plaza now stands. In 1857 G. M. Bockius set out 52 trees of various varieties but it remained for Isaac Williams and Judge R. F. Peckham to set out the first commercial orchards in 1858. Williams planted 13 acres of apples on land now owned by the K. F. Redman estate and Peckham planted his orchard on what is now the Gally ranch. At that time the most popular varieties of apples were the Smith Cider, Rhode Island Greening, Rambo, Gravenstein, Jonathan, Newtown Pippin and Bellefleur, but later some of these varieties were abandoned for more successful and prolific fruit.

"Between 1860 and 1865 the acreage of apples increased quite a bit but the future success of the apple industry was left largely in the hands of Jacob Blackburn, who planted in the winter of 1861-1862 what was called the model orchard for many years. He put in 13 acres to apples and successfully demonstrated just what varieties could best thrive in this valley. In the same winter James Waters planted 1900 apple trees on bottom land now owned by William Birlen near the St. Francis School. These trees were destroyed in the flood of 1862 but that did not deter the growth of the apple industry here.

"In the next few months the orchards of J. M. Rodgers, Louis Martinelli, Daniel Tuttle, Charles Smith, Luna Smith, Thomas Beck, Mike Gagnon, Dunlap and others had been planted but because of the lack of proper transportation facilities there was no marketing of apples until about 1875 and the prices were nearly always about 25c or 30c per box. The first shipment of apples from the valley was made by Isaac Williams, who sent them to San Francisco by way of boat via Hudson's Landing. Charles Williams, a local merchant, then inaugurated the idea of buying the crop on the trees and to handle the output, this occurring about 1869. In 1870 the total acreage planted to apples in the valley was not over 250 acres but when the railroad was completed into the valley in 1870 the acreage began to pick up.

"The first fruit buyer into the valley was Marco Rabasa of San Francisco, who dropped into this territory in 1876. L. G. Sresovich was the next to come and after that the demand for Pajaro Valley apples began to grow stronger and more orchards were planted every year. The climax was reached in 1901 when 156,000 trees or 1,780 acres were planted to apples and more have been planted since. The most extensive planting did not begin until after 1890 but it continued steadily after that.

"Today the Pajaro Valley is the largest individual apple shipping point in the world. The industry that was once frowned upon as being one of no value to the community has since become the main industry of the valley and it will continue to be so for many years to come, no doubt."

EP; 11 Nov 1916; article: "AUTO TRUCK MAY SOLVE SHIPPING PROBLEM. Whether or not the car shortage problem will be solved in the future by the transportation of apples on automobile trucks to the Bay City markets depends on the success of the trial shipment that was made today by N. M. Borina, the well known West Third Street fruit packer. This morning he loaded 410 boxes of apples on Bart Driscoll's auto truck and trailer and with Driscoll at the wheel the load started for Oakland.

"Mr. Borina was forced to ship his apples to Oakland by truck or lose a profitable sale. There were no 'reefers' in the local railroad yards and the chances were slim of getting any within the next few days so Borina decided upon an experiment that may yet threaten



Fig. 5-12.
Nick Borina (1889-1949).

to revolutionize the shipment of apples to state points not too far distant from Watsonville.

"Mr. Borina states that two trips in three days can be made to the San Francisco Bay section by the present service. The shipping of apples from the valley by auto trucks has long been discussed by fruit men of the community but Borina is the first man to start a trial trip. The fruit men of the city are watching for the results of Borina's experiment and if it is a success the car shortage problem may in future year years be far from a serious trouble. The automobile truck may yet revolutionize the transportation of apples in the state of California.

"Twenty-eight 'reefers' arrived in the local yard this morning and a special train of cars is expected to arrive tonight so that the local apple shippers may secure some relief from the car shortage. Many of the local packing houses would have been closed before this time had the car shortage not occurred but under the present circumstances the majority of the packing houses will not close before December 1st."

EP; 11 Nov 1916; item: "A big basketball rally was held by the boys of the school Wednesday afternoon. Talks were made by John Strazicich, Lester McGowan, Lewis Lettunich, Harold Mundhenk, Willard Wittner and Howard Morse..."

EP; 11 Nov 1916; item: "S. J. Cikuth of this city has brought suit in the superior court for \$776 against the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society. The policy was issued on January 22, 1916, and on July 25th the property covered was destroyed by fire. The company is alleged to have not yet paid any part of the insurance." [*S. J. Cikuth was the wife of Edward Cikuth*]

EP; 11 Nov 1916; item: "Nicholas M. Lettunich is attending the Stanford-Santa Clara football game in San Francisco today."

EP; 11 Nov 1916; item: "Peter Gurash vs. George R. Bubresko—Demurrer to amended complaint; answer."

EP; 11 Nov 1916; item: "Stane J. Cikuth et al vs. Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society—Complaint in suit for \$776, etc."

EP; 13 Nov 1916; board of supervisors, payments: "...Riverside Road Fund: ...Bovich, Jose S., labor, \$22.50..."

EP; 15 Nov 1916; article: "George Hrepich, the genial proprietor of the California Restaurant, Hotel and Bar, has everything in readiness for the grand re-opening of his place of business next Saturday and he invites all his old patrons and new friends to visit him. He has engaged McEwen's Orchestra to render selections from 6 to 8

p.m. on Saturday evening and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

“The new California is divided into three sections and all are in a spic and span and up-to-date condition. Upstairs Mr. Hrepich has had all the hotel rooms renovated, hot and cold water installed and every room is as neat and clean as modern conveniences can make it.

“The bar adjoins the restaurant and a cardroom has been placed in the rear of the barroom for the convenience of the patrons of the place.

“The new restaurant has a ladies’ entrance with 10 booths for the use of ladies and families and on the other side of the main dining room are six booths for the sole use of men. The main dining room has been greatly enlarged and a separate banquet room has been fixed up immediately in the rear of the dining room. The grill has been completely repapered, replastered, repainted and refloored and it is one of the cleanest and most modern grills and restaurants in this part of the state. The kitchen has been moved to the rear of the main California Restaurant building and has also been renovated and improved.

“Mr. Hrepich’s new place of business is a credit to the community and his many patrons and friends will be glad to learn that he is to open his newly improved house and will wish him continued success.”

EP; 15 Nov 1916; obit: “Watsonville, Nov. 15, 1916, Lucy Grizich, 10-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Grizich.”

EP; 15 Nov 1916; item: “M. A. Fitzgerald vs. Nick Scurich et al.—Order extending time to answer.”

EP; 15 Nov 1916; class. ad: “FOR SALE—Team of good work horses or will exchange for an auto in good condition. Apply to STEPHEN SCURICH, Central Hotel.”

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—OF THE—
CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT
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Fig. 5-13.
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of 16 Nov. 1916.

EP; 18 Nov 1916; obit: “Katie Matulich, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Matulich of 361 E. Lake Ave., died at the family residence last night at 9:20 o’clock after a brief illness. She was a native of this state and was aged 11 years, four months and five days...The deceased was

well known here, being a student at the Academy and her untimely death is a hard blow to her parents and causes grief to her schoolmates.”

EP; 18 Nov 1916; ALL: Andravitch & Co., Antun Dragovich [Dragovich].

EP; 18 Nov 1916; item: “John Orepich [Hrepich] to John McQueen—160 acres of Corralitos Ro.”

EP; 18 Nov 1916; obit: “Watsonville, Nov. 17, 1916, Miss Katie Matulich, a native of California, aged 11 years, four months and five days...”

EP; 20 Nov 1916; item: “ROUNDLY DENOUNCED LOCAL PACKING HOUSES...Fr. Hassett, in the course of his remarks to the congregation denounced the ‘goings-on’ at the local packing houses, stating that some of them were places where no self-respecting woman or girl could work. Fr. Hassett did not specify any particular case but it was evident from the earnestness of his remarks that he must have been cognizant of some reprehensible contact in these institutions.

“It wouldn’t be a bad idea for the churches of this city to get what is known as a ‘welfare committee’ appointed to look into this matter and see what are the conditions that prevail in these places. Employers would gladly comply with all reasonable requests concerning the safeguarding and comfort of their women employees and an investigation, and its consequent publicity, would dissipate numerous unpleasant rumors.”

EP; 20 Nov 1916; item: “Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Maskovic left this afternoon for a visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 20 Nov 1916; item: “The El Pajaro Debating Society held its regular meeting Friday morning, November 17. The question for debate was: Resolved, that foreign immigration should be restricted by an educational test. The affirmative speakers were Helen Strazich, Etheleen Trafton and Alice Cowan; the negative, Glen Browson, Joseph Silva, and Charles Tognetti. The judges were Harry Majors, Henry Flath and Jennie Falkenberg. They rendered the decision in favor of the affirmative, the three best speakers being Helen Strazich, Etheleen Trafton and Joseph Silva...”

EP; 20 Nov 1916; married: “San Francisco, Nov. 19, 1916, Peter Lucich and Miss Pauline Zar [Kušelj-Car], both of Watsonville.”

EP; 20 Nov 1916; article: “Miss Pauline Zar, sister of John Zar of this city and a well known resident here for three years past, became the bride...of Peter Lucich of this city in San Francisco, the ceremony being performed at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The wedding was a quiet affair,

the only attendants being Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Walker of San Francisco, Mrs. Walker being a cousin of the bride. After a honeymoon in San Francisco the newlyweds will return to reside in this city. The bride came here three years ago from Austria and has resided with her aunt, Mrs. J. Nemanich. She is a charming young woman and has many friends here. The groom has been in the apple business here for many years and is well known in the community. Both young people have the best wishes of all their friends." [*her surname was actually Kušelj; the family nickname was Car, which became Zar in this country; many immigrants from this family were known as Zar because it was easier to spell and pronounce*]

EP; 20 Nov 1916; obit: "Watsonville, Nov. 20, 1916, Mrs. Ann Scurich, a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged 25 years..." [*2nd wife of Antone Scurich, bro. of Luke*]

EP; 20 Nov 1916; obit: "Mrs. Ann Scurich passed away early this morning at the family residence at 22 Sudden street after a long illness, tuberculosis being the cause of death. She had suffered for several years..."

"The deceased was a native of Dalmatia, Austria, and was aged 25 years. She came to this country about eight years ago and was married to Antone Scurich about a year later. Besides her husband she is survived by two children and two step-children, all of whom reside here, and her parents and other relatives, who live in Dalmatia. One brother, Luke Radonich, resides in this city..."

EP; 20 Nov 1916; item: "George Hrepich, proprietor of the California Restaurant, had a smile all over his face last Saturday evening when scores of men and women visited his improved restaurant to eat, drink, visit and be merry. McEwen's Orchestra rendered several excellent selections during the evening that added to the gayety and the grand re-opening was a big success."

EP; 21 Nov 1916; obit: "The funeral of the late Mrs. Antone Scurich was held this morning...the pallbearers being Messrs. John Franich, Antone Stolich, F. P. Marinovich, Antone Gluhan, L. P. Cikuth and Peter Sambrailo."

EP; 21 Nov 1916; item: "CARD OF THANKS. We take this method of expressing our hearty thanks to the many friends that aided us in our late hour of bereavement when we lost our loving wife and mother and we also desire to express our appreciation to all those that contributed floral pieces. We are grateful to all that helped us. ANTON SCURICH AND FAMILY."

EP; 22 Nov 1916; married: "Santa Cruz, Nov. 21, 1916, by Judge C. C. Houck, V. Pokovich and Miss Ella Bakich, both of Watsonville."

EP; 22 Nov 1916; marriage: "A real honest-to-goodness elopement took place last night from this city when V. Pokovich and Miss Ella Bakich, two well known residents of this city, stole away from their friends and relatives and journeyed to Santa Cruz where they were quietly married by Justice of the Peace C. C. Houck. The young people have not yet shown up in town but when they do arrive their many friends will give them a warm welcome. The most surprised man of all—so he says—is John Franich, of the firm of Franich Brothers, the well known local fruit packers, for which firm both the bride and groom have been working. Although John Franich is accused of being the matchmaker in the case yet he denies that he had anything to do with the elopement although other friends of the newlyweds claim that Franich knew about it all the time.

"The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Bakich, who reside on Alexander street, and she has resided here 7 years, being recently in the employ of Franich Brothers as an apple sorter. She is a charming young woman and has a host of friends in this city. The groom has resided here for the past 11 years and has also been in the employ of Franich Brothers. He is an estimable young man and is well known here in the Austrian colony..."

EP; 22 Nov 1916; item: "M. A. Fitzgerald vs. Nick Scurich et al.—Answer."

EP; 22 Nov 1916; item: "Joe Souza practically admitted his guilt...when he failed to appear in...court to answer to a charge of following women, forfeiting his bail of \$25. The complainant in the case, a well known local woman, was willing to swear that Souza was the fellow that followed her and insulted her. There have been a number of complaints made to the police about men following women on the back streets at night and the police are determined that it shall stop. It is high time that some of these miscreants be treated to a coat of tar and feathers, as a fine of a few days in jail will not improve conditions."

EP; 23 Nov 1916; letter to editor: "Ed. Pajaronian—A few days ago a poor, honest, hard-working man, of foreign birth, and unable to speak the English language, was arrested and brought to justice for the unpardonable crime of following a woman.

"The charge may be true (?) but the poor ignorant man was made a victim of circumstances. He stated his case to me, and when I offered to go and speak for him he said he would not face the notoriety and would rather throw up his job, forfeit his bail of \$25 and leave town, which he did.

"This business of following a woman is a too common occurrence. The subject is not worth dwelling upon at length; but I will venture to say, it is a 50-50 chance as to whether the man is following the woman, or the woman

leading the man; and if this awful crime on the man's part was punishable by hanging there would not be enough Manila rope in town to hang all the criminals.

"It is too bad that this poor ignorant mute, unfamiliar with modern ways and language, had to fall prey so that the dignity of the city might be exemplified, while the 'Wise Guy' who allows playing cards for money (not gambling), sells cigarettes to minors, deals in lottery tickets, violates the speed laws, expectorates on the sidewalks, and last, but not least, will beat you out of the sweat of your brow, goes unmolested merrily on, singing 'I Love You California.'—J. S. KING."

EP; 23 Nov 1916; item: "Mrs. Mary Kiermanich moved to her new home in San Francisco today. Her furniture and other household belongings were removed in one of Cawley's auto trucks."

EP; 24 Nov 1916; born: "In Hollister, Nov. 18, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent A. Matulich, a daughter." [*Minnie*]

EP; 24 Nov 1916; born: "In Hollister, Nov. 20, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Matulich, a daughter." [*Jovonina*]

EP; 24 Nov 1916; item: "SALOON SOLD. John Sapro, yesterday bought the saloon business on upper Main street, recently conducted by the late Ed Fritz. We understand that the business was sold very cheap. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Superior court."

EP; 24 Nov 1916; item: "T. N. Kissich has been a business visitor in San Francisco during the past few days."

EP; 25 Nov 1916; item: "George Hrepich of the California Restaurant announces that he will have a cabaret show at his eating place this evening and tomorrow evening, having engaged the Lyric Trio of singers and dancers to entertain his guests. Mr. Hrepich is endeavoring to bring his cuisine and service up to the highest standard possible and he will introduce cabaret performances hereafter for the entertainment of his guests. The Lyric Trio is reputed to be a clever one, consisting of two women and a man, and Hrepich believes his experiment will be a success."

EP; 28 Nov 1916; item: "Mrs. George Pulich and daughter, Harriet, of Stockton, are here to visit Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy."

EP; 28 Nov 1916; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lucich have returned from a honeymoon trip in San Francisco. Mrs. Lucich is a sister of John P. Zar of this city."

EP; 1 Dec 1916; item: "The crowd of several hundred fans who attended the 10 inning baseball game between

the Alexander 'Giants' and the Ford 'Red Sox' yesterday morning on the city playground witnessed one of the most interesting ballgames in many days and saw the Alexanders defeat the Fords by a score of 10 to 9...The batteries were Rilovich and P. Marinovich for the Ford team, who held their places in masterly fashion...

"The lineups for both teams were as follows: Fords—Marinovich, c; B. Rilovich, p; Roscoe Taylor, 1b; W. Gordon, 2b; W. Courtemarsh, 3b; C. Faul, ss; C. Rich, J. Pedro and C. Rider, outfielders. Alexanders—C. Touli, p; F. Kane c; W. Franklin, 1b; F. Henning, 2b; J. Allegretti, 3b; L. Krogh, ss; L. Taylor, E. Sherwood and C. M. Gass, outfielders."

EP; 1 Dec 1916; item: "Last night's Thanksgiving dance given by the Native Daughters in the I.O.O.F. hall was a grand success and was attended by one of the largest crowds that has ever graced the hall..."

"The specialties that were sandwiched between the dances pleased everyone...[T]he numbers presented were as follows:

"... 'Simple Melody'...Anna Scurich...Ukelele Number...Anna Scurich..."

"The committee in charge...was composed of...Mrs. O. D. Stoesser..."

EP; 1 Dec 1916; class. ad: "FOR SALE—Five head of good work horses, also two five-ton Studebaker wagons in good condition. Apply to RESETAR BROS. Walker st., between 2nd and 3rd streets."

EP; 2 Dec 1916; item: "APPLIES FOR CITIZENSHIP. Nicholas Peter Stolich and Mitchell Stolich have made application for citizenship. Both reside at Watsonville and both are natives of Austria. The former arrived first in this country at New York on Aug. 13, 1899; the latter at the same port on May 21, 1904. Both have the same witnesses: George J. Carstulovich of Santa Cruz, John Arbanasin, Peter Stolich and Vito Lista [Lister] of Watsonville."

EP; 2 Dec 1916; article: "The body of Hans Christiansen, who was drowned last Saturday night in the Goodall Slough near the beach...was recovered yesterday afternoon near the mouth of the river..."

"In the party of searchers that found the body of Christiansen were...Mike Nirich...[of 11]"

EP; 2 Dec 1916; ALL: Martin Ivich, Nick Lazorevich [Lazarevich].

EP; 4 Dec 1916; item: "Mrs. George W. Pulich returned to Stockton today after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy."

EP; 5 Dec 1916; board of aldermen, payments: "...La-

bor: ...M. Glech, \$45.25...City Grocery Co. \$2.35, Central Electric Works, \$52...California Restaurant, \$11.75..."

EP; 6 Dec 1916; board of supervisors, payments: "...County General Fund: ...J. Novich [Novcich], \$58.50...P. Secondo, \$48...Jack Novicich, \$48.80...M. Secondo, \$36...Indigent Fund: ...Central Grocery, \$22.50...Joseph Barich, \$22.50..."

EP; 7 Dec 1916; honor roll: High 8th: Charles Sambrailo; Low 8th: Anna Knego, Kathryn Strazich; Low 6th: Willie Sambrailo; Low 5th: Ned Gluhan, Tom Arbanas; High 4th: John Maljanich; Low 4th: Martin Franich, Lois Bonacich, Mary Matson; High 3rd: Martin Grizich, Peter Copriviza; Low 3rd: Peter Knego; Low 2nd: Louis Lucich, Polly Franich, Mike Resetar.

EP; 8 Dec 1916; article: "A dastardly attempt to rape a young girl resident of this city was made by two well-known boys around town, and Chief Whitsitt has been working on the case since yesterday. It first appeared as a rumor and was extremely hard to run down.

"As the story goes the girl was invited to take 'an auto ride for a few blocks around town,' last Wednesday afternoon, by a young man with whom she was acquainted. She was walking towards her home, after a girlfriend who had been accompanying her left her. The lad was in his father's auto, and drove up alongside the sidewalk, on Sudden street (or one of the streets in that neighborhood) and asked the young lady to jump in and he would take her home in his auto. She refused the invitation and said she preferred to walk. Thereupon he playfully caught hold of her arm and although she remonstrated, forced her into the car.

"The car sped up the street and the girl supposed the fellow intended to take her home via Main street, past the Catholic church. Instead, the car was turned towards Freedom and out on the road, at the Heights, the second fellow was waiting, and jumped into the auto.

"The girl protested and said she wanted to go home. Her fears were quieted. 'It was only a little ride! They would turn off at Freedom, and come home by way of East Lake avenue.'

"...The auto turned down the Holohan road and when the most lonely part of that thoroughfare was reached, the girl was attacked.

"The girl, horrified, fought bravely in defense of her honor, and succeeded in foiling the scoundrels, until finally she frightened them to the extent that they desisted—not before, however, she was badly bruised, scratched and her clothes torn. Taking the half-conscious victim of their attempted crime back to town, in the auto, they dropped her about a block from her home, threatening to kill her if she told her parents or anyone what had happened.

"The names of the parties are not given as it might interfere with the plans of Mr. Whitsitt who is investigating the affair. Those cognizant of the charges made are horrified at the boldness of the young miscreants, and if the charges are true, it is likely to go hard with both boys, as an example will be made of them. We are informed that both lads are not over 17 years of age.

"District Attorney Smith is out in the valley, this afternoon on business with Supervisor Marcus, and on his return to town the affair will be laid before him for action."

EP; 9 Dec 1916; article: "CRIMINAL ASSAULT IS ADMITTED. William O'Brien, Jr., son of William O'Brien, and John Strazicich, son of Mrs. Helen [*sic* Katherine] Strazicich, both well known young high school students of this city, were arrested last evening upon charges filed in Judge A. B. Hawkins' court alleging that the two youths criminally assaulted a young girl of this city.

"District Attorney George Smith...was made acquainted with the facts in the case by Chief of Police Whitsitt and Deputy District Attorney Clay Seevers. Immediately Smith ordered the arrest of O'Brien and Strazicich, who were taken into custody by Officer Corr soon afterward.

"O'Brien was taken by Smith, Seevers and Whitsitt to the city hall where he was sharply interrogated and practically confessed to the crime. Just as the officers had secured practically an entire admission of the facts in the case Attorney Gardner, who had been retained by the young man's father, entered the room and ordered young O'Brien to stop talking. The officers then visited Strazicich in the city jail and he practically confirmed everything that O'Brien had confessed to...The two confessions were to the effect that the attack upon the young girl was due to a prearranged plot, which the two youths hatched while riding about town Wednesday afternoon. Strazicich waited upon the heights whilst O'Brien in the auto, went back to town to look for the girl. When Strazicich boarded the machine on the heights he took over the wheel of the car while O'Brien jumped over the back of the seat in order to be by the side of his victim. That the young scoundrels did not accomplish their fiendish purpose was only due to the brave fight for her honor put up by the girl.

"About 8 o'clock last evening both lads were taken before Judge A. B. Hawkins and were released upon \$2000 bail. Wm. O'Brien, father of the O'Brien boy, went on his bond; and Mateo Lettunich went on the bail bond for the Strazicich lad. Both boys did not seemingly appreciate the enormity of their offense, and were inclined to treat the whole proceedings with levity. It is to be hoped that, ere long, they may be made to see things in a different light.

"Both boys were ordered to be in court next Monday morning...when District Attorney Smith will prove that

the youths are under the age of 18 years and therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. Attorney J. E. Gardner represents young O'Brien and Attorney A. W. Sans is appearing for young Strazicich.

"Both young men are said to be under the age of 18 years and therefore cannot be sent to a penitentiary if found guilty but the officers are determined to send the youths to a reform school and will combat any and all attempts made to have the defendants released upon probation.

"Mrs. Strazicich, the mother of one of the defendants, has been seriously ill for over a week past and the news of her son's arrest has been kept from her. The family is afraid that if the news is told her she will suffer a relapse and her condition will become more critical than it now is.

"Nothing that has occurred here in years has aroused the city as has the outrage perpetrated by the two young men. The highest feeling of indignation is felt on all sides and everyone feels that the full measure of justice should be meted out to the young men for their diabolical crime. The prominence of the two youths has served to fan the interest in the case to fever heat. Both came from two of the best known families of the city and both were prominent students at the high school. Strazicich was not only athletic manager at the high school but a member of the high school basketball team, a leader in other school activities and a well known Y.M.C.A. member and athlete. O'Brien did not have the ability of his confederate but seemingly his sole ambition was to parade up and down the streets in his father's automobile. Last year O'Brien ran away from town with another youth but was located in San Francisco.

"The sorrow and shame that these two young rascals have brought to their parents and relatives, and the fact that we do not wish to add to their sorrow precludes this paper from expressing, in fitting terms, its opinion of O'Brien and Strazicich's monstrous crime."

EP; 9 Dec 1916; article: "This morning our attention was called, by several citizens, to a report extant that the proprietor of one of our local stores had discharged from his employ the young girl who was the unfortunate victim of the brutal assault of the O'Brien and Strazicich lads... and asked us to make some comment on the matter.

"We informed them that in order to deal intelligently with the subject it would be necessary for us to hear this man's side of the question, and accordingly interviewed him on the subject...

"The party stated that he had had the young lady in question employed in his store—some time ago; and that she was to come to work again next Monday, but that under the present circumstances, he thought that it would be rather embarrassing for her to meet so many people who would come into the store for no other purpose than to see her, and, that whilst he had not dismissed her, he had told her that she 'needn't come unless she wanted to,' and that she said 'all right!'

"We concede that this man has the right to conduct his business as he sees fit, but we deplore the angle this affair has taken. His account of the matter differs totally from what was told to us this morning, viz: that a boy had come to the girl's residence this morning, and told her that she need not report for work.

"The case is this: Here is a good, virtuous girl, attending strictly to her own business, on her way to her home, accosted by a young man, whom she has no reason to distrust, and invited to ride in his auto to her residence. She refuses, but finally is almost forced to enter the vehicle. Then, rapidly, the auto speeds to a lonely unfrequented road, where an attempted assault is made upon her.

"The girl is a good girl—all accounts agree on that point. That she is a virtuous girl is evidenced by the desperate and winning fight she put up in defense of her honor.

"Now this girl is a heroine. She deserves honor not only for the fight she put up, but also for the example she has shown to any girl in this city—who may be caught in a similar trap. Her example was a glorious one, and she should receive the credit due her heroic action.

"But, if we are to withdraw our countenances from her because she was made the attempted victim of a cowardly assault, where is she to turn to?

"Is it not our duty to give her that assistance and meed of praise that her defense warrants? What has been her offense, that we should be afraid that her presence in our place of business would be detrimental to our business?

"We are sorry that this phase of the matter has come up, and regret, exceedingly that the misfortune of the brutal affair should rest upon the innocent victim, rather than upon the perpetrators of the dastardly assault, who, out on bail, are probably considering themselves objects of persecution on the part of the officers.

"It is up to this community to take a firm stand. Are we going to stand by this girl in her day of trouble; or, are we to point to these two boys as models of our training for future citizenship of this great nation?

"Is the virtue of our daughters worth defending? or, are we going to make this girl's brave action an unforgivable offense?"

EP; 9 Dec 1916; item: "A delightful birthday party was enjoyed yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. J. Sheehy at 102 Jefferson street in honor of the ninth anniversary of her daughter, Isabelle Sheehy... Those present were the Misses Olive Schanbacher, Marian Sherman, Miriam Bardmess, Carmen Neis, Hazel Devine, Alice Neis, Beth Ford, Doris Allison, Gertrude Crowley, Lucille Cikuth, Agnes Daly, Claire Daly and Isabelle Sheehy."

EP; 11 Dec 1916; item: "O'BRIEN-STRAZICICH IN SUPERIOR COURT. A telephone message from Santa Cruz received at 3:15 o'clock states that the boys' hear-

ing will be held on December 27, at 10 a.m. and their bail is fixed at \$1500 each.

“William O’Brien Jr., and John Strazicich, the two young men accused of attempting to criminally assault a young lady in the city last Wednesday, appeared before Judge Hawkins in the justice court this morning and were certified to appear in the superior court at Santa Cruz this afternoon at 2 p.m. The young men were represented by their attorneys, J. E. Gardner appearing for O’Brien and A. W. Sans for Strazicich, and the hearing only lasted a few minutes, neither of the defendants being placed upon the stand nor any other witnesses appearing.

“It was established that O’Brien was born on June 27, 1901, and Strazicich on November 6, 1899, which places both under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. District Attorney Smith and County Probation Officer G. P. Denett were present at the hearing...

“It developed that Superior Judge Knight can either send the boys to the reform school this afternoon or can remand them back to the justice court for trial on a penitentiary offense. The new juvenile court law makes it possible for juvenile offenders against public decency to be sent to state prison and this may yet be done in the O’Brien and Strazicich cases.”

EP; 11 Dec 1916; item: “Prosper Lettunich of San Francisco has been the week-end guest of his father, M. N. Lettunich in this city.”

EP; 11 Dec 1916; item: “John Strazicich, who has been in Sacramento for several months past, is here to visit his father, George Strazicich.” [*a different John Strazicich than the one in trouble, above, for attempted rape*]

EP; 11 Dec 1916; item: “Lis pendens—Fred Beck vs. John Orepich [Hrepich] et al—160 acres on S.W. corner of lot 12, Stratton’s sub. of Corralitos Rancho.”

EP; 14 Dec 1916; item: “N. Botto & Co., vs. John Doe Korich et al.—Complaint in suit for \$500 damages, costs, etc.”

EP; 16 Dec 1916; item: “Paul Hrepich has returned from a visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 16 Dec 1916; item: “The Watsonville high school basketball team defeated a team representing Company L at the Y.M.C.A. Wednesday evening...The local team will line up as follows: Harold Mundhenk, center; Louis [Lewis] Lettunich and Willard Wittner, guards; Lester McGowan and Howard Morse, forwards...”

EP; 18 Dec 1916; item: “Peter Sersen, formerly of this city, is a visitor here from San Francisco and Sacramento.”

EP; 19 Dec 1916; notice: “Notice is hereby given that the

persons hereinafter named have applied to the Board of Alderman of the City of Watsonville for Liquor Licenses of the City of Watsonville for the year commencing January 1, 1917, for the place of business set opposite their respective names, to-wit:

“Retail Liquor Licenses:

“Central Grocery Company, a corporation, 240 Main Street; Andrew Strazicich, Geo. Copriviza, and Nick Alaga, co-partners doing business under the firm name of City Grocery Company, 307 Main Street...Geo. Hrepich, 257-259 Main Street...Nick Lamat, 265 Main Street; Mateo Lettunich, 310 Walker St...John Sapro, 463 Main Street...Andrew Strazicich, 318 Walker St.; Antone Vukich, 300 Walker Street; John Zar, 300 Main Sreet...”

EP; 19 Dec 1916; item: “Mrs. John Stanovich left yesterday for New York City where she will visit for several months with her parents.”

EP; 20 Dec 1916; item: “RESETAR BROS. SUED ON APPLE CONTRACT. A complaint was filed today by Attorneys George W. Smith and J. A. Hall in the case of N. W. Tarlton against Mitchell and Mike Resetar.

“The complaint alleges that on Aug. 25, 1914, he entered into a contract with Resetar Bros. whereby the defendants promised to handle, grade, pack and place on cars apples. He alleges he delivered to the defendants at their packing house 640 boxes of Bellefleur apples, 955 boxes of Bellefleur apples, 650 boxes Newtown Pippins, 812 boxes Newtown Pippins, 830 boxes Newtown Pippins and 356 boxes of sweet cider apples.

“Defendants have refused to render an accounting and the plaintiff alleges the defendants received in excess of 35 cents a box for the apples. The plaintiff asks for an accounting, etc.—Santa Cruz Surf.”

EP; 21 Dec 1916; item: “APPLIES FOR CITIZENSHIP. George Gagar [Vegar], a native of Austria, residing near Corralitos, applied for citizenship yesterday. He arrived in New York on Aug. 10, 1901. His witnesses are Charles R. Look and George W. Smith of Santa Cruz, and G. Hushbeck and John Payton of Watsonville.”

EP; 21 Dec 1916; item: “G. Chukovich vs. Stephen Scurich—Transcript of docket on appeal.”

EP; 21 Dec 1916; item: “Estate of Jacob Matulich, deceased—Katie Matulich appointed administratrix with bond fixed at \$100.”

EP; 22 Dec 1916; item: “District Attorney George W. Smith, County Surveyor Bowman and Sheriff Howard Trafton were over here today getting evidence in the case of Wm. O’Brien, Jr., and John Strazicich, charged with a felonious assault. Owing to Mr. Frank Gates’ illness, caused by the explosion at the Y.M.C.A. Wednesday, the

case is likely to be continued for a short time until Mr. Gates gets around again, as he is a witness for the prosecution. Dr. Wayland informed Mr. Smith, today, that Mr. Gates would not be able to be in attendance on next Wednesday, the 27th, when the case was to be called, but would be able to be out a week from that time unless something unforeseen should intervene.”

EP; 23 Dec 1916; item: “A few of the classes in the local primary school gave Christmas programs yesterday...”

“The pupils of the high first grade class, taught by Mrs. A. E. A. White, gave a very delightful entertainment, the program of which follows:...recitation, ‘Christmas is Loving and Giving,’ Anna Krall [formerly Kralj]...recitation, ‘All the Children Sleeping,’ Mary Abuljan [Obyen/Obuljen]...dialogue, ‘What Are You Going to Be?’ George Krall, Manuel Cruz, Peter Lasich and Belton Waltrip...”

EP; 27 Dec 1916; item: “LITTLE GIRL ENTERTAINS. Miss Anna Cikuth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Cikuth, gave a party at her home on East Lake Avenue last Sunday afternoon in honor of her 10th birthday anniversary. All president had a jolly time, those in attendance being the Misses Anna Cikuth, Edith Rickard, Evelyn Quinn, Francis Batchelder, Ruth Driscoll, Ruth Scurich, Anna Scurich, Katie Stolich, Marion Blohm, Rachael and May Cikuth and Master Peter Knego, Jr.”

EP; 27 Dec 1916; item: “Owing to the inability of Secretary Frank Gates of the local Y.M.C.A. to be present today the hearing of Willie O’Brien and John Strazicich, the local youths who attempted to rape a local girl a few weeks ago, was postponed in the juvenile court at Santa Cruz until January 3rd. Gates is a witness in the case.”

EP; 27 Dec 1916; honorary promotions: Many of the pupils in the city public schools have won promotion at the end of the mid-term without examinations. This gave them honorary promotion. The list follows:

“To high 8th from low 8th: Anna Knego, Kathryn Strazicich; high 6th from low 6th: Willie Sambrailo; high 5th from low 5th: Ned Gluhan; low 4th from high 4th: John Miljanich; high 4th from low 4th: Martin Franich; low 4th from high 3rd: Peter Copriviza; high 2nd from low 2nd: Polly Franich, Mike Resetar, Stephen Scurich; low 2nd from high 1st: Peter Knego; high 1st from low 1st: George Krall, Peter Lasich, Johnnie Gurash, George Kralj, Chris Pavisha; low 1st from kindergarten: Tony Pavlovitch.

EP; 27 Dec 1916; item: “Licenses for 29 saloons and two wholesale houses were granted last night by the board of aldermen, there being no protests filed against any of the applications and none of them being questioned. The saloons will pay the usual \$500 a year...”

EP; 28 Dec 1916; promotions: From High 8th to High School: Charles Sambrailo; Low 8th to High 8th: Mark Rilovich; High 7th to Low 8th: Katie Arbanas; Low 7th to High 7th: Ione Dubreta; High 6th to Low 7th: Stephen Nemanich; Low 6th to High 6th: Nellie Puhiera; High 5th to Low 6th: Mary Glage; Low 5th to High 5th: Tom Arbanas, Tony Scurich, Nick Dubreta; Low 4th to High 4th: Mary Castropelli, Nick Radimir, Marie Rilovich; High 3rd to Low 4th: Anna Scurich, Martin Grizich; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Peter Knego; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Mary Lucich, Louis Lucich; High 1st to Low 2nd: George Navacovich [Novacovich], Paul Obuljen, Steve Pekoock, Minnie Salmonovich [Salamunovich]; Low 1st to High 1st: Anna Krall, Mary Obuljen, Joe Pavlovich, George Craul [Krall/Kralj], Mitchell Kralj, Louis Pavisha.

EP; 29 Dec 1916; obit: “Mrs. Hazel Matulich, daughter of John M. Morris of this valley, died this morning in this city, at the age of 26 years. She was a native of this state and was well known in this city. Her many friends will learn of the death of the estimable woman with deep regret. The body is at the mortuary chapel of the Burland Undertaking Company but the funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Mrs. Matulich came here a short time ago from Hollister and lived with her father on the Rider ranch on the Highland Way.”

EP; 29 Dec 1916; item: “E. B. Rilovich will leave tomorrow for San Francisco to enjoy New Year’s in the metropolis.”

EP; 29 Dec 1916; obit: “Watsonville, Dec. 29, 1916, Mrs. Hazel Matulich, a native of California, aged 26 years.”

EP; 29 Dec 1916; item: “Declaration of homestead: Sam Margaretich—Lot on Watsonville Heights.”

EP; 29 Dec 1916; item: “N. Botto & Co. vs. John Doe Korich, et al.—Demurrer.”

EP; 30 Dec 1916; item: “Manager George Hrepich of the California Restaurant has made elaborate plans for a big time at his grill tomorrow evening in honor of New Year’s Eve and many table reservations have been made. Mr. Hrepich has engaged a clever cabaret team of three people from San Francisco and continuous music will also be furnished by McEwen’s Orchestra...”

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EP; 2 Jan 1917; born: “Watsonville, Dec. 29, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Capitanich, a daughter.” [*Margaret*; +1992]

EP; 3 Jan 1917; item: “M. W. Tarlton vs. Mitchell Resetar et al.—Demurrer.”

EP; 4 Jan 1917; item: "(Special to Pajaronian) SANTA CRUZ, January 4...The hearing of Willie O'Brien and John Strazicich, the two Watsonville boys accused of attempting to rape a young Watsonville girl on a country road near that city a few weeks ago, is on before Superior Judge Knight in the juvenile court here today. The hearing is being held behind closed doors in the supervisors' rooms, the defense invoking their right under the law to have the hearing as secret as possible. The girl in the case was on the stand all morning and after she had been dismissed Chief of Police Whitsitt of Watsonville went on the stand to identify certain exhibits in the case, after which Frank E. Gates, secretary of the Watsonville Y.M.C.A., went on the stand.

"A large number of prominent Watsonville citizens are in Santa Cruz as alleged character witnesses for the two defendants and the indications are that the case will not be completed today. District Attorney Smith and Deputy District Attorney Seevers represent the prosecution. Attorney A. W. Sans of Watsonville represents Strazicich..."

EP; 4 Jan 1917; item: "G. Chukovich vs. Stephen Scurich—Trial set for Jan. 19."

EP; 4 Jan 1917; born: "In Watsonville, Jan. 3, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. V. Vukasovich, a daughter." [*Nellie*; +2001; married *Mir*]



Fig. 5-14.
Nellie Vukasovich.

EP; 4 Jan 1917; class. ad: "FOR RENT—Two modern stores, 17x80, new fire proof building. Suitable for any business. Opposite City Hall, Main street. For further particulars inquire F. P. MARINOVICH, phone 395R."

EP; 4 Jan 1917; class. ad: "GOOD HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS everything furnished complete. Inquire of STEPHEN SCURICH, Central Hotel."

EP; 5 Jan 1917; item: "(Special to Pajaronian) Santa Cruz, Jan. 5...The hearing in the case of The People vs. Willie O'Brien and John Strazicich, the two Watsonville youths accused of attempted rape, was postponed until... next Monday...After yesterday's hearing Judge Knight pronounced both young men guilty of the offense as charged but agreed to delay his sentence until this morning. Sentence will not now be announced until next Monday afternoon at the least."

"(The Pajaronian learned from a reliable source this afternoon that the case was postponed because of the serious illness of the assaulted girl. She returned from

Santa Cruz last night in a highly nervous and hysterical state and was prostrated all night. When her condition became known this morning it was deemed best to postpone the case until Monday when the girl is expected to be sufficiently recovered to be present at the hearing.)"

EP; 5 Jan 1917; item: "SOCIAL DANCE. At I.O.O.F. hall, given by the Austrian-American Benevolent Society, on Saturday evening, Jan. 6th. Admission, free; good music; refreshments will be served. All invited."

EP; 6 Jan 1917; county supervisors, payments: "County Fund: ...Novicich [Novcich], Jack, insurance: \$46.80..."

EP; 8 Jan 1917; item: "(Special to Pajaronian.) Santa Cruz, Jan. 8...The case of Willie O'Brien and John Strazicich, the two Watsonville youths accused of assault, was today postponed until Monday, January 15...at which time arguments by council will be made."

EP; 8 Jan 1917; item: "Luke George Barkan [Bachan] has filed application for citizenship. He resides at 48 West Third St., Watsonville, and first arrived in New York Oct. 7, 1907. His witnesses are George W. Smith of Santa Cruz and Peter Vorvodich [Vojvodich], George Copriviza and Stephen Scurich of Watsonville.—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 9 Jan 1917; born: "Watsonville, Jan. 8, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich, a daughter." [*Anne*; +1969]

EP; 9 Jan 1917; item: "Peter Gurash vs. George R. Bubresko—Trial reset for Feb. 23."

EP; 9 Jan 1917; class. ad: "THE PARTY who took geese from Port Watsonville, better return them and avoid arrest. CENTRAL GROCERY CO."

EP; 11 Jan 1917; item: "The following boys were admitted to St. Francis School [orphanage], Watsonville, from April 1st to December 31st, 1916: ...Michael Matisevich, 12 yrs...Luke Glavenich, 13 yrs; Martin Glavenich, 10 yrs..."

EP; 11 Jan 1917; disp. ad:

TRY OUR
8-YEAR OLD
Zinfandel
at \$1.10 per gal.
FINE OLD
Muscat Wine
at \$1.50 per gal.
And all other Table Wines.
City Grocery Co.
307 Main St. Phone 63.

EP; 13 Jan 1917; item: “A horse owned by Lawrence Lutich of Green Valley was accidentally choked to death on West Lake Avenue shortly before noon today. The horse, which was attached to a buggy, had been tied to a hitching post and in some manner it fell on the curbing, the rope being short enough to choke the horse to death.”

EP; 13 Jan 1917; item: “The El Pajaro Debating Society held a special meeting last Monday to receive some new members and elect officers for the third quarter of the term...The president appointed Lloyd Smith, Elmer Faul and Miss Helen Strazicich on the program committee...”

EP; 13 Jan 1917; ALL: N. Boscovich.

EP; 15 Jan 1917; item: “MARRIAGE REPORTED. The report was current here today that Nicholas M. Lettunich, son of Mateo Lettunich, and Miss Pauline Strazicich, daughter of Mrs. Katherine Strazicich, were married last Saturday but confirmation of the report could not be secured by the Pajaronian. It was again reported that the marriage took place this morning in Nevada.” *[this is the first marriage of a 2nd generation Croatian couple—both were born in Watsonville]*

EP; 16 Jan 1917; born: “In Watsonville, Jan. 4, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Secondo, a daughter.” *[Mildred]*



Fig. 5-15. Mildred Secondo.

EP; 16 Jan 1917; married: “Tonopah, Nev., Jan. 15, 1917, Nicholas M. Lettunich and Miss Pauline Strazicich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 19 Jan 1917; article: “BOYS GET THREE YEARS. A three years’ term in some disciplinary school in California or a similar term in some state reform school if such a school as that first named cannot be found, and banishment from Watsonville for the next three years in any event, was the sentence passed out this afternoon in Santa Cruz by [Superior] Judge Knight to Willie O’Brien and John Strazicich, the two Watsonville youths, found guilty of attempted rape.

“The two boys are to remain at the detention home in Santa Cruz, as the wards of the Juvenile Court of this county, until some disciplinary school in the state can be found to send them to, but if no such home as described by Judge Knight can be found the boys will have to serve their sentence in one of the reform schools.

“Under no circumstance whatever, are the boys to visit Watsonville for any purpose within three years. Judge Knight stated that he did not wish to send the boys to a

state reform school if some other kind of school could be found but unless such an institution could be located he would direct that the youths be sent to Ione or Whittier.

“If a school is found that satisfies Judge Knight, the tuition of the boys at such disciplinary school will have to be paid by their relatives.

“During the entire three years it was ordered...that both boys should remain as wards and under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court of this county.”

EP; 19 Jan 1917; item: “Supervisor S. C. Marcus is in Sacramento today on county business. District Attorney George W. Smith accompanied Mr. Marcus to the capital.”

EP; 20 Jan 1917; ALL: Gorgi Draskovich, Geo. Gospodnetich, G. J. Gospodnetich, L. Perovich, Nick Lazarovich [Lazarevich].

EP; 20 Jan 1917; obit: “At Hollister, Jan. 17, 1917, Antone Petrinovich, aged 55 years, a native of Austria.”

EP; 23 Jan 1917; article: “Fearful that he would be apprehended by some foreign consul and sent back to the European continent there to be drafted by the mother country into service in the trenches as a soldier of her colonies, is thought to have been the motive of John Missiori, a young foreigner, in concealing his identity by not asking for aid.

“He was found sick unto death on the streets last Thursday by Chief of Police Hannah and was rushed to the county hospital, where he died Saturday of quick pneumonia.

“The only possible clue to the man’s home and nationality is the address of his mother left on a slip of paper in the hands of Superintendent Crews of the hospital. The paper was shown to George Carstulovich of the Saddle Rock restaurant, a man of Austrian extraction. Mr. Carstulovich could not read it, and believes from the style of the writing that the man is a native of one of the Balkan states, probably Serbia or Montenegro.

“Missiori left the continent in 1914 and from his attitude in answering questions put to him by Supt. Crews it was concluded that he feared being drafted by Russia into service on the firing line.—Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 24 Jan 1917; item: “Abgrosine Mano vs. Celeste Mortizia et al.—Case submitted and parties granted time to furnish authorities.”

EP; 24 Jan 1917; item: “Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Motion of plaintiff for leave to submit further testimony is granted.”

EP; 24 Jan 1917; article: “...[T]he school children of this city sold 9831 Red Cross stamps during the Christmas

holidays, the sum realized from the sale being \$98.31... All the money has been turned over by Mr. McQuiddy to the Society for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis... Those winning awards were the following: ...E. C. White's pupils: Martin Franich, Marie Rilovich...M. Byrd's pupils: Nick Dubretta, Ned Gluhan...A. Lyon's pupils: Tony Scurich..."

EP; 26 Jan 1917; item: "Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Stipulation accepting affidavit of plaintiff to set aside submission of this [case] on Jan. 22, as testimony that would be given by plaintiff; upon filing of this stipulation the evidence shall be deemed submitted."

EP; 29 Jan 1917; item: "The El Pajaro Debating Society held a regular meeting Friday morning for the purpose of debate. The question under discussion was: Resolved that the President of the United States should be elected for a term of six years and should not be eligible to reelection. Affirmative speakers were Elmer Plaskett, Alice Rowen, Lloyd Smith; the negative[s] Helen Strazicich, Lillian Thiltgen and William Marinovich. The judges decided in favor of the negative, the three best speakers being Elmer Plaskett, Helen Strazicich and William Marinovich."

EP; 30 Jan 1917; item: "Says this morning's San Jose Mercury: According to the complaint filed with the superior court yesterday, John D. Murphy is suing N. V. Lettunich for more than \$3000 on a promissory note. The plaintiff states that January 28, 1913, the defendant delivered his promissory note to him for \$2935.12, at Watsonville, payable one day after date. He further alleges that no part of the principle had been paid, nor interest at 10 per cent annum from the date of deliverance. The plaintiff is therefore seeking judgment for \$2935.12 with interest at 10 per cent from January 28, 1913, compounded annually, and \$200 as attorney's fees."

EP; 1 Feb 1917; disp. ad:

FOR GOOD EATS
visit the
CALIFORNIA
RESTAURANT
253-255-259 Main Street
George Hrepich, Proprietor
High-class Food—Excellent Service
One Meal Makes You a Steady Customer.

EP; 2 Feb 1917; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith has prepared a county ordinance for the regulation of pool rooms outside of incorporated towns, which he will present to the board of supervisors... There are seven or eight pool rooms that will be affected. The strongest point in the ordinance prohibits the presence of any person in these pool rooms under the age of 21 years. This conforms with the ruling made by Attorney General

Webb that it is unlawful for any person under that age to enter a pool room."

EP; 3 Feb 1917; **Notes from High School:** "The Deutscher Verein held an enthusiastic meeting Tuesday evening. The program was as follows: Initiation of new members, Gladys Andrews, Katherine Martin, Anita Englehart and Lewis Lettunich..."

EP; 3 Feb 1917; class. ad: "FOR RENT—Several houses of from 4 to 6 rooms; one with large barn with 4 stalls. All centrally located with all modern improvements, rent very reasonable. Some furnished. Inquire of STEPHEN SCURICH, Central Grocery Co., or 265 E. Third Street."

EP; 5 Feb 1917; article: "An 'afternoon of music' was the excellent entertainment given the members of the Woman's Club that were fortunate enough to attend Saturday afternoon's meeting in the Presbyterian hall... There was but one instrumentalist on the program. Miss Mabel Curnow of the Moreland Notre Dame Academy, whose marked talent as a violinist won her the favor of all, who rendered her various numbers in an artistic manner and whose sympathetic interpretations of two classical selections stamped her as a clever young violinist. She was accompanied on the piano, in a most charming manner by Miss Anna Scurich (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Scurich) also a pupil of Notre Dame academy..."

"...A ladies' trio, Mrs. O. D. Stoesser, Mrs. G. P. Jennings and Mrs. W. H. Volck, rendered the 'Gypsy Serenade' by Ambrose in an enjoyable manner..."

EP; 5 Feb 1917; item: "**Referee in Bankruptcy.** H. J. Bias has made an order in the matter of J. P. Mascovich of Watsonville, a bankrupt, declaring the first dividend of five per cent for the creditors."

EP; 5 Feb 1917; obit: "Miss Anna Vukich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vukich of this city, died in Oakland last Friday after a short illness. The deceased was a native of Klamath, Amador county, and was aged 25 years, 2 months and 29 days. All of her life had been spent in California and had visited relatives in Watsonville upon several occasions. Besides her parents she is survived by two sisters, Lucy and Marie Vukich, and four brothers, Peter, John, Nicholas and Lawrence Vukich, all of Watsonville. The deceased was a charming young lady and many friends of this city will mourn her death. Interment was made in Oakland."

EP; 6 Feb 1917; board of aldermen, payments: "...Labor: M. Glech, \$79.25...Supplies: ...Central Electric Co. \$54.80...California Restaurant, \$29..."

EP; 6 Feb 1917; item: "Mike Resetar et al. vs. I. Harband—Action transferred to superior court of Los Angeles county."

EP; 8 Feb 1917; article: “MRS. M. SMITH IS CALLED BY DEATH. The sad news of the death at San Jose this morning of Mrs. Mary Smith of this city, mother of District Attorney George W. Smith, was received here today. Mrs. Smith had been in failing health for a long time past and was removed to San Jose a short time ago in the hope that the change might improve her condition. The deceased was a native of Austria and was aged 55 years. She came here with her children in 1898 and had resided here ever since, having lived for many years on West Fifth street. Mrs. Smith was a woman of high character and pleasing personality and was respected by all who knew her. She was a hard working, industrious woman and raised a family of four children, who are all highly regarded in the community. The death of Mrs. Smith will be mourned by all that knew the estimable woman. She was a very charitable woman, always ready to assist where she could be of assistance.

“Besides District Attorney Smith she is survived by two daughters, Mamie and Florence Smith, and another son, Sidney Smith, all of whom reside in this city at the family residence on West Fifth street.

“The funeral will be held tomorrow morning in San Jose from St. Patrick’s church...”

SC Evening News; 8 Feb 1917; article: “Mrs. Mary Smith, mother of District Attorney George W. Smith, passed away early this morning at a hospital in San Jose after being a patient sufferer from cancer for the past six weeks. At her bedside when the end came were the district attorney and her two daughters, the Misses Florence and May Smith of Watsonville. Another son, an employee of the Southern Pacific company, resides in the Apple city...”

EP; 8 Feb 1917; obit: “San Jose, Feb. 8, 1917, Mrs. Mary Smith, a native of Austria, aged 55 years.” [*her maiden name was Milanović, from Brsečine, Primorje*]

EP; 8 Feb 1917; honor roll: High 6th: Willie Sambrailo; High 5th: Tony Scurich, Tom Arbanas; Low 5th: John Miljanich; High 4th: Martin Franich, Mary Matson; Low 4th: Peter Coprivina [Copriviza]; Low 3rd: Minnie Salmonovich [Salamunovich], Peter Knego, George Novacovich, George Gera; High 2nd: Polly Franich, Stephen Scurich, Mike Resetar, Louis Lucich.

EP; 8 Feb 1917; item: “Fred Beck vs. John Orepich [Hrepich] et al—Order for subpoena for appearance on Feb. 19.”

EP; 8 Feb 1917; born: “In Santa Cruz, Feb. 7, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Stipovich, a son.” [*Richard*]

EP; 9 Feb 1917; item: “Fred Beck vs. John Hrepich et al.—Order extending time to answer.”

EP; 9 Feb 1917; item: “Sidney Smith left this morning to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, held at San Jose.”

EP; 9 Feb 1917; item: “Among the Watsonville people at the funeral of Mrs. Mary Smith at San Jose this morning were Alderman P. A. Callaghan, City Clerk M. M. Swisher, City Attorney A. W. Sans, J. G. Piratsky, George Hrepich, Deputy District Attorney Clay W. Seevers, J. Simunovich, Peter Stolich, F. P. Marinovich, Peter Resetar and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Scurich.”

EP; 10 Feb 1917; ALL: Steve Cupich.

EP; 10 Feb 1917; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Emil Strazicich have departed for a visit with relatives at Los Angeles.”

EP; 10 Feb 1917; obit: “In Loped [Lopud], Austria, Feb. 8, 1917, Mrs. Mary Labas, a native of Austria, aged 71 years. Deceased was the mother of Mrs. Wm. Sersen and John Labos [Labas], both of Monterey.”

EP; 10 Feb 1917; item: “District Attorney George W. Smith was over from Santa Cruz today, and expressed his appreciation, as well as that of his brother and sisters, for the many evidences of sympathy on the part of the people of this valley and Santa Cruz, shown during their recent bereavement, the death of their mother. He speaks in very grateful terms of the members of the B.P.O.E.; also of San Jose Council of the Knights of Columbus, who did everything in their power to assist and furnished the pallbearers for the funeral.”

EP; 10 Feb 1917; item: “John Vucinich of this city was sent to the county jail for 60 days by Police Judge Bridgewater this morning on a charge of vagrancy and while Vucinich is at the county seat he will be examined as to his sanity. He has been acting peculiarly for several weeks past and Chief of Police Whitsitt decided yesterday afternoon to arrest the man and find out whether he was a mental defective or not.”

EP; 10 Feb 1917; county supervisors, payments: “...General Fund: ...Jack Novicich [Novcich], \$58.50...Mitchell Secondo, \$4...Indigent Sick Fund: ...Central Grocery Co., \$24.90... City Grocery Co., \$32.25...”

EP; 12 Feb 1917; item: “Mrs. T. M. Kissich entertained, last Saturday afternoon, at her residence, on West Lake Avenue, a number of little tots, in honor of the third birthday of her niece, Anna Stolich. Games and music helped to while away the afternoon, during which dainty refreshments were served. Each little guest was presented with a valentine. Those present were: Anna Copriviza, Bessie and Francis Graves, Mary and Lucy Kalich, Katie Stolich, Siaeta [*sic*] Simunovich, Eleanor and Anna Stol-

ich, Stanley Secondo, John Kiely, Pete Stolich, Marion Stolich, Edward Dicklich, Ralph Peterson, George Copri-
viza, and Mesdames P. Secondo, N. P. Stolich, J. Balovich and T. M. Kissich.”

EP; 13 Feb 1917; item: “The annual banquet and reunion of the Watsonville Fire Department will be held at the California Restaurant on the evening of Thursday, February 22d. The firemen and their wives and lady friends are looking forward to a jolly time as usual and the committee of arrangements is planning for a successful affair. The members of the committee are Fire Chief Lawrence Sandberg, Frank Lasher, Mike Nirich, M. S. Machado, William Johnson, L. S. Lancaster and Lee W. Shelby.”

EP; 13 Feb 1917; item: “Mary Lettis vs. Vuko Perovich—Complain in suit to collect promissory note for \$390 with interest and costs.”

EP; 14 Feb 1917; item: “Nicholas Zar of Los Angeles, a former local resident, is visiting here for a few days.”

EP; 15 Feb 1917; item: “G. Chuckovich vs. Stephen Scurich—Opinion accompanying order for judgment to neither side and each to pay his own costs.”

EP; 15 Feb 1917; item: “Peter Gurash vs. George R. Bubresko—Trial re-set for Feb. 23.”

EP; 17 Feb 1917; item: “Alfonso Matulich has retired from the Watsonville Bakery at 436 Main street and Messrs. George Bubresko and V. Lister have taken over the place. Messrs. Bubresko and Lister are both well known in this city and have many friends. They are assured of the best wishes of all that know them.”

EP; 17 Feb 1917; ALL: Tony Banko, Nick Lazarovich.

EP; 17 Feb 1917; item: “Fred Beck vs. John Orepich [Hrepich] et al.—Answer and cross complaint of defendant Orepich.”

EP; 17 Feb 1917; item: “Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Judgment that Pajaro Valley National bank is entitled to first lien for the full amount of its mortgage.”

EP; 19 Feb 1917; item: “The following new officers for the Watsonville Woman’s Club have been nominated by the nominating committee of the club, the officers to be installed on May 19th: Mrs. H. M. Tenny, president; Mrs. Roy V. Bailey, vice president; Mrs. O. D. Stoesser, recording secretary; Miss Julia Stoesser, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. H. Haack, treasurer.”

EP; 19 Feb 1917; item: “Franich Brothers have purchased

a 105 foot frontage and a packing house on the Kearney street extension from the Hihn-Hammond Lumber Co. The new owners intend to improve their property.”

EP; 20 Feb 1917; item: “Fred Beck vs. John Hrepich et al.—Order extending time to answer complaint.”

EP; 20 Feb 1917; item: “Hihn-Hammond Lumber Co. to John Franich et al.—Lot on S.E. side Kearney St. Ext., Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 21 Feb 1917; item: “Mrs. G. Sassilo and son, George Paulovich have returned from a visit to San Jose.”

EP; 22 Feb 1917; item: “George J. Paulovich, the man who was unable to tell his name when taken into custody by the officers, and who has been in the city prison nearly a week, was yesterday called for by his mother and step-father, residents of Watsonville, to which place they took the man with the intention of giving him special medical attention.—San Jose Mercury.”

EP; 22 Feb 1917; item: “Notice of action: Mary E. Caddy vs. Edward B. Cikuth et als—Lot on Watsonville Heights.”

EP; 26 Feb 1917; ALL: L. Perovich.

EP; 27 Feb 1917; item: “B. W. Lorigan to Martin Papac—18 acres in Soquel Ro.”

EP; 27 Feb 1917; item: “Stane J. Cikuth et al vs. Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Ltd.—Amended complaint.”

EP; 27 Feb 1917; item: “Fred Beck vs. John Hrepich et al.—Answer to complaint.”

EP; 27 Feb 1917; item: “Mitchell Tomosovich [Tomasovich], who was arrested last night...for disturbing the peace, the complaint being sworn to before Judge Bridgewater by Peter Miller, had his case continued until...tomorrow morning when he appeared in court today. A dispute over house rent that Tomosovich alleges was due him from Miller is believed to have caused the peace disturbance that caused Tomosovich’s arrest.”

EP; 27 Feb 1917; item: “The civil action of the Central Grocery Company vs. M. Tomosovich [Tomasovich] is on before Judge Hawkins today in the justice court, the case involving a \$122.17 grocery bill that the store alleges is [owed] by the defendant...”

EP; 2 Mar 1917; item: “Guardianship and estate of Pauline Colendich et al., minors—Petition for provision for support of minors.”

EP; 2 Mar 1917; born: “Watsonville, March 1, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Bakich, a son.” [Peter]

EP; 2 Mar 1917; article: “Count George Carstulovich received a letter on Wednesday from his brother in Austria that was over 13 months in reaching its final destination, says the Santa Cruz Surf. The letter was mailed on Jan. 31, 1915, but the strict censorship prevailing in the war ridden countries caused the unusual delay. The mark of the censor was on the letter, showing it had been opened and news not satisfactory was obliterated by heavy dark lines, but not so badly as to prevent the genial count from observing what his brother desired to be interpreted regarding war conditions.”

EP; 3 Mar 1917; item: “Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Substitution of Edward J. Kelly as attorneys for certain defendants in place of Albert Dickerman, deceased.”

EP; 3 Mar 1917; item: “Estate of Jacob Matulich, deceased—Petition to set aside whole estate to widow; hearing set for March 19.”

EP; 5 Mar 1917; born: “Watsonville, March 4, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin B. Procuriva [Procuriza], a son.” [Walter; +1957]

EP; 5 Mar 1917; notice: “**Certificate of Partnership.** We, Mike Resetar and Mitchell Resetar, do each hereby certify:

“That we are partners engaged in business, having our principal place of business at the City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, under the firm name and style of Resetar Bros., and that the names in full of all the members of said partnership and their places of residence are as follows: Mike Resetar, residing at number 30 Kearny Street, in the city of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, and Mitchell Resetar, residing at number 127 West Fifth Street in said City of Watsonville, County and State aforesaid.

“In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 3rd day of March, One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen.

“MIKE RESETAR, MITCHELL RESETAR.”

EP; 5 Mar 1917; article: “Miss Katie Stolich was the honored guest at a party held Saturday afternoon at the Peter Stolich house at 166 West Fifth Street, the party being in honor of her twelfth birthday. Everyone present had a jolly time and the party was a complete success. Those in attendance were Anna Scurich, Frances Batchelder, Rachael and Anna Cikuth, Mildred Peterson, Mabel Christensen, Nellie Capitanich, Frances Hrepich, Florence Simonovich [Simonovich], Elenor Stolich, Mike Resetar, Edward Diklich, and Katie, Peter and Marion Stolich.”

EP; 6 Mar 1917; item: “Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kalich have returned from San Francisco.”

EP; 7 Mar 1917; item: “Decree terminating life estate of Mary Smith, deceased—Lot 35, Walker’s Sub. No. 1, Watsonville.” [George W. Smith’s mother]

EP; 7 Mar 1917; article: “**SPUR TRACK IS FAVOR-ED...Upper Walker Street Residents Win Fight at Last; Third Time Lucky.** After listening to arguments pro and con from lawyers, citizens and members of their own body for over two hours last night the board of aldermen unanimously went on record as being in favor of the construction of an industrial spur track down the center of upper Walker street from West Lake Avenue to Ford street, the granting of this privilege, however, to be conditional upon the acceptance by the petitioners asking for the spur under certain restrictions and regulations.

“This is the third time that the Walker street spur proposition has been a bone of contention before the aldermen. The last big fight was in July, 1911, when the petition was denied. Attorney J. E. Gardner, who represented the Hihn-Hammond Lumber Company at that time, which concern was opposed to the spur, was representing the same firm and taking the same stand last night but Attorney Edward J. Kelly, who was associated with Attorney Gardner on behalf of the protestants from the San Andreas district six years ago, was on the other side last night as attorney for the petitioners.

“After the petition of Peter Stolich and others asking for the spur had been read Attorney Gardner introduced two protests, one signed by the Hihn-Hammond Co., and 68 other firms and residents of the territory contiguous to Walker, Kearney, Sixth, Fifth streets and Lake Avenue, and the other was signed by 32 residents of the San Andreas district, who claimed that upper Walker street was their only direct route into this city.

“The first petition was signed by the Hihn-Hammond Lumber Co., Crown Cordial & Extract Co.; Mrs. John Leoni, H. P. Iverson, W. A. East, B. Arias, E. Y. Dollenmeyer, L. V. Willits Estate, A. G. Vyeda, Mrs. Nellie Heal, Mr. and Mrs. George Sassilo, S. N. Brinkworth, Grant Stewart, Ed. Rianda, Chris Bertelson, Mike Resetar, Secondo Brothers, B. F. Church, Andrew Holm, Franich Brothers, Mrs. E. E. Kyler, Mrs. L. Bakich, J. B. Foltz, J. K. Walker, Mrs. Lennie Walker, R. L. Hastings, Arthur Walker, Steve Knego, Mrs. M. Peterson, Mrs. E. L. Bradley, Mitchell Resetar, H. Bertelsen, Mrs. Bolton, M. V. Pista, Mrs. C. W. Stebbins, Mrs. E. T. Kephart, Mrs. Mae Fay, S. Kucher, C. E. Trafton, Peter P. Stolich, J. Simunovich, Hugh Kippen, Scampavia Brothers, Claude R. Fay, Rev. Father P. D. Hassett, Mrs. Kate Strazicich, E. B. Zar, Mrs. M. Puhiera, B. Pista, A. S. Pierce, P. Nirich, Albert Dethlefsen, Frank Saveria, John Pekoch, Boso Boskovich, Valley Evaporating Co., C. W. Stebbins, G. L. N. Johnson, E. T. Kephart, Mrs. R. H.

Pardee, Constance Pardee, R. H. Pardee, Watsonville Ice & Cold Storage Co., M. D. McDougall, Edward Kelly and I. A. Norriss.

"The San Andreas petition was signed by Peter Struve, F. Rehomaun, Henry Struve, C. E. Ford, A. Hartvigson, P. J. Storm, C. F. Storm, R. K. Dickson, C. M. Zils, Peter Leonard, E. C. Tlong, S. J. Gummow, John F. Sproule, A. J. Edwards, Chas. Silvarer, W. E. Rosmond, P. C. Galligan, Geo. Mackrell, H. H. Hill, J. G. McLellan, C. A. Still, F. Seigman, Mrs. N. Struve, C. M. Petersen, William Grul, Robert A. Carpenter, E. J. Rianda, A. Hartman, Mrs. J. L. Burton, A. McCall, M. Cunha and J. Laporte.

"Attorney Kelly in opening his argument for the petitioners conceded that Walker street was a public street but he argued that a public street should be used for the best interests of the public. It was his contention that the best use of Walker street was for spur track facilities. He pointed out that upper Walker is getting to be a packing house street, that it has ceased to possess value as a residence thoroughfare and that eventually the city must set it aside as solely an industrial street.

"Kelly argued that as a public highway from the country it was impassable in winter and little used and that the new road from the San Andreas district to the Beach road was not only a better all-the-year-round road but was just as short and handy for the San Andreas people. He argued further that it would not be fair to force the petitioners to pay for the privilege of having a spur on their street as it would work a hardship upon them that the situation did not warrant. Also he said it was not fair to compare upper Walker with lower Walker where through trains operate. He pointed out that in the winter time upper Walker would be little used by the railroad as the railroad would operate thereon practically only for a few months in the summer. He declared that the prominent and substantial business men of the community favored the spur track and to prove his point introduced the petition advocating the spur and signed by the following: Bank of Watsonville, W. R. Radcliff, H. S. Fletcher, Chas. Ford Co., Pajaro Valley National Bank, Pajaro Valley Mercantile Co., Tuttle Meat Co., P. J. Freiermuth Co., Central Grocery Co., Stephen Scurich, D. J. Daly, Raphael & Murphy, F. W. Ruppert, George W. Sill, W. J. Espindola, D. Alexander & Sons, L. S. Alexander, Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich, John F. Kane, E. Steinhauer and James Sheehy.

"In closing Mr. Kelly said the only detriment from a spur would be felt by the Hihn-Hammond Lumber Co., which had packing house lots on spurs to sell in its subdivision.

"Attorney Gardner then took the floor for the opposition. In opening his talk he stated that there was only one dryer and two packing houses on upper Walker representing less than a majority of the frontage on the street that asked for the spur while three other packing house

firms on the street were opposed to the spur.

"The streets do not belong to the board, to the city, to the petitioners or to those objecting to the spur,' said Mr. Gardner, 'they belong to the people at large. The man living in the country has as much right to travel on the streets as have the people in the city. Before you can grant the use of a public street to a corporation [or] any group of individuals you must first satisfy yourselves that there are good reasons for granting such a privilege, that these reasons are sound in principle and that it would be a sound business proposition. Twice before the board has denied the privilege for a spur track on upper Walker and the same reasons are advanced for the spur today. Let us look into these reasons for a moment.

"In the first place is it necessary to have a spur on that street? At present we have one dryer and four packing houses on upper Walker and two of the latter are opposed to the spur. If it is necessary to build a spur on Walker street to serve two packing houses and a dryer how about the other streets in the vicinity that have many more industrial plants? There are eleven packing houses on Kearney, Fifth and Sixth streets and any one of them has a bigger tonnage than any on upper Walker.

"They say that upper Walker is the natural location for a packing house district. The natural place is on a railroad and why is upper Walker better located than Second, Third or even First streets, west of Walker streets? How about the lands west of the Hihn-Hammond Lumber Co. on the railroad where there is plenty of open land on the tracks that can be bought on an acreage basis?

"They tell you that by refusing to grant a spur track you will be discriminating in favor of the packers on lower Walker. If you grant a spur track on upper Walker are you not discriminating against the packers on West Lake Avenue, Kearney, Fifth and Sixth streets? They say, too, that unless you consider upper Walker there is no other room for packing houses except the Hihn-Hammond tract. On lower Walker you will find over 1000 feet of available frontage for packing houses that is not now used for industrial purposes.

"The real reason behind the petition for the spur track is that the petitioners want the city to give them something for nothing so that they can increase the value of their lands on that street. Their reasons are purely selfish and if they are honest they will admit the fact. The Hihn-Hammond Lumber Co. admits that it has lots to sell and that the value of these lots will be depreciated if the spur is granted on upper Walker. The Hihn-Hammond has thirty lots for sale, which all front on a macadamized street and are located on spur tracks, yet that company did not ask the city for anything when it developed its property. It paid for its own macadamized street, it paid for its own spur tracks and asked no favors from the city. I therefore do not feel that it is good business to give the petitioners something that the Hihn-Hammond Company had to pay for since the petitioners are competitors of the company.

“There is no necessity for a spur on upper Walker. Nobody will suffer if the privilege is not granted and many will suffer if it is granted. The San Andreas section is one of the most productive in the Valley and upper Walker street is its only logical entrance into the city.”

“At this Attorney Gardner was rudely interrupted by the fire bell, which caused a great disturbance for several minutes until the attorneys, aldermen, citizens and others present were satisfied that it was a fire and not an earthquake. ‘I knew John would start something,’ said City Attorney Sans and everyone had a good laugh for a moment to relieve the tension and Gardner continued:

“On lower Walker street a man can drive his team the whole length of the street and never cross a track but that cannot be done on upper Walker if the spur is granted. The spur track will greatly interfere with the hauling of produce from the San Andreas and will force the farmers in that section to drive over a third of a mile out of their way to haul their loads to the depot.’ Mr. Gardner then cited some statistics in regard to the San Andreas district, stating that the average yearly tonnage from that district was 3070 tons, the district annually hauling over upper Walker something like 600 tons of hay, 120 tons of oats, 100 tons of beans and 2250 tons of beets, potatoes and other products.

“Mr. Kelly in answering Mr. Gardner sarcastically referred to the Hihn-Hammond Co. as a corporation with a heart and his rebuttal address was filled throughout with sarcastic allusions to the lumber company, which he accused of fighting against the development of upper Walker because of selfishness. Mr. Kelly stated that if the spur was not granted[,] the street would be impassable anyhow for the farmers unless the street was improved at the expense of his clients. He said the San Andreas residents paid no money into the city treasury, would not contribute toward the improvement of the streets[,] yet if the petitioners paved upper Walker the country residents would enjoy all the benefits. He pleaded for the development of upper Walker, stating that all cities were granting spur tracks in order to develop certain sections. In referring to the 1000 foot of frontage on lower Walker mentioned by Mr. Gardner he said it was all in the flooded district and that no packing house would be built there unless it had to. In regard to the increase of \$20,000 in land values (as stated by Mr. Gardner) on upper Walker if the spur was granted[,] Mr. Kelly pointed out that if the property values in that part of town were increased the city would receive more taxes and instead of giving someone something for nothing the city would be gaining.

“Stephen Scurich spoke in favor of the spur, calling attention briefly to the advantages that would accrue to that section and ridiculing the idea of anyone building any more packing houses in the flooded district.

“Peter Galligan of the San Andreas spoke briefly and said the spur would be a detriment to the farmers in that section and would cause them great inconvenience.

“Alderman Lewis didn’t think it feasible or good business to grant the spur to individuals but thought it best to grant such a concession to a corporation such as the Southern Pacific. City Attorney Sans vouchsafed the same opinion and stated there might be trouble between the city and the petitioners in forcing the latter to pay for improving the street. However, before any definite steps were taken the board, if it decided to grant the spur, should get together and draft whatever restrictions and regulations it wanted to have apply in the case.

“Lewis thought the board should express its opinion in the matter in fairness to the parties interested and for one he favored a spur track on upper Walker. He said that street was destined to be a railroad street and that he believed in encouraging the development of that part of town. He then moved that it be the sense of the board to grant the spur track concession, Alderman Kane seconding the motion.

“Alderman Callaghan said it was the duty of the board to grant the spur on upper Walker but that no man present could say that Southern Pacific had lived up to its obligations on lower Walker.

“Mayor Trafton said it should be well understood from the start just what the motion meant, the mayor evidently having a wrong impression of the motion and believing that it meant granting the concession. He was set right in the matter by Lewis, who said it was only to find out how the board stood in the matter so that if the petitioners met the restrictions placed upon them by the city they would be reasonably assured the city would grant them the spur.

“Every member of the board then voted in favor of the spur and it was decided to draft the restrictions at the next meeting on March 20th.

“Very little other business was transacted. Mike Resetar was given permission to erect a \$1500 cottage at 28 Kearney street...”

EP; 8 Mar 1917; article: “SACRAMENTO, March 8... Vido Opusich, who was sentenced to prison for life from San Francisco, in 1900, for murder, and who was paroled in 1910...[was] pardoned by Governor Hiram Johnson, today.

“The above dispatch brought great happiness to Vido Opusich, of this city today. It has been a matter (the seeking of a pardon, and restoration to citizenship) that has engaged the attention of himself and friends for several years. Governor Johnson is a man who looks very carefully into the matter of granting pardons, and he has to be fully satisfied on many details and angles in each case, before he will consider them.

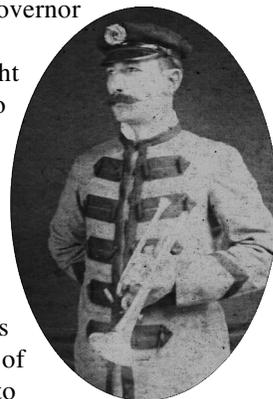


Fig. 5-16.
Vido Opusich
(1880-1939).

“The killing for which Opusich was sentenced, occurred in San Francisco, in 1900, and arose over the attentions that he and another man were paying to a young lady. Bad blood existed between them. One evening the girl, whilst being escorted by Opusich, was insulted by the other man. In the fight that ensued, Opusich was being badly slashed with a knife by his antagonist (he bears the scars today) when he shot the other man and killed him.

“He was tried, convicted, and sentenced for life. He was a model prisoner in the penitentiary, and this won for him a parole in 1910, after serving ten years.

“He came to this city some years ago, and has always conducted himself as a model citizen. Quiet, reserved, and attentive to those who depended upon him, he numbers among his friends the best people in this community. Everyone who knows him, likes him, and in conjunction with the Pajaronian, will rejoice at the exercise of the governor’s clemency which, in this case, was certainly not misplaced.—Ed. Pajaronian.”

EP; 9 Mar 1917; item: “Stane J. Cikuth et al. vs. Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society—Demurrer to amended complaint.”

EP; 10 Mar 1917; honor roll: High 8th: Kathryn Strazicich, Anna Knego; Low 6th: Mary Glage; High 5th: Tony Scurich, Tom Arbanas; Low 5th: John Miljanich; High 4th: Martin Tranich [Franich], Anna Glaze [Glage]; Low 4th: Peter Copriviza; High 2nd: Polly Franich, Mike Resetar, Stephen Scurich; Low 2nd: Minnie Salmonovich [Salamunovich], Mary Lasich, George Novacovich, George Gera, Peter Knego.

EP; 10 Mar 1917; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: ...George Hrepich, \$11.40...Jack Novich [Novcich], \$46.80...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Nicholas L. Lucich, \$3.75...”

EP; 10 Mar 1917; item: “**Notes from High School.** The following are the committees on commercial graduation: Picture quotations: ...Helen Strazicich...Will: ...William Marinovich...”

EP; 10 Mar 1917; item: “The El Pajaro Debating Society held a regular meeting Friday morning, the question for debate being: ‘Resolved: That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished.’ The affirmative speakers were Elmer Plaskett, Mary Hopkins and Nellie Hole; the negative, Thyra Larsen, Darius Eveland and William Marinovich. The judges awarded the decision to the affirmative...”

EP; 10 Mar 1917; item: “District Attorney Geo. W. Smith and wife of Santa Cruz were in town last evening and took in the performance of ‘The House of Glass’ at the T. & D. Theatre.”

EP; 12 Mar 1917; article: “Mrs. A. Steiner, who left late Saturday evening for her new home in Los Angeles, was the guest of honor at a farewell party held last Saturday night at the home of Mrs. L. Green on Sudden street. A very pleasant evening was spent with games and music and dainty refreshments were also served. Those present were Mesdames A. Steiner, L. Green, A. Krogh, W. D. Frazer, John Gerow, C. E. Hildebrandt, the Misses Lena, Angela, Irene and Lucille Strazicich and Messrs. Harry, George and Frank Steiner and Dean Hildebrandt.”

EP; 12 Mar 1917; item: “Michael Tomasovich [Tomasevich] et ux to M. Silvera Machado—Lot in Quinn’s subd., Watsonville.”

“E. W. McSherry et al., trustees to Michael Tomasovich et ux—Lot in Quinn’s subd., Watsonville.”

EP; 15 Mar 1917; article: “The Chicago Cubs and Spokane Indians are in town today to play their game at Loma Vista Park this afternoon...The Spokane team arrived here this morning in automobiles from San Jose, the Cubs arriving at noon from Oakland. Both teams are quartered at the Hotel Appleton and the Cubs expect to remain overnight.

“Among the players here today are such familiar names as...Luke Glavenich...The stores, offices and schools are closed for the game and everybody that can get away is at the game.”

EP; 16 Mar 1917; article: “The Chicago Cubs and Spokane Indians engaged in a game of baseball at Loma Vista Park yesterday afternoon before a large crowd, the Cubs winning by a score of 5 to 0...”

“Luke Glavenich, who formerly pitched at the beach ball yard in years gone by, went the full route in the box for Spokane and made a good showing. Although he was hit here and there at the right time[,] yet if he had had proper support from his teammates at the critical moments he might have kept the score down. Luke pitched good ball and won applause from his friends in the crowd...”

“Summary...first base on balls, off Glavenich, two...struck out, by Glavenich, four...”

EP; 17 Mar 1917; item: “Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Memorandum of costs and disbursements, on part of Pajaro Valley Savings bank, \$15.60; notice of entry of judgment.”

EP; 19 Mar 1917; item: “Louis Zar to John Sambrailo—Lot on southwestern side Locust St., Watsonville, \$10.”

EP; 19 Mar 1917; list: “NATURALIZATION DAY. The petitions of the following named applicants appear upon the calendar of the Superior Court for hearing March 28, 1917...John Previsich...Nicholas Peter Stolich, Mitchell Steve Stolich...George Vegar...”

EP; 21 Mar 1917; item: “Estate of Jacob Matulich, deceased—Decree assigning estate to widow.”

EP; 21 Mar 1917; item: “Martha S. Groves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Oath and bond of C. E. Taylor as commissioner to sell mortgaged property.”

EP; 21 Mar 1917; item: “Stane J. Cikuth et al. vs. Norwich Union Fire Ins. Co.—Demurrer to be submitted on briefs.”

EP; 21 Mar 1917; item: “M. W. Carlton vs. Mitchell Resetar et al.—Demurrer withdrawn; ten days granted within which to answer.”

EP; 21 Mar 1917; item: “Certified copy of decree assigning estate to widow, estate of Jacob Matulich, deceased—Land on westerly line Rodriguez St., Watsonville.”

EP; 22 Mar 1917; item: “Mrs. John Stanovich and son have returned from a several months’ visit to New York City. During her absence John was left in charge of the Pajaronian editor, as to conduct, and it will take us ten days more to finish up our report of 36 pages of manuscript.”

EP; 22 Mar 1917; article: “The following cast for ‘The Spring Maid,’ the high school show for this year, has been announced by A. B. Herriman, the coach:...
“Creditors—Louis [Lewis] Lettunich...”

EP; 23 Mar 1917; article: “A decision in favor of the plaintiff was rendered yesterday afternoon by Judge Hawkins in the justice court in a civil action of Alfonso Matulich vs. Tony Kostovich, in which a promissory note for \$166.50 was involved. The two recently dissolved partnership at the Watsonville Bakery but had a falling out over the division of the property after the sale...”

EP; 23 Mar 1917; obit: “Steve Kosich, a fruit laborer in this valley for several years past, died this morning at the Watsonville Hospital after a short illness. He was a native of Dalmatia and had resided here for quite a while. Lately he was employed by E. B. Lettunich in the Lettunich packing house. The deceased was a cousin of John Andrichevich of Ford street.”

EP; 23 Mar 1917; born: “In Watsonville, March 22, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Capitanich, a son.” [*Martin*; +1984]

EP; 30 Mar 1917; born: “Stockton, March 29, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. George Pulich, a daughter.” [*Helen “Rae”*; +2005; *married Krohn*]

EP; 31 Mar 1917; item: “F. Scotti et al. vs. J. P. Braycovich—Order directing release of attached property; bond given upon release of attachment.”

EP; 3 Apr 1917; board of aldermen, payments: “...Labor: ...M. Glech: \$80.50...Supplies: ...Central Electric Co.: \$47.75...”

EP; 4 Apr 1917; item: “Mary E. Caddy vs. Edward Cikuth et als.—Demurrer to complaint.”

EP; 5 Apr 1917; item: “Fred Beck vs. John Orepich [Hrepich] et al.—Trial re-set for April 26.”

EP; 7 Apr 1917; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: ...Jack Novcich [Novcich], \$46.80.... Indigent Sick Fund: Central Grocery, \$12...Pajaro Road Fund: ...N. J. Papas [Papac], \$37.81.

EP; 9 Apr 1917; item: “Jack Vukich of the Owl Drug Company of San Francisco spent the weekend here with relatives.”

EP; 9 Apr 1917; born: “In Watsonville, April 7, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kusunovich [Kusanovich], a son.” [*George*; +1998]

EP; 10 Apr 1917; article: “Vido Opusich, the young Slavonian who, seized with patriotic ardor, left here last week with Co. L for the purpose of enlisting as a musician with the Second Regiment band, was induced by Will Allison to change his mind and enlist in Co. L. He improved himself materially by doing so as he was elected corporal and made bookkeeper of the company. He writes that he is much pleased with his prospects.”

EP; 11 Apr 1917; article: “The many friends in this city of Nicholas Zar, a former resident of this city and brother of Mike Zar, the theatrical man, will be interested in the following dispatch from Los Angeles:

“Nicholas Zar, arrested at Riverside, was ordered released last night by Federal officers, following the visit to the headquarters of the Department of Justice here of Richard Bone, salesman, who, according to the authorities, said he was the sender of the telegram signed ‘H. A. Schultz,’ and [which] caused Zar’s detention. He told the authorities he did it as a practical joke on his friend Zar, who is also a salesman.

“The telegram said: ‘Section 12 of war proclamation applies in your case. Your movements must be cloaked in utter secrecy. Do not use code when communicating to me. Write when necessary only.’ The section referred to embraces the subject of alien enemies who may be at large, to the detriment of public peace and safety.

“When Federal authorities learned of the telegram, and that it had been mailed to Zar in Riverside, officers were

instructed to arrest him when he appeared at the postoffice. They had been waiting since Saturday. Federal officers said Bone would be required to pay the expense of the investigation.

“(The present crisis is a poor time for practical jokers to start anything funny. The man who sent the telegram to Zar deserves condemnation, for such a telegram might have caused Zar much more trouble than it did. This is not the time for any one to be funny for the present crisis in the affairs of the nation is a serious matter and the sooner everyone in the country realizes it and cease all funny business the better for all concerned. Anyone playing practical jokes of the sort worked on Zar should be arrested and punished.—Ed. Pajaronian.)”

EP; 12 Apr 1917; born: “Watsonville, April 11, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Jano, a daughter.” [*Anita; married Luke Vidak*]



Fig. 5-17.
Anita Jano.

EP; 12 Apr 1917; item: “Fred Beck vs. John Orepich [Hrepich] et al.—Stipulation fixing date of trial for April 26.”

EP; 13 Apr 1917; honor roll: Low 2nd: Mary Lasich, George Novacovich; High 2nd: Polly Franich, Mike Resetar, Stephen Scurich, Louis Lucich; High 3rd: Peter Knego, John Novacovich; Low 4th: Peter Copriviza; High 4th: Mary Matson, Martin Franich; Low 5th: John Miljanich; High 6th: Willie Sambrailo; High 8th: Anna Knego, Kathryn Strazicich.

EP; 14 Apr 1917; article: “**Interesting Items From High School**...The cadets have been organized into a battalion and all the officers have been advanced as there are now battalion officers. The following officers took up their new duties yesterday afternoon: Company 31—third sergeant, Lewis Lettunich...”

EP; 14 Apr 1917; ALL: Tony Kostovich.

EP; 16 Apr 1917; item: “Stolich Brothers of this city have purchased two new Studebaker cars from Tom Burchell, the local distributor. Nicholas Stolich purchased a six cylinder car while Peter Stolich acquired a four cylinder machine.”

EP; 18 Apr 1917; obit: “Watsonville, April 17, 1917, Mrs. Sofia Botal, a native of Austria-Hungary, aged 79 years, 11 months, 1 day.”

EP; 18 Apr 1917; article: “[aldermen meeting]...Building permits were granted as follows: Peter Scurich, bungalow on East Fifth street between Brennan and Sudden streets, \$1600; M. [N.] M. Borina, two bungalows at 365 East Third street, \$2000 each.

“Joseph Secondo was granted a plumbing license, his bond being approved by the board...”

EP; 18 Apr 1917; item: “Central Grocery Co. vs. Josephine B. Hansen et al.—Demurrer overruled and ten days granted within which to answer.”

EP; 21 Apr 1917; article: “Peter Sisa, a well known fruit packer of this city for several years past, killed himself this morning about 6:30 o’clock by firing a bullet from a 32 calibre revolver through his right temple, the suicide taking place in the alley adjoining the city hall and Sisa dying... at the Watsonville Hospital.

“About 6:30 o’clock today Tom Andrews, Tony Perry and A. H. Snavely, employees of C. B. Overhulser’s transfer company, were walking through the alley in the rear of the California Restaurant toward the Overhulser barns on Rodriguez street when they saw Sisa walking toward them on the other side of the street. Suddenly Sisa yelled ‘Tony, send for the undertaker’ and with that he pulled forth a revolver and fired a bullet into his brain, falling forward on his face. The three witnesses rushed to the scene and seeing that Sisa was still alive they immediately notified Officer John Corr, who ordered Sisa sent to the hospital. Sisa, however, never regained consciousness and died at 7:08 o’clock.

“Just what caused Sisa to commit suicide is not definitely known but one report from a reliable person today is to the effect that Sisa feared the authorities were after him for writing a letter to the English consul in San Francisco some time ago, in which he stated that the present war in Europe was caused by British politics and that the United States should not be dragged into the conflict. Several persons that knew Sisa said that many times he pointed out people on the street and said, ‘They are looking for me’ and when told that they were So-and-So about town he seemed to lose his fear and was calm again.

“Attorney James A. Hall drew up Sisa’s will in July, 1916, Sisa willing everything he owns to nieces and nephews in Ragusa [Dubrovnik], Dalmatia. At that time, says Attorney Hall, Sisa appeared to be perfectly rational. Sisa named Luke Scurich as the executor of his will, Mr. Scurich to act without bonds.

“The inquest in the Sisa case will be held this afternoon...by Coroner Easterday at the Aston & Neal funeral parlors.

“Sisa was a native of Dalmatia and was aged 40 years. He had been in this country about 15 years and had been a fruit laborer and packer all that time with the exception of a year spent in Oakland as an employee of the railroad. During the past year he was a partner of his cousin,

Peter Gukan, in the fruit packing business. All that knew the deceased regarded him highly and are all at a loss to understand why he committed suicide. Those that knew him well state that for some time past he has labored under the impression that someone was after him and his friends could not convince him that he was wrong in this belief. He came from a good family in Dalmatia and was an estimable man, whose friends will mourn his death.”

EP; 23 Apr 1917; obit: “The funeral of the late Peter Sisa, who committed suicide last Saturday, was held this morning from the Aston & Neal funeral parlors with interment in the Catholic cemetery, services being held at St. Patrick’s church. The members of Sokol Society, an Austrian benevolent society of this city, marched to the cemetery in a body. The pallbearers were Messrs. P. F. Vojodich [Vojvodich], G. Pekoch, J. Kalich, S. Kovociet [Kovacich], N. Alaga and J. S. Croll [Kralj].”

EP; 24 Apr 1917; married: “In Santa Cruz, April 23, 1917, John M. Moore and Marie Josephine Vicovich.”

EP; 24 Apr 1917; obit: “In Santa Cruz, April 23, 1917, Ella Dabelich, a native of Australia [*sic?*], aged 54 years.”

EP; 24 Apr 1917; item: “M. W. Tarleton vs. Mitchell Resetar et al.—Answer.”

EP; 24 Apr 1917; item: “Martha F. Graves vs. Frank Radovan et al.—Commissioner’s report and account of sale.”

EP; 26 Apr 1917; list: “Pursuant to the order of the superior court, and in accordance with the provisions of the code of Civil Procedure the supervisors selected last month four hundred names of citizens as prospective jurors for the ensuing year. The names of those selected in the Pajaro Valley are as follows:

“Watsonville precinct No. 3: ...Nick Copriviza... Joseph Secondo...”

“Watsonville precinct No. 6: Paul Alaga...”

“Watsonville precinct No. 10: ...Luke P. Cikuth... Luke Scurich...”

EP; 27 Apr 1917; article: “John Peter Braycovich has petitioned for letters of citizenship. He is a native of Austria, a resident of Watsonville, and first arrived in the United States at New York on Sept. 7, 1915. His witnesses are George W. Smith, Andrew Zar, Steve Scurich and Luke Pulich.”

EP; 28 Apr 1917; article: “John Sapro, one of the proprietors of the Third Street Restaurant, says the high cost of living is getting too high to suit him. Not long ago he was able to buy two or three heads of cabbage for 10c., but today he went to a local grocery and had to pay \$1.05

for three heads. The three heads came to thirty-five cents apiece, which is quite different from five cents a head.”

EP; 28 Apr 1917; item: “Tony Radovich of the Central Hotel has departed for a visit to San Francisco. Dame Rumor says that he is to be married while in the metropolis.”

EP; 28 Apr 1917; ALL: N. Lajarovich.

EP; 30 Apr 1917; item: “William Pulisevich, the Los Angeles fruit buyer, is a business visitor in this city.”

EP; 30 Apr 1917; married: “At Santa Cruz, April 28, 1917, Antone Balich of Watsonville and Rhene M. Angot of Watsonville.”



Fig. 5-18.
Anton Balich
(1885-1973),
Rhene Angot
(1893-1951).

EP; 30 Apr 1917; article: “A large crowd attended the second spring opening at the municipal playground last Saturday afternoon and the program as arranged by Miss Sarah Haseltine, the playground supervisor, was in every way successful...”

“The athletic events...winners were as follows:

“...Sack race, first group, Ned Gluhan...”

“The baseball game between a team of Watsonville boys and a team from the Roach school district was won by the home boys. The players were: ...Watsonville—Steven Marinovich...”

“...The most ice cream cones were sold by Raymond Dutro, Arthur Freiermuth, Lawrence Goforth, Russell Case and John Mitjanich [Miljanich].”

EP; 1 May 1917; article: “The trout fishing season opened today and in honor of the event Watsonville was a deserted village all day...”

“Hundreds of men and women are out on the various streams today with rods, reels, hooks and lines and everything else that is needed to catch any kind of fish...”

“George Forenich...[is] fishing on the Cachagua Creek below Carmel...”

“...Mike Nirich [is] fishing today on the Highland Way...”

EP; 1 May 1917; item: “Estate of Peter Sisa, deceased—May 14 set as date for hearing petition for probate of will.”

EP; 1 May 1917; article: “[board of aldermen meeting] Franich Brothers were granted permission to erect a packing house on the Kearney Street extension, the building to cost \$1500...The following claims were ordered paid...:Labor: ...M. Glech, \$76.25...Supplies: ...Central Electric Co. \$36.16...”

EP; 2 May 1917; article: “M. L. Kalich & Company have purchased the packing house on West Third street that they have been using for the past two seasons. Stephen Scurich was the former owner.”

EP; 3 May 1917; article: “U. S. WEBB UPHOLDS GEO. SMITH’S OPINION. Last week District Attorney George W. Smith was called upon by County Auditor Willet Ware for an opinion regarding a claim for debating expenses. The opinion was given declaring the claim to be improper, a copy of which was sent to Attorney General Webb, being by this state official concurred in as the following letter will show:

“I have your letter of April 24 enclosing copy of your opinion addressed to the auditor of your county relating to the claim presented by the Santa Cruz high school district for money presented to debate expenses, including expenses of judges of debate, and the traveling expenses of team and member of the faculty to the high school to Napa, incurred in connection with the debate between the students of the Santa Cruz and Napa high schools.

“You advise the auditor that this claim is not a legal claim against the high school district and in this opinion I fully concur.

“The powers of the high school board to incur indebtedness chargeable against the funds of the district are statutory, and I know of no statute authorizing the high school board to make a charge of this nature against the high school funds.”

EP; 5 May 1917; article: “Amid a veritable blaze of glory and splendor the 1917 Woman’s Club Flower Carnival was opened yesterday afternoon and last evening at the auditorium in the presence of hundreds of people, who thronged the building and went home delighted beyond measure at the program that was rendered for their entertainment and at the magnificent display of flowers that was to be seen on every side of the big hall...”

“The opening chorus by the Music Section of the Woman’s Club brought forth much favorable comment as well as first-class singing and was a good start for the rest of the program...”

“A piano duet by the Misses Irene Faustino and Anna Scurich...was highly pleasing...”

“Credit for the general decorating of the hall is due Miss Helen Wilder, Miss Margaret Copeland and Mrs. O. D. Stoesser, who performed their work in a manner that won them praise from everyone...”

EP; 10 May 1917; article: “The first cherries of this season were shipped to J. N. Sresovich in San Francisco by Magud & Company of this valley, the cherries coming from the Corralitos section. The cherries were of the white variety and the first shipment consisted of a fifty pound box...”

EP; 10 May 1917; born: “Watsonville, May 9, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. John Pekocho, a son.” [Frank; +2002]

EP; 12 May 1917; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: ...Jack Novicich [Novcich], \$58.50...Indigent Sick Fund: ...Central Grocery, \$12.45...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Anton Peko, \$302.20... Pajaro Road Fund Special: N. G. Papas [Papac], \$7.50...”

EP; 15 May 1917; article: “**High School Play One of the Most Successful Ever Given in Watsonville.** One of the most successful high school shows ever held in this city was the production of ‘The Spring Maid’ given last night at the T. & D. Theatre in the presence of a crowd that packed the theatre to the doors...”

“The boys and girls in the big chorus showed the result of careful training and their various musical numbers were rendered in a first-class manner...”

“Boys: ...Lewis Lettunich...”

EP; 15 May 1917; item: “District Attorney George W. Smith, Deputy Sheriff George P. Denette and B. F. Crews, superintendent of the county hospital, were here yesterday afternoon on business.”

EP; 15 May 1917; married: “Watsonville, May 13, 1917, Nick Borina and Mrs. Lucy Bakich, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 15 May 1917; honor roll: High 8th: Kathryn Strazicich, Anna Knego; Low 7th: Stephen Nemanich; High 6th: Willie Sambrailo; Low 6th: Margare Clage [Margaret Glage]; High 5th: Tom Arbanas; Low 5th: John Mijanich [Miljanich]; High 4th: Mary Matson, Martin Franich, Marie Rilovich; Low 4th: Peter Copriviza; High 3rd: Peter Knego; High 2nd: Polly Franich, Mike Resetar, Stephen Scurich, Louis Lucich, Mary Lucich; Low 2nd: Peter Knego, George Gera, Mary Lasich.

EP; 15 May 1917; marriage: “Nick Borina, one of the leading fruit packers of this city, and Mrs. Lucy Bakich, also of this city, were married last Sunday at noon in St. Patrick’s Church...Mrs. L. Arbanas, a sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid and the groom was attended by his brother, M. Borina of San Francisco. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the home of the bride where a sumptuous wedding feast was enjoyed, which was followed by music, dancing and other forms of entertainment.

“Mrs. Borina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.

Secondo of this city and is well known here as a charming young woman. The groom has been engaged in the apple shipping business here for several years and is an estimable young man.”



Fig. 5-19.
Nick Borina
(1889-1949),
Mrs. Lucy Secondo
Bakich
(1888-1941).

EP; 15 May 1917; item: “John Vukasovich to Martin Vukasovich—Lot on Locust St., Watsonville.”

EP; 15 May 1917; item: “Estate of Peter Sisa, deceased—Will admitted to probate; letters of administration issued to Luke Scurich.”

EP; 15 May 1917; item: “The will of the late Peter Sisa of Watsonville was admitted to probate yesterday and Luke Scurich appointed executor without bonds.”

EP; 16 May 1917; article: “We understand that District Attorney Geo. W. Smith recently served notice on several places in this city that if they did not immediately get rid of certain females who were hanging around their premises, he would put the red light abatement law in motion. The women were banished.”

EP; 17 May 1917; article: “Tomorrow will be a gala day for the members and friends of the Watsonville Woman’s Club for tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o’clock the cornerstone of the new clubhouse on Brennan Street between East Lake Avenue and East Fifth Street will be laid. The foundation of the new building has practically been completed and all is ready for the cornerstone, which will be placed near the entrance of the building on the south side of the structure.

“Mrs. E. L. Clark, president of the Woman’s Club, will preside over the ceremonies...The copper box, which will be inserted in the stone, is 3x4x8 inches in size and was donated by A. P. Beck, the local plumber, while the stone itself, a pretty piece of marble, is donated by C. M. Neal of the Neal Granite Works of this city. The inscription on the stone will be ‘Watsonville Woman’s Club, 1917.’ Mrs. Fannie Johnson, a prominent member of the club for many years, will lay the stone.

“The box to be placed in the stone will contain a list of the charter members, the year book of 1914-15, which contains copies of the articles of incorporation and the constitution and by-laws of the club, the year books of

1915-16 and 1916-17, copies of the Evening Pajaronian of May 17, 1917, and the Morning Register of May 18, 1917, and an account of the recent Rose Show.

“The Watsonville Woman’s Club was organized in 1899 with thirty-one members, 24 being active and 7 associate members...

“Today the membership of the club is 178 and the club is still increasing in strength. The lot, on which the clubhouse is to be erected, was purchased by the club from the Albright heirs in 1914, for \$1800 but it was not until this year that the club felt financially able to erect its clubhouse. Ralph Wyckoff of this city was secured as the architect and he designed all of the building with the exception of the floor plans, which were mapped out by the building committee, of which Mrs. Ella S. Litchfield is the chairman. The original building committee was composed of Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. J. G. Piratsky, Mrs. Josephine Rodgers, Mrs. J. E. Gardner and Mrs. M. E. Tuttle but afterward the members of the board of directors were added to the committee, the new members being Mrs. E. L. Clark, Mrs. O. D. Stoesser, Miss Julia M. Stoesser, Mrs. P. A. Arano, Mrs. S. C. Rodgers and Mrs. Floyd Rodgers. At the opening of the club year the incoming directors will succeed the present board on the committee.

“The building will have a frontage of 60 feet on Brennan street and a depth of 80 feet. It will be two stories in height and will be built in English half timber at a cost of \$6000. The lower floor will contain the lobby, reception room, auditorium, banquet room, kitchen, stage and dressing rooms, the reception and banquet rooms being so situated that the doors leading into these rooms can be thrown open and a larger seating capacity secured for the auditorium. The auditorium will have a maple floor. On the second floor are the meeting rooms for various sections of the club, dressing rooms and the balcony...

“The incoming officers of the club, who will be installed next Saturday afternoon, are the following: President, Mrs. H. M. Tenney; vice president, Mrs. Roy Bailey; recording secretary, Mrs. O. D. Stoesser; corresponding secretary, Miss Julia M. Stoesser; treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Haack; directors, Mrs. S. C. Rodgers and Mrs. P. A. Arano...”

EP; 18 May 1917; article: “A Dodge 2-passenger Roadster has just been delivered by the Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company to Miss Mary Zmudowski, also a 5-passenger touring car to T. M. Kissich.”

EP; 19 May 1917; obit: “James Balovich, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Balovich of San Mateo and nephew of Mrs. Sam Hrepich of this city, died at San Mateo this morning after an illness lasting several weeks. The funeral will be held Monday morning...in San Mateo with interment in Holy Cross cemetery and all local friends of the family are invited to attend. Mr. and

Mrs. Sam Hrepich and Mrs. J. Simunovich will be among those present from here leaving for San Mateo tomorrow."

EP; 19 May 1917; obit: "At San Mateo, May 19, 1917, James Balovich, a native of San Francisco, aged 8 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Balovich."

EP; 19 May 1917; "NOTES FROM HIGH SCHOOL. On Friday last, the El Pajaro Society had under discussion the question, 'Labor Unions are a benefit to the working class,' Leland King, William Marinovich, and Bernice Hastings defending the affirmative side of the question, and Mary Hopkins, Alice Rowan, and Francis McGrath the negative. The negative side was granted the decision, the best speakers being Francis McGrath, Leland King, and William Marinovich...."

EP; 19 May 1917; item: "Jno. N. Sresovich, president of the J. N. Sresovich & Co., commission merchants, San Francisco, is in town today greeting friends. John is as big, fat and hearty as ever and life sits lightly upon him."

EP; 21 May 1917; article: "John Previsich, the barber on lower Main street, who figured rather unpleasantly in the effort to close all the barber-shops of this city last Saturday, and who has gained considerable unenviable notoriety in connection therewith, called in on us this afternoon and made the following statement:

"Ed. Pajaronian:—I did not say I would not close my barber-shop on Memorial Day. In fact, being an American citizen I am as patriotic as anyone else in this community. But I refused to sign the paper handed to me by the two strangers who presented it to me whilst I was engaged (in company with two friends of mine), eating my dinner at the California restaurant, because I resented the ungentlemanly manner in which it was presented; that I "must sign it;" that I was "a dirty skunk," and being invited out on the sidewalk to fight. I am a peaceable, law-abiding citizen, and am prepared to fulfill all my duties as an American citizen, but I refuse to allow anyone to treat me in a discourteous manner. That was my experience when the petition was presented to me. I shall close my shop on Memorial Day, and would have done so, anyway, whether a petition was presented to me or not...JOHN PREVISICH."

EP; 21 May 1917; item: "Stephen Scurich is confined to his home today with a slight attack of pleurisy."

EP; 21 May 1917; item: "Andy Balich was over from Santa Cruz yesterday. He says the mayoralty fight over at the county seat is getting quite animated."

EP; 22 May 1917; marriage: "John Labas of Monterey and Miss Antoinette Filicich of San Jose were married in St. Patrick's church at San Jose last Sunday. The bride

was attended by her sister, Miss Katharine Filicich, while Peter Katich of Monterey, the groom's cousin, acted as best man. After a wedding dinner had been served at the bride's home at 993 Shortridge Street the young couple left for their honeymoon trip in the northern part of the state. After they return they will make their future home in Monterey. Many friends and relatives attended the wedding dinner and showered them with best wishes.

"The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Filicich of San Jose, her father being a well known fruit buyer of that city. She was born and reared in San Jose and is a popular young lady. The groom is well known in Watsonville having been engaged in the fruit business here for many years. At present he is engaged in business in Monterey."

EP; 22 May 1917; item: "George Hrepich is up and around today for the first time in five days, having been confined to his bed with illness."

EP; 22 May 1917; item: "Walter G. Moore et ux to J. Simunovich—Part of lot in Corralitos Ro."

EP; 22 May 1917; item: "Estate of Peter Sisa, deceased—W. V. Gaffey appointed sole appraiser; order directing notice to creditors."

EP; 22 May 1917; married: "Watsonville, May 23, 1917, at St. Patrick's church, John Zvone and Miss Mary Allegretti, both of Watsonville."

EP; 22 May 1917; married: "San Jose, May 20, 1917, at St. Patrick's church, John Labas of Monterey and Miss Antoinette Filicich of San Jose."

EP; 23 May 1917; marriage: "This morning at 10 o'clock Miss Mary Allegretti became the bride of John Zvone, at St. Patrick's church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. D. Hassett before the intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride was attended by her aunt, Mrs. Antone Gluhan, while Louis Brajkovich of this city was best man.

"The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Allegretti of this city. She attended the Moreland Notre Dame Academy and after finishing school has been living with her parents. The groom is also very well known here, having made his home in this city for the last six years. The young couple will make their home at 917 Main street on the conclusion of their honeymoon which will be spent in San Francisco and bay cities. Both the bride and groom have a legion of friends who will wish them happiness and success."

EP; 25 May 1917; item: "Stephen Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co. et al.—Trial set for June 22."

EP; 26 May 1917; article: “Memberships for the local Red Cross are still pouring in and at 9 o’clock last night when headquarters in the Weeks building were closed for the night a total of 501 members and \$841 had been collected...”

“At the meeting of the executive committee held last night the following officers were chosen: Chairman, J. E. Gardner; vice chairman, Miss Lottie Watters; secretary, Mrs. O. D. Stoesser; treasurer, C. A. Palmtag...”

EP; 26 May 1917; article: “NOTES FROM HIGH SCHOOL. The final debate of the El Pajaro Debating Society was held Friday morning, the question under discussion was: ‘Resolved, that the Federal Statute permitting married women to take the citizenship of their husband should be repealed.’ The affirmative speakers were Helen Strazicich, Charles Tognetti and Marjorie Cooper; negative, Glenn Bronson, Lloyd Smith and Lillia Thiltgen. The three best speakers in order of merit were: Marjorie Cooper, Helen Strazicich and Glenn Bronson.”

EP; 29 May 1917; article: “This is ‘Senior Week’ at the high school and beginning last night the graduates of the school are to enjoy a week of merriment and pleasure, which will end next Friday night when commencement exercises will be held...”

“The following are the 1917 graduates:

“Commercial Graduates: ...William F. Marinovich... Helen Kathryn Strazicich...[of 12]”

EP; 29 May 1917; item: “The estate of Peter Sisa, deceased, has been appraised at \$1485.15...”

EP; 31 May 1917; list: “Commencement exercises in honor of the graduation of eight students from the Moreland Notre Dame Academy of this city were held this morning in the yard in the rear of the school, a large crowd of friends and relatives of the graduates being present. Graduating Honors were conferred on the following young ladies:

“From the High School: Anna Marinovich...Lena Strazicich...”

“Promotions from Grammar School: ...Lucille Lettunich...Katie Buak...Emma Grizich...”

“Student’s Palmer Penmanship Certificates are awarded to: ...Anna Scurich...”

“...Silver Medals for piano, Anna Scurich...”

“The complete program as rendered...this morning was as follows:

“...Marche Militaire (piano trio) p. 51, No. 1, Frantz Schubert: ...Ruth Scurich...Rachel Cikuth...Peter Stolich...”

“La Capricieuse Op. 120, 2 pianos, 8 hands, G. Eggeling: ...Ruth Scurich...”

“‘America First,’ recitation, Louis Kalich.

“‘Star Spangled Banner,’ Accompanists...Anna Scurich...”

“Wand Drill and Folk Dances...Accompanist...Anna Scurich...”

“Spanish Dance, Op. 26, No. 8, Pablo de Sarasate... Piano [accompaniment], Anna Scurich...”

“Valse Brillante, Maurice Moszkowski, solo, Anna Scurich...”

“Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 14, F. Mendelssohn...Anna Scurich...”

“Premier, Bolera, Otto Hackh, orchestra: ...3rd violins: ...Ruth Scurich...1st mandolins: ...Anna Scurich...”

EP; 31 May 1917; article: “E. B. Lettunich and Alaga Brothers of this city were the successful bidders for the 200 acre Hihn orchard in the Valencia district of this county last Tuesday afternoon, their bid not being given. The bids were on tons and it is understood that the local packers offered more this year than they paid last year for the same orchard. The orchard is expected to produce 150,000 boxes of apples this season.”

EP; 1 Jun 1917; honorable promotion, public schools: “This evening...the Commencement exercises will be held in the Christian church, at which time the diplomas for the academic graduates and certificates for the commercial ‘grads’ will be awarded...”

“Academic Graduates [no Slavs]...”

“Commercial Graduates: ...William F. Marinovich... Helen Kathryn Strazicich...[of 12]”

EP; 2 Jun 1917; article: “John Cerich [Cercich] has filed notice of application for admission to citizenship. He resides in Watsonville, is a native of Austria and first arrived in the United States at New York on May 1, 1904. His witnesses are Geo. W. Smith of Santa Cruz and Luca Pulich, Pearl Milandin [Paul Miladin] and George Hrepich of Watsonville.—Santa Cruz Surf.”

EP; 2 Jun 1917; honorable promotion: “A large class graduated from the eighth grade in the local grammar school to the high school yesterday afternoon, most of the young people planning to attend high school in the fall. The members of the eighth grade graduating class were...Kathryn Strazicich...Anna Knego...Mark Rilovich...[of 53]”

EP; 4 Jun 1917; item: “Mr. and Mrs. J. Balovich have gone to Paso Robles for an extended visit, where Mr. Balovich will try the curative properties of the baths at that place.”

EP; 4 Jun 1917; article: Louis Bachan who represents Billy Pulisevich, of Los Angeles, and the Pratt-Low Co. of Santa Clara, in the cherry market here, expressed a large consignment of cherries to the above parties yesterday. To Pulisevich he is shipping Black Tartarians for the retail trade in Los Angeles market, and to the Santa Clara

cannery he shipped a large quantity of white cherries for canning. Louis' stand is down at the local depot where he receives the cherries from the orchardists as they bring them into him."

EP; 4 Jun 1917; article: "An alumni organization was formed in this city last Saturday evening by graduates of the local high school commercial department, the business meeting being followed by dancing, refreshments and a general good time. The officers elected were as follows: President, Fred Kane; vice president, Miss Helen Strazicich; secretary, Joe Silva; treasurer, Miss Agnes Rianda."

EP; 4 Jun 1917; item: "Estate of Peter Sisa, deceased—Inventory and appraisal, \$1485.15."

EP; 4 Jun 1917; item: "Mary E. Caddy vs. Edward B. Cikuth et als.—Edward B. Cikuth and Stane Cikuth granted ten days' time to answer cross-complaint of John Lamat."

EP; 8 Jun 1917; item: "M. N. Lettunich has returned from a business visit to San Jose."

EP; 8 Jun 1917; item: "Stephen Scurich was on the streets today for the first time since his recent illness."

EP; 8 Jun 1917; article: "Joseph Seeley of 2306 Geary street is at the Central Emergency Hospital with a possible fracture of the skull, suffered when he was struck yesterday afternoon on Market street, near Fourth, by an automobile driven by Prosper Lettunich of 1025 Bush street. Lettunich told the police Seeley walked against the side of his auto. Seeley's condition is serious.—San Francisco Chronicle.

"(The Prosper Lettunich mentioned above is the son of M. N. Lettunich of this city and is well known here.—Ed. Pajaronian.)"

EP; 8 Jun 1917; ALL: Frank B. Lavretovich.

EP; 9 Jun 1917; promoted by exam: From high 8th to high school: Mark Rilovich; low 8th to high 8th: Kathryn Arbanas; high 7th to low 8th: Ione [Tone] Dubreta; low 7th to high 7th: Paul Dubreta, Stephen Nemanich; low 6th to high 6th: Mary Glage, Frank Saveria; high 5th to low 6th: Ned Gluhan; high 4th to low 5th: Mary Castropelli, Anna Glaze [Glage], Marie Rilovich; low 4th to high 4th: Anna Scurich; high 3rd to low 4th: Peter Knego; low 3rd to high 3rd: Vene Glage; high 2nd to low 3rd: Mary Lucich; low 2nd to high 2nd: Martin Kulich, George Novacovich, Paul Obuljan [Obuljen], Steve Pekoch; high 1st to low 2nd: Anna Krall, George Craul, Johnnie Gurash, George Kralj, Chris Pavisha, Louis Pavisha. [*Krall/Craul = Kralj, originally*]

EP; 11 Jun 1917; list: "Herewith, below, find the list of names of those who have purchased Liberty Bonds... This is a ROLL OF HONOR, and no man or woman who values the liberties under which he or she lives in this grand country of ours, should fail to have their name down on this list: [only the Slavs are shown here] Alaga, Nicholas; Austrian-Benevolent Society; Biskup, Luke; Cikuth, L. P.; Ducich, N.; Kalich, Lewis; Lettis, L. F.; Lettunich, Mateo; Miladin, Paul; Mengol, Peter; Marinovich, Philip; Rilovich & Sresovich; Resetar, Tony; Resetar, T.; Scurich, P. F.; Scurich, Luke; Strazicich, Andrew; Stoesser, O. D.; Vucinich, Steve; Zupan, M."

EP; 11 Jun 1917; list: "**Conscription Registrations. From Aptos, South Through the Pajaro Valley, to the Monterey County Line.** We are indebted to County Clerk H. H. Miller for the following list of those between the ages of 21 and 31 years, inclusive, who registered on the fifth of this month.

"It is not right—not just to these young men who stepped up and registered at the President's call, that any slackers should escape; consequently it is the duty of every patriotic American citizen to scan this list closely (and paying especial attention to the precincts in which they live) and upon discovering anyone's name missing (who should be thereon) to immediately write to Sheriff Howard Trafton and call his attention to the omission. Sheriff Trafton will do the rest. All communications of this nature in reference to conscription matters, will be regarded by Sheriff H. V. Trafton as STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. Where you have any doubt regarding a young man's age—that is, that he is more than 20 years of age, or less than 31 years, immediately communicate your surmises regarding the party to Sheriff Trafton, and he will investigate the case. Mr. Trafton relies upon all Americans to help him out in these matters so that no slackers may escape. Be sure to lay this issue of the Pajaronian aside and carefully preserve it. You will find this list very useful and interesting in days to come. [*only Slavs are shown below; note that naturalized citizens were placed under "Natural Born White"*]

"CALABASAS PRECINCT. Alien: Rocovich, Martin.

"CORRALITOS PRECINCT. Natural Born White: Vegar, Anton P.; Alien: Gospodnetich, J.

"PAJARO PRECINCT NO. 1. Natural Born White: Matulich, Mark; Alien: Arnerich, Frank; Banovac, Luke; Banovac, Blahs; Derpich, Martin; Kuljis, Joe M.; Lucich, John; Radich, Tony; Sorich, Mike; Zeko, John.

"PAJARO PRECINCT NO. 2. Natural Born White: Butier, Peter S.; Strazicich, E. H.; Alien: Jagich, Nick; Monkovich, G.; Pulich, Mitchell; Ucovich, Louis; Vidacich, Paul; Zutz [Zetz], Martin.

"PAJARO PRECINCT NO. 3. Natural Born White: Skocko, L. G.; Alien: Ivancovich, Louis; Resetar, Louis; Zvone, John.

"PAJARO PRECINCT NO. 4. Natural Born White:

Lukrich, John; Alien: Battinich, George; Battinich, Nick; Biskup, Luka P.; Cherovich, Rado; Ivanovich, G. J.; Ivanovich, John; Perusuna [Perusina], John.

“WATSONVILLE PRECINCT NO. 1. Natural Born White: Franusich, Frank; Lucich, Pete; Secondo, Peter; Alien: Niocevich, John; Zar, John P. K.

“WATSONVILLE PRECINCT NO. 2. Natural Born White: Boskovich, Nick; Kralj, John S.; Lettunich, N. M.; Alien: Arbanasin, Nick; Bekich, Antone; Bokarisa [Bokariza], Nick; Dubreta, John; Fiorovich, Ivo; Ivanovich, Luka; Jurkovich, John; Lettunich, M. B.; Petkovich, Elia.

“WATSONVILLE PRECINCT NO. 3. Natural Born White: Violich, Nickolas; Zupan, Nickolas; Alien: Bakich, Anton; Balija, Mitchell; Batich, Joseph; Dubresko [Bubresko], G. R.; Korach, Andro; Krolj [Kralj], George; Lasich, Charles; Matusich, George; Nivrich, Charles; Pendo, Tom; Radovich, Baldo; Radovich, Louis N.; Violich, John; Vukasavich [Vukasovich], M.

“WATSONVILLE PRECINCT NO. 4. Natural Born White: Nivich [Nirich], M. P.; Alien: Dragich, Peter; Farland [Farlin], Louis; Hrepich, Paul; Ivelich, Dinko.

“WATSONVILLE PRECINCT NO. 5. Natural Born White: Bachan, Luke G.; Butier, George; Alien: Ivanich, Martin; Miller, Tony; Miloslavich, M.; Rilovich, Boso; Sresovich, Nick; Steta, Nick.

“WATSONVILLE PRECINCT NO. 6. Natural Born White: Braica, Antone P.; Copriviza, Boso; Mracevich, Chris; Resetar, Miho; Stolich, Mitchell S.; Strazicich, G. J.; Alien: Alaga, Nick J.; Borina, N. M.; Brantovich, A.; Braykovich, M.; Butier, Martin; Colendich, N. J.; Dedo, Steve S.; Ivancovich, G. L.; Kosovac, Bose; Kostovich, Tony; Kukuliza, Nick; Leonardich, L.; Lettunich, Peter; Mihlluich, Jakob; Resetar, Mike; Rozich, Martin.

“WATSONVILLE PRECINCT NO. 7. Natural Born White: Korich, John; Prokurica, Martin; Sapro, John; Alien: Katusich, Nick; Maslach, Mitchell.

“WATSONVILLE PRECINCT NO. 8. Natural Born White: Mikulich, Steve; Papas [Papac], Nicholas G.; Alien: Franich, Martin; Jercich, Anton.

“WATSONVILLE PRECINCT NO. 9. Alien: Grizich, Stephen.

“WATSONVILLE PRECINCT NO. 10. Natural Born White: Marinovich, P. B.; Novcich, Jack; Alien: Forencich, Martin; Miladin, Mike.”

EP; 11 Jun 1917; article: “[news from Tassajara Springs] Mrs. Nick Borina is improving in health daily and will soon be completely off the sick list.”

[We have extracted only the Slav names from the various Liberty Bond lists that follow.]

EP; 12 Jun 1917; list: “NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO LIBERTY LOAN BONDS. Alaga, Paul; Braycovich, J. P.; Bebevich, Kostos; Kissich, T. M.; Novacich [Novcich], Jack; Skucich, Rade; Vegar, George; Vegar, Anton.”

EP; 13 Jun 1917; list: “NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO LIBERTY LOAN BONDS. Franich, John; Franich, Martin; Lettunich, E. B.; Lettunich, E. B. Jr.; Lettunich, G. A.; Pulich, Luke; Resetar, Luke; Scurich, Stephen; Stolich, Peter P.; Stolich, Peter; Stolich, Nicholas P.”

EP; 13 Jun 1917; list: “**Those Who Have Subscribed to the Liberty Loan.** Alaga, Nicholas; Austrian-Benevolent Society; Alaga, Paul; Biskup, Luka; Braycovich, J. P.; Bebevich, Kostos; Chukovich, R. S.; Cikuth, L. P.; Ducich, N.; Kalich, Lewis; Kissich, T. M.; Lettis, L. F.; Lettunich, Mateo; Milladin, Paul; Mengol, Peter; Marinovich, Phillip; Novacich [Novcich], Jack; Rilovich & Srezovich; Resetar, Tony; Resetar, T.; Scurich, P. F.; Scurich, Luke; Strazicich, Andrew; Skucich, Rade; Smith, Sidney; Vucinich, Steve; Vegar, George; Vegar, Anton; Zupan, M.”

EP; 14 Jun 1917; “NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO LIBERTY LOAN BONDS. Beberdzich, Krsto; Bubresko, George R.; Borina, N. M.; Chukovich, Marco; Gluhan, Edward; Gutunick [Gutunich], Nick; Ivancovich, Luie; Krunich, Mark; Lettunich, Lewis W.; Lettunich, Martin N.; Matulich, M. K.; Pavisha, Thomas; Radimer, Niko; Scurich, Anton L.; Sassilo, George; Skulich, T.; Skulich, R.; Stolich, A.”

EP; 14 Jun 1917; item: “Lis pendens—J. E. Reiter vs. Joseph J. Radonich et al.—Lot in Watsonville Heights.”

EP; 14 Jun 1917; item: “J. E. Reiter vs. Joseph J. Radonich et al.—Complaint in suit to foreclose on mortgage for \$700, interest costs, etc.”

EP; 15 Jun 1917; “NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO LIBERTY LOAN BONDS. Alaga, Nicholas Jr.; Bratichevich, I.; Cherovich, Rado; Diklich, M. S.; Diklich, Jack; Farlin, Lewis R.; Farlin, Mary; Farlin, Teresa; Kronich, Louis; Moncovich, J. N.; Mracevich, Chris; Pista, B.; Resetar, P. M.; Simunovich, J.; Stolich, M. S.; Stolich, M.; Servian Ben. Society; Stolich, Elinor C.; Stolich, Johanak; Vukich, Catherine.”

EP; 15 Jun 1917; article: “After midnight tonight there will be two less retail liquor establishments in Watsonville, R. Delholm and the City Grocery Company announcing today that they would close today. This leaves 26 retail liquor places in this city.”

EP; 15 Jun 1917; article: “According to the Hollister Free Lance Mark Matulich, of Watsonville, was arrested one day last week, by Speed Officer Griffen for throwing a bottle on the highway. The Lance in its item says: ‘Throwing a bottle on the highway where some innocent motorist may be caused serious inconvenience to say nothing of the possibility of his suffering heavy expense,

is a form of dementia that, fortunately, is not often indulged in, but which is particularly obnoxious, inasmuch as it is almost certain to cause damage.”

EP; 15 Jun 1917; “LIBERTY LOAN SUBSCRIBERS. Alaga, Nicholas; Austrian-Benevolent Society; Alaga, Paul; Biskup, Luka; Braycovich, J. P.; Bebevich, Kostos; Beberdich, Krsto; Bubresko, George R.; Borina, N. M.; Chukovich, R. S.; Cikuth, L. P.; Chukovich, Marko; Ducich, N.; Franich, John; Franich, Martin; Gluhan, Edward; Gutunick, Nick; Ivancovich, Luie; Kalich, Lewis; Krunich, Mark; Lettis, L. F.; Lettunich, Mateo; Lettunich, Lewis W.; Lettunich, Martin N.; Lettunich, E. B.; Lettunich, E. B. Jr.; Lettunich, G. A.; Milladin, Paul; Mengol, Peter; Marinovich, Phillip; Matulich, M. K.; Novacich [Novcich], Jack; Pulich, Luke; Pavisha, Thomas; Rilovich & Srezovich; Radimer [Radimir], Niko; Resetar, Tony; Resetar, T.; Resetar, Luke; Scurich, P. F.; Scurich, Luke; Strazicich, Andrew; Skucich, Rade; Smith, Sidney; Scurich, Stephen; Stolich, Peter P.; Stolich, Peter; Stolich, Nicholas P.; Scurich, Anton L.; Sassilo, George; Skulich, T.; Skulich, R.; Stolich, A.; Vucinich, Steve; Vegar, George; Vegar, Anton.”

EP; 15 Jun 1917; list: “REGISTRATIONS ACROSS THE RIVER. On June 5th the following men registered for service under the conscription plan: *[only the Slavs are listed here]*

“**Pajaro Precinct:** Alaga, John; Cukovic, Marko; Gospodnetich, Paul; Cjurkovic, George; Gospodnetich, P. A.; Marich, Tom L.; Maslach, Bozo; Marinovich, M. N.; Prokurica, Nick; Ruso, Niko; Skulich, Rade; Saulovich, Ivan; Skobl, John; Skulich, Teotor; Scurich, Peter J.; Srdich, August; Vojvoda, Nick; Vukich, Peter.

“**Aromas Precinct:** Capitanich, M. J.; Gospodnetich, J.; Kukuliza, Peter; Lusich, N. J.; Lamat, John; Mustaniko, J. M.; Tomascovich, G. J. Jr.”

EP; 15 Jun 1917; class ad: “FOR SALE—Good apple crop, on the John Murphy place on the San Juan Road. Apply to VLASICH BROS, on the premises.”

EP; 16 Jun 1917; ALL: B. N. Gurgevich, John Hispuh.

EP; 19 Jun 1917; list: “A meeting of the Committee of One Hundred, which is to conduct the campaign to raise \$6500 in this city for the Red Cross by next Monday will be held tonight...[T]he Committee of One Hundred is as follows: ...Luke Scurich...”

EP; 19 Jun 1917; article: “L. Oblizalo, an orchardist in this valley, was fined \$50 late yesterday afternoon by Police Judge Bridgewater for driving an automobile while in an intoxicated condition, Oblizalo pleading guilty. Chief of Police Whitsitt made the arrest on Main street and after Oblizalo had been in jail a few hours he

sobered up considerably although the stiff fine helped as much as anything else to sober him up.”

EP; 19 Jun 1917; item: “George M. Krell [Kralj?] vs. Horace Smith—Trial set for June 29.”

EP; 19 Jun 1917; item: “Mary E. Caddy vs. Edward B. Cikuth et al.—James A. Hall substituted as attorney in answer to cross-complaint of John Lamat.”

EP; 20 Jun 1917; article: “SANTA CRUZ, June 20...The jury in the case of Lee Flanders, charged with conspiring to defraud the American Automobile Insurance Association, returned into court, after ten minutes deliberation this afternoon, with a verdict of ‘guilty.’

“The defendant was put on the stand this morning, and was badly ‘balled-up’ by the prosecution in his testimony.

“This is a great victory for the insurance company, who highly complimented District Attorney Smith on his handling of the case. It has, for a long time past been endeavoring to break up a ring in San Francisco, which has been engaged in such offenses as charged against Flanders...”

EP; 20 Jun 1917; list: “OVER \$2500 SUBSCRIBED TO RED CROSS. Red Cross Contributions: M. N. and Mateo Lettunich, \$100...

“\$2 Subscriptions: ...Franich, John...

“\$1 Subscriptions: Ducich, Nick...Novacich, Jack...”

EP; 20 Jun 1917; item: “Estate of Nick Sresovich, deceased—Stephen Scurich applies for letters of administration.”

EP; 21 Jun 1917; obit: “The funeral of John Feliciano, the Company L bugler, who was drowned in the Feather river at Las Plumas, Butte county, last Tuesday, will be held tomorrow afternoon...with interment in the I.O.O.F. cemetery. Corporal Vido Opusich of Company L arrived late last night with the body from the north and plans are being made today to give the young man a military funeral. A firing squad from the high school cadets will fire the salute over the grave and ‘taps’ will be sounded by one of the high school buglers at the grave...”

EP; 21 Jun 1917; list: “TODAY’S LIST [of] RED CROSS SUBSCRIBERS. ...Luke Scurich, \$10...

“\$5 Subscriptions: ...Lettunich, E. B...Resetar, P.M...

“\$2.50 Subscriptions: ...Marinovich, F. P....Sapro & Katucich...

“\$1 Subscriptions: ...Lucich, V...Berkovich, Mike; Bukosovich, John...Cikuth, L...Lister, V...Strazicich, A...

“50c Subscriptions: ...Zukan [Zupan], Mitchell...”

EP; 21 Jun 1917; item: “Vido Opusich, clerk of Co. L, accompanied the body of young Feliciano to this city,

arriving here last night. Opusich is as brown as a berry, and enjoying excellent health. He says the boys are all right, and kept busy with various duties.”

EP; 22 Jun 1917; list: “[Red Cross Contributions]...\$5 Subscriptions: ...Mengol, Peter...Scurich, Stephen...

“\$2 Subscriptions: ...Stanovich, John...

“\$1 Subscriptions: ...Cercich, John...Pulich, Mrs. L....Zar, John P...

“50c Subscriptions: ...Mitchell, Zukan [Zupan]...Radimer [Radimir], Nick...Sapro, Mrs. John...”

EP; 23 Jun 1917; article: “A PATRIOTIC AUSTRIAN. EUREKA, Cal., June 23—‘I write this to say I’m willing for the government to use my deposit any way it may desire during the war,’ says a letter received by Postmaster Willard Wells from Petar Jovanovich. Jovanovich refers to his postal savings bank deposit of \$850, the savings of years of hard work as a woodsman. His letter goes on to say that when the Liberty Bonds were for sale he thought his money in the postal savings bank was doing the government just as much good as if he used it to buy bonds. Since then he learned differently and he wants his money to work for Uncle Sam.”

EP; 25 Jun 1917; born: “Aromas, June 22, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. John Muspanich [Mustanich], a son.” [*John; +1991*]

EP; 25 Jun 1917; article: “The case of Luke Scurich against the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads has been on before Judge B. K. Knight. Plaintiff was represented by J. A. Hall and defendants by Cassin & Atteridge. The matter was heard and taken under advisement.

“Plaintiff alleges he shipped apples valued at \$800 to the W. J. Parsons Brokerage company of Denver, which became insolvent. He sent it as an order shipment and alleges the railroads delivered without authority, for which reason he demands the \$800 from them.—Santa Cruz Surf.”

EP; 26 Jun 1917; article: “The City Grocery Company, which has conducted its business at 307 Main Street near Second for many years past, has decided to retire from business next month, and the ad. of the store on page 3 contains some suggestions for those who are looking for bargains in groceries, tinware, glassware, and other merchandise handled by the firm. The City Grocery Company has been one of the leading firms in this community since it started in business here and the many friends of the members of the firm will learn with regret of its decision to retire. The company plans to sell out its entire stock at reduced prices and this includes everything in the store as well as the fixtures, horses, delivery wagons and other property owned by the firm. This is a real

opportunity for anyone in search of genuine bargains, and should be taken advantage of. The stock is large and varied, and will be sold very cheap.”

EP; 26 Jun 1917; item: “Mrs. N. M. Borina has returned from a six weeks’ stay at Tassajara Hot Springs.”

EP; 26 Jun 1917; list: “Red Cross Contributions: ...M. N. and Mateo Lettunich, \$100...Luke Scurich, \$10...

“\$5 Subscriptions: ...Calif. Restaurant...Chukovich, R. S...Lettunich, E. B...Mengol, Peter...Resetar, P. M... Scurich, Stephen...

“\$2.50 Subscriptions: ...Braticevich, Leo...Marinovich, F. P...Scurich, Peter A...Sapro & Katucich...Zar, A...

“\$2 Subscriptions: ...Derganc, Joseph...Franich, John...Hrepich, Paul...Stanovich, John...

“\$1.50 Subscriptions: ...Scurich, John...

“\$1 Subscriptions: ...Berkovich, Mike; Bukosovich, John...Boscovich, B...Cikuth, L...Cercich, John...Campavia [Scampavia], Jas...Ducich, Nick...Farlin, Mrs. L. P...Farlin, Louis...Hrepich, John...Lister, V...Lucich, V...Nirich, M. P...Novacich, Jack...Pulich, Mrs. L... Strazicich, A...Stolich, Mrs. P...Zar, John P...

“50c Subscriptions: ...Glage, Mrs. Jamie...Mitchell, Zukan [Zupan]...Radimer, Nick...Sapro, Mrs. John...Stolich, Mrs. N...Zukan, Mitchell...

“25c Subscriptions: Severa [Saveria], Mrs. F...”

EP; 26 Jun 1917; editorial: “THE LANGUAGE QUARREL. The summoning of the Austrian parliament calls to attention the fact that it has long been the plan of the German group in Austria to crush out the languages of the subject races and to substitute German for them. The German in Austria planned to give autonomy to Galica, where most of the Polish deputies come from, thus excluding the Poles from the Austrian parliament and giving the German parties a majority over the remaining language parties, such as the Czechs, Ruthenians, Serbo Croats, etc. With a clear majority in the national parliament, the German deputies could then carry out their scheme unhindered.

“Now, there is certainly practically no one in America who can feel any sympathy for the German Austrians in their brutal desire to dominate the Slavs of Austria. But it is an interesting thing and a difficult thing to decide, whether it would not be better for the cause of international peace and amity in the long run, if all these little languages and dialects were not obliterated, once and for all. The Czech language may be a very noble one, and yet it is only spoken by a few millions of people, and perhaps if the Czechs learned to speak German, which is a widely spread language, the common people of Bohemia and Moravia, where Czech is now spoken, might more easily combine with the common people of other

parts of Austria and with the common people of Germany itself, and throw off the yoke of the Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns.

“But if the Czechs preserve their language, and the Slovenes theirs, and the Slovaks theirs, does it not mean that for many weary centuries the common people of each of these little groups speaking German, and that the whole intolerable situation will be unbearably prolonged?”

“Take the Irish question. It is certainly much better that the Irish now speak English instead of Gaelic. It means that international peace is so much the closer, and that the Liberals of England can meet on the common ground of language with the Home Rule men of Ireland, and aid them in their fight for freedom.

“Yet what free American but sympathizes with the struggle of each subject race of Austria to retain its own language, which must be as dear to the people who speak it as our own language is dear to us?—San Jose News.”

EP; 27 Jun 1917; item: “Martin Franecch [Franusich] has returned from a visit to Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 27 Jun 1917; item: “Writ of attachment: George Copriviza et al. vs. Timothy McCarty—44.538 acres of Ro. Salsipuedes, reserving strip 15 links wide.”

EP; 2 Jul 1917; item: “Mrs. George Pulich and two daughters are here to visit Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy.”

EP; 2 Jul 1917; item: “George Hrepich of the California Restaurant has returned from a vacation spent at Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 2 Jul 1917; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lettunich of Tonopah, Nevada, have arrived here to visit relatives and friends. Mrs. Lettunich was formerly Pauline Strazich of this city.”

EP; 5 Jul 1917; item: “M. N. Lettunich has returned from a vacation trip to Shasta Springs.”

EP; 5 Jul 1917; item: “Vido Opusich, corporal and clerk of Co. L, located ‘somewhere in California,’ writes us on behalf of the ‘boys,’ acknowledging the receipt of a box of Durham tobacco from H. S. Fletcher, and a big box of luscious cherries from John Scurich, and desires us, through the columns of the Pajaronian, to return the sincere thanks of the company to those two gentlemen for their thoughtfulness and kindness. It is just such little acts of kindness as the foregoing that keeps our boys in touch with us, and reminds them that we are thinking of them, and expect them to conduct themselves so as to reflect honor and credit on their town and friends. Vido says that all the boys are well, and send their regards to all.”

EP; 7 Jul 1917; born: “Watsonville, July 6, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Malta [Maleta], a son.” [*Peter*; +1935]

EP; 7 Jul 1917; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: Jack Novicich [Novcich], \$46.80...”

EP; 7 Jul 1917; mar. license: “Baldo Radovich and Miss Kathryn Dubreta, both well known young residents of this city, have secured a marriage license in this county but the date of their marriage is not yet known. Miss Dubreta has lived here several years and has been employed for some time past in the Watsonville Bakery. Mr. Radovich formerly was in the apple shipping business here but is now employed on a local ranch.”

EP; 7 Jul 1917; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, July 6, 1917, to Baldo B. Radovich and Kathryn Dubreta, both of Watsonville.”



Fig. 5-20.
Baldo “Barney” Radovich
(1892-1970) and
Kathryn Dubreta
(1898-1982).

EP; 9 Jul 1917; item: “George Forenich of the California Restaurant has departed for a two weeks’ visit to Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 9 Jul 1917; article: “PACKING HOUSE BURNS... A mystery fire, which is believed to be of incendiary origin, broke out in Alaga Brothers’ new packing house on Walker street, near Third, at 2 o’clock this morning and before the fire department had conquered the flames the entire building was destroyed; the side wall and north roof of the old Alaga Brothers packing house, adjoining on the south, burned, and two storerooms in the rear of the residences occupied by the C. H. Wittner family and Mrs. Eliza Taylor burned to the ground with all their contents lost. The damage is estimated roughly to be over \$6000, with the total insurance not exceeding \$3400.

“The fire is reported to have started in the center of the packing house, which had been leased for the past season by E. B. Rilovich and N. Sresovich but which had been leased since July 1st by T. M. Kissich. The alarm was turned in from the box at Third and Walker streets, and the fire department responded quickly, the automobile engine making a fast run to the scene. When the firemen arrived they found the packing house in flames, and the fire threatening a number of residences in the neighborhood as well as the other Alaga plant. Although the department soon had the fire under control yet Fire Chief Sandberg thought best to take no chances and turned in a general

alarm, which called out the steam engine, this being the first time since the new engine has been purchased by the city that both engines have responded to a fire.

“It was readily seen that the packing house was doomed and although the firemen continue to work hard in an effort to save the structure yet they turned their efforts at the same time to saving the adjacent buildings. Fire broke out in the window frame in the rear of the upper story of the Wittner residence after the Wittner barn had been destroyed but the blaze was soon extinguished.

“The entire contents of the packing house, all of which belonged to Rilovich & Sresovich, are a total loss including one apple grader, hand trucks, boxes, shook, nails and other property. The stock was insured for \$100 and the loss will easily double that. The building was valued by Alaga Brothers at \$2000 and was insured for \$1200. In the older Alaga Brothers’ packing house the side wall and roof were destroyed and the loss in the interior will amount to \$1500 with \$200 insurance as considerable shook, nails and other packing materials were burned...

“The cause of the fire is unknown but the circumstances point to the job being done by a firebrand. One theory advanced is that the fire was caused by I.W.W. sympathizers, who are starting a reign of terror in various parts of the country. Future developments will be anxiously watched...

“The packing district should get together and employ several watchmen in that district until the season is over. It will pay.”

EP; 10 Jul 1917; article: “District Attorney George W. Smith was here today to investigate the circumstances surrounding the fire in the Alaga Brothers’ packing house on Walker street yesterday morning and after he had looked into the case he announced that there was little doubt of the fire being of incendiary origin. He said the evidence was clear in that respect but not sufficient to prosecute anyone. It is extremely difficult to convict anyone of arson and in the present case Smith says it would not be right to force the county to spend a lot of money with but little chance of securing conviction.”

EP; 11 Jul 1917; article: “The City Grocery Co., is very anxious to sell out the remainder of its stock, so as to close down for good, next Saturday, if possible; and, consequently, in its ad., on our fifth page, today, calls attention to the great bargains that can be obtained this week, at the store, 397 Main street. There are lots of ‘snaps’ in the way of goods that can be picked up. Remember, only four days more of this sale. Act at once. Fixtures, delivery wagons, horses, harness, etc., can be bought very cheap. See ad.”

EP; 12 Jul 1917; item: “Mrs. M. L. Lettunich, Miss Lucile Lettunich and Prosper Lettunich are visiting at Castle Crag and Shasta Springs in Northern California.”

EP; 14 Jul 1917; ALL: P. J. Pekoch & Co.

EP; 14 Jul 1917; article: “Arrangements have now been completed for the big afternoon tea to be staged next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. S. Easterday on the Santa Cruz Road by the clubhouse furnishing committee of the Woman’s Club. The beautiful hydrangeas in the Easterday yard that always attract so much attention will be in their prettiest bloom next week and are sure to draw many nature lovers to the tea. A pleasing program has been arranged for the afternoon, the numbers to be piano solos by Miss Beatrice Easterday and Miss Muriel Burland, vocal solos by Mrs. O. D. Stoesser and Miss Gladys Sheehy...”

EP; 14 Jul 1917; item: “City Clerk George Pulich of Stockton is here until Monday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leddy.”

EP; 14 Jul 1917; article: “District Attorney Smith has returned from San Francisco, where he conferred with Attorney-General Webb with reference to the operation of the new tax limitation law, says last evening’s Santa Cruz News. Mr. Webb has stated that the tax limitation law is not subject to referendum, which announcement will cause widespread surprise in this state among the educators who have already started dozens of referendum petitions in circulation against the measure...”

EP; 18 Jul 1917; article: “A new solution of the improvement of Walker street from Lake Avenue to Ford Street by paving the street and laying a spur track thereon was advanced to the board of aldermen last night by a majority of the property owners on Walker street, who also represented a majority of the frontage on the street, the petitioners asking the board to have the street paved under the Vrooman Act, which forces all the frontage on the street to pay for the paving. Frontage aggregating 1351 feet signed the petition, the total frontage on the street being 2100 feet.

“The petition stated nothing about paying for the industrial spur wanted on the street, but Attorney Edward J. Kelly, who represents the petitioners, stated after the meeting that the petitioners would pay for the spur but they wanted all the property owners to jointly pay for the paving. The petition was signed by the heirs of the Schanbacher estate, the heirs of the Kuehnis estate, Peter Stolich, Nick Stolich, Mrs. Lettis, Mrs. Walters, O. K. Buob, Mrs. J. Oksen, Mrs. Frances Kruger and others. The matter was laid over by the board until some future time.”

EP; 20 Jul 1917; list: “ROOM 226, SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, Washington, July 20—America today drafted her youth for war against kaiserism.

“Starting at 9:30 o’clock in this garish chamber, blindfolded men drew the fated capsules bearing draft

numbers. Out through the country each number notified a youth of the order in which Uncle Sam wants him to respond to the call to arms.

"Ten thousand five hundred numbers were drawn and it will be night before the last pellet has been culled.

"This method was necessitated by a change in plans late yesterday after several state boards were found to have blundered in preparing their lists...

"Here is the way the lottery plan used today works:

"In each of the 4,557 districts in the country the men are numbered serially from one to the highest number of cards in that district.

"A number drawn from the glass globes here establishes the draft order of every man holding that number in every district in the nation. In case the numbers higher than a district contains are drawn, they are disregarded in making up the list in that district. As soon as the first thousand numbers were chalked up, the blackboard was taken outside and photographed 'close up.' Thousands of copies of each picture are being made. These indelible and unchangeable records will constitute the lists for the local exemption boards.

"The first 1,500 numbers drawn, officials declared, ought to indicate a good proportion of the order in which the drafted men will be called up for examination in the smaller districts...

"Every number in the entire list was drawn today, but the numbers published will be in the first call to report for examination or exemption, while the balance of the numbers will be called to report in the order their numbers were drawn. It is very probable that the second unit will not be ordered to report for examination before two or three weeks.

"The following numbers, being among the first to be drawn, will be in the first unit, and will be called to report for examination within the next few days: *[only the Slav names are shown, below]*

- 1455—Rado Cherovich, Watsonville.
- 564—John Dubreta, Watsonville.
- 596—Luke Ivancovich, Watsonville.
- 755—Martin Butier, Watsonville.
- 600—Elia Petkovich, Watsonville.
- 739—Miho Resetar, Watsonville.
- 757—Steve S. Dedo, Watsonville.
- 868—Stephen Grisich [Grizich], Watsonville.
- 1560—Peter S. Butier, Watsonville.
- 760—Tony Kortocich, Watsonville.
- 645—Charles Nivrich, Watsonville.
- 620—Nick Zupan, Watsonville.
- 1611—Paul Vedacich, Watsonville.
- 623—Mitchell Balija, Watsonville.
- 1141—N. Forencich, Santa Cruz.
- 637—George Matusich, Watsonville.
- 1142—F. Forencich [Forencich], Santa Cruz.
- 717—Bozo Rilovich, Watsonville.
- 199—John Gospodnetich, Watsonville.

576—J. S. Kralj, Watsonville.

666—Martin Vukasovich, Watsonville."

EP; 20 Jul 1917; item: "Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich and children are at Santa Cruz for two weeks."

EP; 20 Jul 1917; item: "Prosper Lettunich of San Francisco is here to visit his father, M. N. Lettunich."



Fig. 5-21.
Ad in
Watsonville Register
of 21 July 1917.

EP; 23 Jul 1917; item: "George Forencich of the California Restaurant has returned from a visit to Tassajara Springs."

EP; 23 Jul 1917; list: NEXT WEDNESDAY IS NATURALIZATION DAY. The petition of the following named applicants appear upon the calendar...Luke George Bachan...Nick Lamont...Steven Covacich...John Peter Braycovich..."

EP; 23 Jul 1917; item: "Mrs. T. M. Kissich and Mrs. N. P. Stolich and the Stolich children returned last evening from a two weeks' vacation spent at Paso Robles."

EP; 26 Jul 1917; item: "George Copriviza et al. vs. Timothy McCarty—Notice of order overruling demurrer."

EP; 26 Jul 1917; item: "George Copriviza et al. vs. Margaret McCarty—Notice of order overruling demurrer."

EP; 27 Jul 1917; obit: "The body of the late John Amat, brother of Nicholas Amat and Mrs. Andrew Zar of this city, will arrive from Colfax this afternoon...the funeral to be held tomorrow morning...from the residence of Andrew Zar at 123 Palm Avenue. Mr. Amat came to this country about twenty years ago and for many years past was handling general insurance as well as representing the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in San

Francisco. In 1911 he took a trip to Europe, returning the same year and also marrying in Buffalo shortly afterward. About nine months ago he became ill and sought relief at Saratoga for five months but then moved to Colfax in search of health.

“Mr. Lamat’s death has caused much mourning in this city, which Mr. Lamat had visited on many occasions. He was a fine fellow, an enterprising businessman and an estimable gen- regret in this city, which Mr. La-his untimely passing. [*sic* typos]”

EP; 27 Jul 1917; item: “Mrs. Ned Gluhan has returned from a two weeks’ visit to Santa Cruz.”

EP; 27 Jul 1917; item: “William Pulisevich, the Los Angeles produce man, is here for a few days on business.”

EP; 27 Jul 1917; item: “Miss Anna Scurich has returned from a month’s visit with friends and relatives in San Francisco.”

EP; 27 Jul 1917; item: “Mrs. Katherine Strazicich and daughter, Katherine, are visiting friends in San Francisco this week.”

EP; 27 Jul 1917; item: “Estate of Nick Sresovich, deceased—Notice to creditors.”

EP; 28 Jul 1917; article: “A disquieting rumor floats down to us from Boulder Creek. On last Fourth of July District Attorney Geo. W. Smith went up there, delivered the Fourth of July oration, and incidentally held hands and flirted with that charming movie actress, Beatriz Michelina—(we wish we had been George!) Be that as it may, ‘and nevertheless,’ as our esteemed friend Andy Balich would say, the effects of that oration were simply awful! Already, two blind piggers have been arrested in the mountain town and more arrests are to come.

“It seems that ‘Garge’s’ oration drove the entire population to something stronger than that mental refreshment, Coca Cola. At least that is the defense that was advanced in Judge Houck’s court yesterday morning when the cases were called for hearing. George said that he hoped such was not the case, although he confessed that there might be considerable merit in the contention as he acknowledged that his ideas were somewhat hazy on that day after receiving many admiring glances from various bright orbs, the owners of whom declared that he ‘was just too lovely for anything!’

“However, Justice Houck was so outraged at such a frivolous contention, and in order to uphold the dignity of his legal brother, he soaked one of the offenders two hundred bucks, and the other one hundred bones. When the matter was brought to the attention of Supervisor Marcus, in his righteous indignation, he announced that he would move the revocation of one of the offender’s hotel license.

“So, hereafter, the good people of Boulder Creek will have to depend on the mildest form of ‘belly wash.’ God help Smith (in Boulder Creek) if he runs again for district attorney...”

EP; 28 Jul 1917; item: “Harry Averett and Nick Vukich, both privates in L Company, are here from ‘somewhere in California’ to visit friends and relatives.”

EP; 28 Jul 1917; obit: “In Watsonville, July 27, 1917, Mrs. Anna Pulisevich, aged 78 years, a native of Austria.

“(Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral which will take place from the residence of F. P. Marinovich, 22 Alexander street, on Monday, July 30, 1917...”

EP; 28 Jul 1917; obit: “Mrs. Anna Pulisevich, a well known resident of this city, after an illness of about a month, from disabilities consequent on her advanced age, passed away, last evening, about six o’clock, at the Marinovich residence in this city. She recently returned from Los Angeles where she has been residing with her son, William, for some time past.

“Deceased came to this country about 29 years ago, and has been a resident of this valley, for the past 24 years. Her husband passed away about 18 years ago, and she has been residing alternately with her children. She leaves three sons, N. C. Pulisevich, of Santa Cruz; George Pulisevich, now in Austria, and William Pulisevich, of Los Angeles. Besides these sons she leaves two daughters, Mrs. F. P. Marinovich, of this city, and Mrs. Anna Pecarovich in Austria; also 15 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

“Mrs. Pulisevich was a woman highly respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and her taking away will be mourned by all who knew her. She was a very devout member of the Catholic church.

“Deceased was a good, kindhearted woman and her children, whom she raised to be useful and prominent members of this community are overcome at their great loss...”

EP; 30 Jul 1917; notice: “CARD OF THANKS. We desire to take this method of thanking all those kind friends that extended sympathy and helped us in our hour of bereavement in the death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Anna Pulisevich. We are grateful for the many floral tributes and wish to express our appreciation of all kindnesses extended to us.

“MRS. F. P. MARINOVICH & PULISEVICH BROS.”

EP; 30 Jul 1917; obit: “The funeral of the late Mrs. Anna Pulisevich, which was held this morning from the F. P. Marinovich residence at 22 Alexander street, was over a mile in length and was one of the largest funerals ever seen here. Many beautiful floral pieces were in evidence.

The funeral services were held at St. Patrick's church and the interment was held in the Valley Cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. Henry P. Kane, S. Hrepich, M. Stolich, Luke Scurich, George Copriviza and William Martin."

EP; 30 Jul 1917; obit: "The funeral of the late John Lamat was held last Saturday from the residence of Andrew Zar at 123 Palm Avenue with requiem mass at St. Patrick's church and interment in the Valley Cemetery. A large number of mourning friends were present and many floral tributes were in evidence. The pallbearers were Messrs. Paul Miladin, Jack Moncovich, John Braycovich, Louis Braycovich, Tony Braycovich and Paul Zivanovich."

EP; 1 Aug 1917; item: "Luke Scurich, Dan F. Leddy and C. H. Baker motored to Tres Pinos today on business."

EP; 1 Aug 1917; item: "Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kalich and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. Gluhan and daughter and Mrs. Setalo have returned from a visit to San Francisco and Oakland."

EP; 2 Aug 1917; class. ad: "WE BUY and pay highest prices for Scrap iron, metal, sacks, etc. BERCOVICH BROS., 507 Rodriguez St. Phone 343J."

EP; 3 Aug 1917; list: "**Men Will Report in Three Different Units at Santa Cruz. Notice to Claimants for Exemption or Discharge Under Draft Law.**"

"By direction of the draft law, the local Exemption Board will carefully scrutinize and thoroughly investigate all claims for exemption and discharge, and the affidavits filed in support thereof. False claims or fraudulent affidavits constitute perjury and conspiracy to defraud the United States Government, and upon detection, will be reported to the United States District Attorney for prosecution. The penalty under the Federal Law is term of imprisonment and subsequent compulsory military service. Warning is hereby given that any attempted fraud will be sternly dealt with.

"County Council of Defense of the County of Santa Cruz: by Benjamin K. Knight, Judge of the Superior Court; H. V. Trafton, Sheriff; Geo. W. Smith, District Attorney; H. H. Miller, County Clerk; J. A. Harvey, Chairman of the Board of Supervisor; W. H. Keck, M.D.; W. A. Trafton, Mayor, City of Watsonville; F. R. Powell, W. H. Volck.

"Notice of call and to appear for a physical examination.

"The following named persons are hereby notified that, pursuant to the act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, they are called for military service of the United States by this Local Board.

"They will report at the office of this Local Board for

physical examination at Armory building, Cooper Street, Santa Cruz.

"Any claim for exemption or discharge must be made on forms which may be procured, or the form of which may be copied at the office of the Local Board, and must be filed at the office of this Local Board on or before the seventh day after the date of posting of this notice.

"Your attention is called to the penalties for violation or evasion of the Selected Service Law approved May 18, 1917, and of the Rules and Regulations which may be consulted at this office.

"The list of names below are published in the order they were drawn and those on the list will report on the date designated in such order.

"First Day.

"The following are to appear on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 9 a.m. in the order in which they appear on this list: [*only the Slavs are listed below*]

1455—Rado Cherovich, Watsonville.

564—John Dubreta, Watsonville.

596—Luka Ivanovich, Watsonville.

755—Martin Butier, Watsonville.

600—Elia Petkovich, Watsonville.

1031—Nick Sresesn [Sersen], Watsonville.

739—Miho Resetar, Watsonville.

757—Steve S. Dedo, Watsonville.

868—Stephen Grizich, Watsonville.

1560—Peter S. Butier, Watsonville.

"Second Day.

"The following are to appear on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 9 a.m., in the order in which they appear on this list:

645—Charles Nivrich, Watsonville.

620—Nick Zupan, Watsonville.

1611—Paul Vedacich, Watsonville.

760—Tony Kostovich, Watsonville.

623—Mitchell Balija, Watsonville.

1141—N. Forencich, Santa Cruz.

637—George Matusich, Watsonville.

1142—F. Forencich, Watsonville.

1595—Matao Hobo, Watsonville. [Slav?]

717—Bozo, Rilovich, Watsonville.

199—J. Gospodnetich, Corralitos.

576—J. S. Kralj, Watsonville.

"Third Day.

"The following are to appear on Thursday, Aug. 9, at 9 a.m., in the order in which they appear on this list:

736—Chris Mracevich, Watsonville.

656—Martin Vukasovich, Watsonville.

1616—Martin Zetz, Watsonville.

1507—John Zvone, Watsonville.

753—A. Brantovich [Brautovich?], Watsonville.

1707—John Zeko, Watsonville.

1660—L. Benovac [Banovac], Watsonville.

622—A. Bakich, Watsonville.

1464—J. Perusina, Watsonville."

EP; 3 Aug 1917; item: “Estate of Nick Sresovich, deceased—Inventory and appraisalment.”

EP; 3 Aug 1917; born: “Watsonville, August 2, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lafich [Lasich], a son.” [Mitchell; +1998]



Fig. 5-22. Mitchell Lasich.

EP; 7 Aug 1917; article: “The following across-the-river residents must appear in Salinas tomorrow to be physically examined for the draft army: ...John Lamat, Aromas...John Alaga, Watsonville...”

EP; 8 Aug 1917; item: “Mrs. John Stanovich has returned from a visit in Hollister with Mrs. J. B. Zimmer.”

EP; 9 Aug 1917; item: “Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and daughter, Lucile, are at the Casa Del Rey in Santa Cruz for a few days.”

EP; 9 Aug 1917; item: “Chris Mracevich of this city passed the draft examination at Santa Cruz this forenoon and did not claim any exemption. Good for Chris!”

EP; 9 Aug 1917; born: “In Watsonville, August 9, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Strazicich, a daughter.” [Angela Barbara; see Fig. 4-62]

EP; 11 Aug 1917; board of supervisors, payments: “...Current Fund: ...Novicich, Jack, com. ins.: \$58.50...”

EP; 11 Aug 1917; ALL: John Fiorovich.

EP; 11 Aug 1917; article: “Following are the names of the first 56 men drafted from this county for service in the first American army. This list of persons who are not now subject to exemption or discharge have only one avenue open for release from duty and that would be through exemption on industrial grounds. Such claims for exemption have to be filed within five days after the local board has certified the men to appear for service...”

“From Watsonville: John S. Kraljtj [Kralj], Chris Mracevich...”

“Married Men: The following Watsonville men called on the first draft have claimed discharge based on being the support of wife or wife and children: ...Miho Resetar...”

EP; 13 Aug 1917; item: “Mitchell Korich has purchased a Hudson Speedster from O. A. Schaeffer, the local agent.”

EP; 13 Aug 1917; item: “Postmaster E. H. Haack has added another modern improvement to his service in the shape of a light automobile truck that will be used to carry mails to and from the postoffice, Watsonville Junction and the local depot. A. P. Williams, who has been a familiar figure on the streets for several years past with his horse and mail wagon, will drive the new machine. An automobile mail wagon has been needed in this city for years past as the local postoffice handles one of the biggest businesses of any office in the state located in a city the size of Watsonville.”

EP; 16 Aug 1917; item: “The first Bellefleurs shipped from the valley this season were shipped this afternoon by B. Pista, the well known Walker street packer...The apples were grown in the Charles M. Cassin orchard in the Railroad District and were pronounced first class apples by Inspector Hopkins. They were shipped ‘somewhere out of California.’”

EP; 20 Aug 1917; ALL: Nick Larzarovich, John Rusko.

EP; 22 Aug 1917; item: “Mary E. Eddy vs. Ed B. Cikuth et al.—Demurrer.”

EP; 22 Aug 1917; list: “The following men have so far been certified in Santa Cruz county for service in the new national army: ...576—J. S. Kralj, Watsonville...736—Chris Mracevich, Watsonville...”

EP; 22 Aug 1917; article: “FIRST REPORT OF LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD...The county exemption board has practically completed its weeding out process in this county and when it has gone over the claims of married men without children its work will be about finished. Already this county has about 100 men on its certified list and in a day or so expects to add at least 25 more to the roll. Today a number of men rejected by the physicians a few days ago are in Santa Cruz for re-examination and some of these will pass. Then there will be others added to the list from among the married men without children.

“The following Watsonville men called on the first draft have claimed discharge from military service based on being the support of aged and infirm parents but have been certified for service by a unanimous vote of [the] Local Board: ...269—Bozo Rilovich...”

“The following Watsonville men called on the first draft who claimed discharge from military service based on being the support of a wife and child [or] children and have been discharged by a unanimous vote of the Local Board: ...Anton Bakich...”

“The following Watsonville men had already been certified for service: ...John S. Kralj, Chris Mracevich...”

“The following statement was issued by the Board:

“In publishing its first decisions in cases involving

claims for discharge from military service on the ground of dependency the Local Board for the County of Santa Cruz desires to make a brief explanatory statement.

“The word “dependent” is not defined in the regulations by which the Board is governed, notwithstanding the fact that the administration of the entire dependency section of the selective system turns upon the interpretation of this term. In one sense the word “dependent” describes a person who actually depends on another for support. In another sense it means one who is “unable to exist” without the sustaining aid of another. As a matter of fact a person may actually “depend on” another when there is no real necessity for such dependence, and when the ability to be “self-dependent” exists, but is not exercised. The fact of support is one thing, the necessity for such support is another and an entirely different thing.

“Local Boards are under the necessity of drawing for themselves an important distinction which the rules and regulations have failed to make clear, and a number of Boards in this and neighboring counties have adopted and have endeavored to apply the following principles to the different classes of persons claiming discharge on this ground:

“A married man without children whose wife is in good health is held to be not entitled to discharge, because such a wife, while probably “depending” on her husband for support, is not really “dependent” on him.

“Married men without children who depend on their labor for support and whose wives either expect to become mothers at an early date or are suffering from disabling sickness are held to be entitled to discharge because, in the absence of independent incomes, such wives not only “depend on” but are actually “dependent on” their husbands for support.

“Married men who have children are held as not entitled to discharge if they or their wives have incomes derived from sources other than their labor sufficient for the family support for herself and child, and therefore both “depends on” and is “dependent on” the earnings of her husband. In other words it is impossible for her under the circumstances to be “self dependent.”

“Sons of widowed mothers are held to be not entitled to discharge when the mother has other relatives liable for her support, or when she has some earning capacity and is not entirely dependent on others. When the mother has no earning capacity, no other relatives legally liable for her support, and no income whatever except that derived from her son, then he is held to be entitled to discharge.

“Practically the same rule has been applied to sons of aged and infirm parents.

“Many difficulties arise in the application of these rules from the fact that the claimant contributes for the support of his dependent relatives a sum less than he can spare from his army pay of \$30 per month with everything found. In such cases official instructions require

Local Boards to certify the man for service, on the ground that the dependent will be as well cared for as before.

“The determination of the exact facts in each of approximately 300 cases has involved a great deal of labor and investigation in connection with which the assistance of the sheriff of the county has been invaluable. There are on file in connection with these cases at least 1200 separate affidavits, all of which have been read by each member of the Board, many of them having been carefully analyzed and discussed at length.

“Wide differences of opinion regarding the decisions of the Board are to be expected. In the absence of clearly defined official rulings applicable in every possible case, and with no previous decisions to which we could turn for guidance in doubtful cases, such differences of opinion are inevitable. This Board will await with interest the action of the District Board on doubtful cases which will be taken before that body on appeal. In this connection it is well to remember that every case of discharge granted by this Board on the ground of dependency will be appealed by the government and every man whose claim has been denied has a right to take the same course. Blanks for this purpose may be had at the office of the Local Board.

“We wish to take this opportunity of expressing appreciation of the attitude toward this Board displayed by the men under examination, and their relatives. In every case without exception the Board has met with courtesy and respect and an evident appreciation of the trying duty imposed on us by the present situation. Our earnest effort has been to perform this duty with absolute impartiality.—W. R. RADCLIFF, Chairman, W. V. LUCAS, SAMUEL LEASK, Clerk.”

EP; 23 Aug 1917; item: “Nick Lamat has departed for a visit to the Byron Hot Springs.”

EP; 23 Aug 1917; item: “Tony Radovich of the Hotel Central has returned from a visit to San Francisco.”

EP; 23 Aug 1917; item: “Wm. Pulisevich, the Los Angeles commission broker, who has been in this city for the past few days, looking into the fruit prospects, returns to Los Angeles tomorrow.”

EP; 23 Aug 1917; item: “J. Cikuth et al. vs. Norwich Union Fire Ins. Co.—Order to extend time to answer.”

EP; 23 Aug 1917; item: “Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cikuth left today for a short visit to Santa Cruz.”

EP; 25 Aug 1917; ALL: Nick Battinich, J. J. Mioceovich.

EP; 27 Aug 1917; item: “Luke Cikuth et ux to Amos W. Condit—Lot in Hawkins & Peckham’s Sub., Watsonville.”

EP; 29 Aug 1917; article: “The Watsonville Woman’s Club will occupy its new clubhouse on Brennen street for the first time next Saturday afternoon when the club will hold its first meeting of the 1917-18 season. In honor of the event the members will stage an informal housewarming after the business meeting at 2:30 o’clock and on Thursday, September 13, the public reception will be held. The public will be invited to this affair and arrangements are being made to accommodate a large crowd...”

EP; 30 Aug 1917; obit: “In Santa Cruz, August. 30, 1917, Mrs. Mary Marich, a native of Austria, aged 22 years.”

EP; 30 Aug 1917; obit: “Mrs. Mary Marich, a resident of this valley for several years past, died at a hospital in Santa Cruz today. She was a native of Austria and aged 22 years. She is a daughter of Chris Stto [Spirto] of the San Juan Road across the river and in addition to her father leaves a husband and two children to mourn her loss.”

EP; 30 Aug 1917; class. ad: “HELP WANTED—Box makers wanted at once. Apply to RILOVICH & SRESOVICH at Corralitos Fruit Growers Association new packing house, Kearney Street.”

EP; 30 Aug 1917; class. ad: “FOR SALE—Team of horses 8 and 9 years old, weight 1400 to 1500 lbs.; together with harness and fruit wagon, very reasonable. Inquire of STEPHEN SCURICH, cor. Main & Central Ave., Phone 243.”

EP; 31 Aug 1917; article: “This morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel says:

“The different interpretations placed on the exemption regulations which are in evidence in other places, found expression in the local board yesterday when a majority voted in favor of the retention of the draft of George W. Wood and John Battista Chappell of Santa Cruz, and Milo [Miho/Mitchell] Resetar of Watsonville.

“Wood has a wife and child and Resetar has a wife and children...”

EP; 31 Aug 1917; article: “Mitchell Korich, the well known fruit packer, was fined \$25 yesterday afternoon by Police Judge Bridgewater for speeding on Main street, the arrest being made by Officer John Corr. Korich pleaded that he was trying to catch a train but his story failed to win mercy from the court. Korich paid his fine smilingly and went on his way a sadder and wiser man.”

EP; 4 Sep 1917; board of aldermen, payments: “...Labor: M. Glech, \$90.95...Supplies: California Restaurant, \$43.25; Central Electric Co., \$22.25...”

EP; 6 Sep 1917; born: “Watsonville, Sept. 6, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Matasavich [Matiasovich], a 11½ pound son.” [Laurie; +2002]



Fig. 5-23. Laurie Matiasovich.

EP; 7 Sep 1917; item: “Ned Gluhan has departed for a vacation trip to Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 11 Sep 1917; born: “In Hollister, Sept. 8, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. John P. Matulich, a son.” [Paul John; +1950]

EP; 11 Sep 1917; item: “District Attorney Geo. W. Smith passed through town yesterday afternoon, en route to San Francisco where he has an important insurance matter awaiting adjustment. George delivered the address at Felton last Sunday afternoon, at the flag presentation and raising at the Felton school. He states he never met a prettier or better behaved bunch of children.”

EP; 14 Sep 1917; article: “The new clubhouse of the Woman’s Club on Brennan street was opened in an official manner last evening under auspicious circumstances and the ceremonies in connection with the opening were successful throughout. The public had been invited to attend the opening and the men and women responded by turning out in large numbers, there being a big crowd in attendance and all enjoying the affair...”

“In speaking of what had been accomplished by the club in past years Mrs. Bailey pointed out that it had made possible the Carnegie library, the stone monument at the foot of Main street marking the spot where Portola landed with his expedition, the establishment of domestic science and manual training in the public schools, the municipal playground, the annual Rose Show and the building of the clubhouse.

“Mrs. Otto D. Stoesser then favored the audience with a beautiful rendition of ‘Dear Land of Home’ in fine voice, her number being so pleasing that she had to give an encore...”

EP; 15 Sep 1917; ALL: Jack Mustahinich, Zankich Bros.

EP; 15 Sep 1917; article: “Sidney Smith of this city, who recently left with Arthur Thimann to enter the employ of Uncle Sam’s navy as a member of the Naval Reserve band at San Pedro, writes the following interesting letter to the Pajaronian from San Pedro.

“This is the finest place the United States has in either service. There is a fort on each side of us and a submarine base alongside of us. The conditions at first were very poor but now the station is more established and everything is running along fine. At first I was disgusted but now I wouldn’t do anything else. I sure feel sorry for

the boys in the National Army. We played for their departure and they were sure a sorry looking bunch. This trip is just like a vacation for me and say, they have some fine officers here. The day we landed off the Yale we got a shot in the arm to prevent typhoid. We get three of these shots 10 days apart and then the little vaccination so I guess I will be germ proof when I get out of here.

“After that we got our cots, blankets, mattresses and one white cap. Then we were shown to the sleeping quarters, which is a great big warehouse that we call the “good ship Los Angeles.” I really believe some day they are going to jack the building up and try to float it. Oh, we sure are some dry land sailors but we get enough to do...”

EP; 17 Sep 1917; article: “Notes from High School... Helen Strazich is in the employ of M. L. Kalich & Co. as stenographer and bookkeeper...”

EP; 18 Sep 1917; item: “The biggest car of apples ever shipped from the Pajaro Valley was sent out today by John Scurich, the well known local packer, the car containing 1770 boxes. The variety sent was Newtowns and the car was loaded to its fullest capacity. The destination was San Francisco. As far as could be learned the biggest car sent out heretofore consisted of a little over 1500 boxes. The capacity of the car shipped by Mr. Scurich was 50 tons but the apples weighed a little less than that.”

EP; 19 Sep 1917; born: “In Santa Cruz, Sept. 15, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis K. Akacich, a daughter.” [*Lillian*; +2003]

EP; 19 Sep 1917; article: “Not only will the eleven Pajaro valley men leaving Friday for American Lake, Washington, be tendered a farewell reception but all the Pajaro valley men that have been drafted and will go later will be honored, according to plans mapped out last night by the committee arranging for the reception here Friday afternoon. All the stores will be closed and the committee plans to make the demonstration one of the biggest ever staged in Watsonville.

“Those leaving Friday for the north are: [no Slavs]

“The men that will leave later from this valley are:

“Chris Cracevich [Mracevich]...Miho Resetar...John Kralj...Bozo Rilovich...”

“According to plans mapped out last night by the committee the parade that will open the ceremonies will start from the high school where all the drafted men will be asked to assemble. All the schoolchildren of the city will be in the line of march, including the high school cadets, who will act as an escort for the drafted men. The Saint Francis School band will render patriotic airs during the parade. Upon arrival at the plaza the drafted men will be given seats on the plaza bandstand, the local G.A.R. vet-

erans to also be seated in the stand. H. C. Wyckoff will make a few introductory remarks, W. R. Radcliff, chairman of the county exemption board, will call the roll of the drafted men...” [*see Fig. 5-1*]

“The drafted men will march to the depot after the exercises in the plaza, the other drafted men from the county to arrive on the 4:19 train from the north. The local men will board the train here and wait at the Watsonville Junction depot for the special train that will carry the drafted men from the counties north of Los Angeles...”

EP; 20 Sep 1917; article: “From the address of District Attorney George W. Smith at the high school auditorium Monday night:

“To win this war without unnecessary bloodshed, will require the united effort of every man, woman and child of this republic.

“If needless slaughter of our manhood is to be avoided, the disloyal snakes that crawl in our midst should be crushed without compunction, delay or quibble.

“Gratifying indeed to loyal Americanism was the prompt conviction in the federal court at San Francisco last Saturday of DeLacey and his co-conspirators; but the extreme penalty of the law under which these ingrates were convicted is wholly inadequate to fit the case.

“It is not upon the battlefields of war-torn Europe or in the lurking submarine that our peril lies in this fight; but here at home from the base treachery of those like the defendants just referred to—men seeking a sanctuary here and stabbing their benefactor in the back in return for the protection accorded them.”

EP; 21 Sep 1917; obit: “John Capitanich, for the last twenty years a well known resident of this city passed away yesterday at a local hospital after a critical illness of one day’s duration. Death followed an intestinal operation performed in a last hope to save his life.

“Deceased came here from Austria about twenty years ago, and was engaged in the apple business for several years. In 1907 he married Miss Nellie Vuicich and three children, Nellie, Peter and Anna, blessed the union. Aside from his wife and three children deceased leaves two brothers, Peter P. Capitanich of this city, and Steve Capitanich residing in Austria, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Vukich of Austria. The sympathy of a large number of friends will be extended to the loved ones...”

EP; 22 Sep 1917; item: “Elmer Knowles, Mitchell Korich and John M. Conlan left this morning for a visit to the Conlan ranch near Gonzales.”

EP; 24 Sep 1917; article: “The local apple shippers were gladdened yesterday morning by the arrival of thirty cars, the result, no doubt, of the informal conference held by Messrs. A. W. Tate, Jr., Dr. H. M. Tenney, C. H. Baker, H. T. Davis and M. N. Lettunich with the State Railroad Conference at noon last Saturday...”

EP; 25 Sep 1917; item: “Edward B. Cikuth et ux to Mary E. Caddy—Lot in Watsonville Heights.”

EP; 25 Sep 1917; item: “John Lamont to Mary E. Caddy—Lot in Watsonville Heights.”

EP; 25 Sep 1917; item: “Mary E. Caddy vs. Edward B. Cikuth—Stipulation to dismiss action.”

EP; 26 Sep 1917; item: “Geo. Copriviza et al. vs. Margaret McCarty—Findings and decision.”

EP; 26 Sep 1917; article: “Last evening’s San Francisco Call claims the greater part of the credit for relieving the car shortage at this place. We thought the committee sent up by the apple packers with Dr. Tate had accomplished the result in conjunction with the efforts of State Horticulturist Hecks. However, after this, all that is necessary when a car shortage occurs is to write a letter about it to the Call, and it will do the rest. No need of meetings or sending committees or taking any bother.”

EP; 26 Sep 1917; article: “The following decisions on cases from this county have been rendered by the district appeal board at San Rafael:

“...Case continued—Milo Resetar.”

EP; 26 Sep 1917; class. ad: “WANTED—Apple sorters and box makers wanted immediately. Apply to W. [M.] N. Lettunich & Co., Packing House, W. Third St., Watsonville.”

EP; 26 Sep 1917; disp. ad:

We Specialize in ALL Kinds of
ELECTRIC WIRING
INSTALLATION and REPAIR
WORK

Have us submit figures on your
work for our figures are based on
A-1 materials and thoroughly good
work. Prompt Service.

CENTRAL ELECTRIC CO.
P.V. Bank Bldg. Phone 209J

EP; 28 Sep 1917; list: “Announcement was made yesterday by the exemption board that 38 men will leave for Camp Lewis October 5, as follows:

“...Chris Mracevich, Watsonville...”

EP; 29 Sep 1917; article: “District Attorney George W. Smith will be the four-minute speaker at T. & D. theatre this evening. George is an interesting talker and it will be a pleasure to hear his opinions on ‘Why We Are at War.’”

EP; 29 Sep 1917; ALL: Petar Sutich.

EP; 29 Sep 1917; item: “District Attorney George W. Smith was in town this afternoon on criminal business connected with the restoration of some stolen property from the Hotel Appleton. He delivers his four-minute talk tonight at the T. & D. Theatre.”

EP; 29 Sep 1917; letter: “Ed. Pajaronian—My Dear Piratsky: I have carefully read your appeal to me in your paper of the 27th and would state that if Mr. Otto Stoesser wills you the Pajaronian building at his demise I’ll will you my residence that you have so long occupied.—STEPHEN SCURICH.” [*can’t find reference*]

EP; 29 Sep 1917; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, Sept. 29, 1917, to Marian Babich, 29 of Sacramento, and Pearl Gospodnetich, 20, of Watsonville.”

EP; 1 Oct 1917; marriage: “At St. Patrick’s Church this city, yesterday noon, Rev. P. D. Hassett united in the bonds of matrimony Pearl Gospodnetich of this city, and Marion Babich, of Sacramento.

“The wedding ceremony was attended by many relatives and friends. Miss Anna Hrepich of this city and Katie Hrepich of Sacramento, were bridesmaids, and the groom was attended by his cousin, Joseph Babich, of Sacramento, and Tony Gospodnetich of this city. The flower-girls were Mary Ostoja of Sacramento and Frances Hrepich of Watsonville.

“After the wedding ceremony at the church, the party adjourned to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Hrepich, 352 Sudden street, where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served, and a most festive, merry session held. The newly-weds departed on the evening train for San Francisco where they will spend their honeymoon, after which they will make their future home in Sacramento.

“The bride is the daughter of Tomazina Gospodnetich of this city, and is a girl of charming qualities, which have won her numerous friends. The groom is a resident of Sacramento and a young man highly esteemed by all who know him.

“The best wishes of a host of friends go out to the young couple for their future happiness and prosperity.

“Quite a number of the groom’s friends attended the wedding from Sacramento.”

EP; 1 Oct 1917; married: “At St. Patrick’s Church, Watsonville, Sept. 30, 1917, by Rev. P. D. Hassett, Marion Babich of Sacramento, and Miss Pearl Gospodnetich, of Watsonville.”

EP; 1 Oct 1917; article: “A splendid four-minute talk on ‘Why We are at War’ was delivered by District Attorney George W. Smith at the T. & D. theatre, last Saturday evening. He talked straight to the point, didn’t mince words, and no doubt made all pro-Germans, within the sound of his voice, decidedly uncomfortable. He struck a

popular cord when he denounced Hearst's course in the present crisis, as exemplified in his string of newspapers, and bestowed approbium upon those traitors now in the country who are endeavoring to spread sedition amongst us. Mr. Smith deserved the merited applause he received."

EP; 2 Oct 1917; board of aldermen, payments: "...General: ...M. Glech, \$25...Central Electric Co. \$28.25..."

EP; 2 Oct 1917; honor roll: Low 6th: Tom Arbanas. High 5th: John Miljanich. Low 5th: Martin Franich, Anna Glage, John Novacovich, Louis Kalich, Mary Castropelli, Mary Matson. High 4th: Peter Copriviza. Low 4th: Peter Knego. Low 3rd: Lewis Lucich, John Sambrailo, Stephen Scurich, Mike Resetar, Polly Franich. High 2nd: Mary Lasich, George Novacovich. Low 2nd: Anna Krall, Chris Pavisha, George Krall, Peter Lasich.

EP; 6 Oct 1917; item: "Louis Biskup and Louis Ivanovich, prominent apple packers of the Pajaro Valley have just purchased the 21 acre full-bearing apple orchard of John and Carrie Thompson located in the Railroad district about three and a half miles East of Watsonville. This is one of the most highly improved bearing apple orchards in the Pajaro Valley having over 10,000 boxes of choice fruit this year. The purchase price is \$11,000—a strictly cash transaction..."

EP; 6 Oct 1917; ALL: Jack Bosioh, Mike Gospich, Joe Mosich.

EP; 9 Oct 1917; article: "An Overland car, driven by a party of Slavonians en route to this city was struck and entirely demolished at 9:50 yesterday morning on the crossing just this side of Chittenden on the Southern Pacific Railroad. The driver killed the engine on the track directly in front of the onrushing train, the occupants having barely time to throw themselves from the machine before it was struck. The train we are informed struck the auto and smashed from one side the fender, step, etc. The occupants of the car got out just in time."

EP; 9 Oct 1917; born: "In Watsonville, October 9, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Blas N. Pokovich, a daughter." [*Pauline*; +2009; *married Patrone*]

EP; 9 Oct 1917; article: "IF YOU EARN \$1000 AND ARE SINGLE THEN READ THIS. Any person who during the current year works 300 days at \$3.50 per day, or a smaller number of days at a higher wage, must make a return to the federal income tax collector and, if unmarried, pay a tax of 2 per cent on his income in excess of \$1000. If married and living with his wife or her husband the exemption is \$2000. But whoever has an income of \$1000 must report at the collector's office.

"Presumably the collector will use all reasonable effort

to bring the situation to the knowledge of all interested, but no one should wait for an invitation. Everybody is supposed to know the law and comply with it without attempting to escape..."

EP; 9 Oct 1917; list: "The following Santa Cruz County men have been certified by the San Rafael District board: John Steve Kalj [Kralj], Watsonville..."

EP; 11 Oct 1917; list: "At a meeting of the Executive Committee in charge of the Liberty Bond subscription campaign here, a committee of about 100 men and women who will act as bond salesmen beginning next Monday was named..."

"Following is a list of the bond salesmen and women: ...R. S. Chucovich...Luke Scurich..."

EP; 13 Oct 1917; article: "Seven men out of the 450 called for examination in this county under the selective draft law have failed to report. They are:

"...Charles Nivrich, 189 Main Street, Watsonville. Paul Vedacich, R.F.D., Watsonville..."

"In compliance with the draft law the local exemption board has reported these men to the district board which in turn must report them to the adjutant general of the state..."

EP; 15 Oct 1917; born: "In Watsonville, Oct. 14, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Antone Gluhan, a son." [*Louis*; +2008; *was mayor of Watsonville*]



Fig. 5-24. Louis Gluhan.

EP; 17 Oct 1917; list: "[Liberty Bonds; only the Slavs are listed below] \$1000 Subscriptions: Resetar Bros., Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich.

"\$500 subscriptions: A. L. Scurich.

"\$100 subscriptions: R. S. Chukovich, Viudo Tupanjanin, Geo. W. Smith, J. Pekoch, T. Skulich, Iliza Beraticich, M. Fenunich, Steve Vucinich, Kris Biberobich.

"\$50 Subscriptions: Mike Chukovich, Rado Chorovich, Bozo Kolak, R. T. Skulich, Nick J. Lucich, Blagoje Chukbip, Geo. Chihkocich, Geo. Jurkvicich.

"Subscriptions by Women:

"\$50 Subscriptions: Mrs. Nick Stolich."

EP; 18 Oct 1917; article: "Vido Opusich of Co. L, San Francisco presidio, arrived here today for a short visit. He returns tomorrow. He informs us that Co. L expects to go to Linda Vista, in Southern California, next week, and the report is current that it will be merged into the old seventh regiment, N.G.C., which, in turn, will be

henceforth called the 160th Infantry Regiment, U.S.A.

“The Watsonville boys are not backward on the present Liberty Loan. The following list, totaling \$1600, shows that our lads are determined to help Uncle Sam out:

“One hundred dollars each...Sgt. Vido Opusich...”

EP; 18 Oct 1917; article: “A raid was made by District Attorney Geo. W. Smith, Chief of Police Whitsitt and Constable Arthur Devine on the Del Monte Rooming House, in the Krough building, corner of W. Third and Walker streets, last night, and Mrs. Annie Rossi, the woman conducting the place, and another female inmate were arrested and spent the night in the city calaboose...”

“It has been rumored about town for sometime past the house was conducted as a house of prostitution...”

EP; 18 Oct 1917; item: “Vido Opusich of Co. L, San Francisco presidio, is in town today. He returns tomorrow.”

EP; 18 Oct 1917; article: “[board of aldermen meeting] ...A building permit was granted to Peter A. Scurich for a one story cottage at Fifth and Sudden street...”

EP; 18 Oct 1917; list: “[Liberty Bonds] The list of subscriptions given below includes many names published in yesterday’s paper. This is due to the fact that the list yesterday included all of the promises, and where the name is duplicated it simply indicates that the party came in and made good on his promise.

“...Luke Scurich, \$1000; Resetar Brothers, \$1000...”

“\$500 Subscriptions: ...A. L. Scurich...”

“\$100 subscriptions: ...Steve Vucinich, M. Kunnick, Todor Skulich, Iliza Boraticich...Peter Mengol...Kris Miloslovich...”

“\$50 Subscriptions: R. T. Skulich, Nick J. Lucich, Blagoje Chukbip [*sic*], George Chickovich, George Jurkanif...Nick Kojovic, Elie Petkovich, John T. Balj...”

“Women Subscriptions.

“...Mrs. Luke Scurich, \$500.

“\$250 Subscriptions: ...Anna F. Stoesser...”

“\$50 Subscriptions: ...Mrs. Nick Stolich...”

EP; 19 Oct 1917; list: “[Liberty Bonds] Those who subscribed yesterday:

“\$1000 Subscriptions: ...Mateo Lettunich...”

“\$500 Subscriptions: ...F. P. Marinovich...”

“\$100 Subscriptions: ...Rilovich & Sresovich...Anton Vukich...L. F. Lettis, A. Balich, Jake Pekoch...”

“\$50 Subscriptions: ...J. N. Moncovich, N. Ducich...”

EP; 20 Oct 1917; item: “Geo. Copriviza vs. Margaret McCarty and Timothy McCarty—Memorandum of disbursements.”

EP; 20 Oct 1917; item: “J. N. Sresovich, of the commis-

sion firm of J. N. Sresovich & Co., San Francisco, was in town today, looking into the apple situation. Mr. Sresovich says that the car shortage is not an unmixed evil, inasmuch as it keeps prices on the product very firm.”

EP; 20 Oct 1917; list: “[Liberty Bonds.] The sales reported yesterday follow:

“\$200 Subscriptions: Jack Novacich [Novcich]...”

“\$100 Subscriptions: E. B. Lettunich, G. A. Lettunich, E. B. Lettunich, Jr...J. P. Braycovich, L. P. Cikuth...”

“\$50 Subscriptions: ...Vass S. Basich...”

“Ladies’ Subscriptions: ...Anna F. Stoesser, \$350...”

“\$200 Subscriptions: Mrs. R. S. Chukovich...”

EP; 22 Oct 1917; item: “Donald Bradford came down from San Francisco Saturday to spend the week-end with Prosper Lettunich of Aromas.”

EP; 23 Oct 1917; item: “N. Botto & Co. vs. John Doe Korich et al.—Affidavit on motion to set aside judgment.”

EP; 23 Oct 1917; list: “[Liberty Bonds] Subscriptions received yesterday are as follows: Austrian-American Benevolent Society, \$3000...”

“\$100 Subscriptions: ...John Stanovich...”

“\$50 Subscriptions: ...Mike P. Resetar...A. Strazicich...”

“Ladies’ Subscriptions:

“\$50 Subscriptions: ...Annie P. Resetar...”

EP; 24 Oct 1917; list: “...The following subscriptions were made yesterday:

“\$300 Subscriptions: ...Peter Stolich.

“\$250 Subscriptions: Peter P. Stolich.

“\$200 Subscriptions: I. W. [N. M.] Borina, N. P. Stolich... Louis R. Farlin.

“\$150 Subscriptions: N. Alaga.

“\$100 Subscriptions: ...L. G. Bachan...M. L. Kalich, John Franich...Martin Franich...”

“Ladies’ Subscriptions.

“\$100 Subscriptions: Mrs. T. M. Kissich...”

“\$50 Subscriptions: ...Mrs. J. Diklich...”

EP; 25 Oct 1917; article: “At noon today a scrap between Mitchell Arbanas and Louis Resetar culminated in Arbanas being fined \$15 for battery by Judge Bridgewater. The judge and Officer Corr admonished Arbanas, who is greatly worked up over the affair, to keep cool and out of trouble. A short time after he was again arrested, this time for banging Mitchell Resetar. He deposited \$25, and is to answer this charge this evening. If we remember aright, there are several more of the Resetars, and the question is whether Arbanas intends taking on the whole family...”

EP; 25 Oct 1917; item: "S. J. Cikuth et al. vs. Norwich Union Fire Ins. Society—Demand to produce."

EP; 25 Oct 1917; list: "[Liberty Bonds] Subscriptions continued to roll into headquarters yesterday and the indications are that this district will make a very creditable showing..."

"The first Liberty Loan bonds were greatly oversubscribed and that stunned Germany. By raising the five billions now it will be another shock to the common enemy and it will make the Central Powers realize that Uncle Sam is in this fight to the finish and that the great mass of people are backing him not only with a great army but those who stay at home are putting up the money to finance the war.

"Those who have not subscribed should not overlook this opportunity to buy those 4 per cent bonds. Without question, they are the best investment before the public today. They are once safe, sound, free from taxation, bear a good rate of interest and are convertible into cash at any time..."

"Those who subscribed yesterday were:

"\$100 Subscriptions: ...Peter A. Scurich..."

EP; 26 Oct 1917; item: "P. Gurash vs. George H. Birbenko—Notice of intention to move for a new trial."

EP; 26 Oct 1917; list: "[Liberty Bonds] Tomorrow ends the big drive for the Liberty Bonds and all indications point to a most successful finish of the campaign..."

"...Yesterday's subscriptions follow:

"...\$100 Subscriptions: ...A. N. Jerinich, Andrew Zar, E. B. Zar..."

"\$50 Subscriptions: ...P. Knego..."

"Women's Subscriptions:

"\$50 Subscriptions: ...Anna Cikuth, Lucille Cikuth, May Cikuth, Katherine Cikuth [prob. Rachel]..."

EP; 26 Oct 1917; article: "ARBANAS-RESETAR FEUD TRIED THIS AFTERNOON. The Arbanas-Resetar feud occupied the attention of His Honor Police Judge Bridgewater, for a short time last evening.

"As related in this truthful paper (that never published a lie in its life) Mitchell Arbanas was arrested yesterday afternoon for having put a 'shanty' over the left eye of Mitchell Resetar; was arrested, deposited \$25 bail, and he was to plead last evening at 7:30 o'clock. Just previous to having banged Mitchell Resetar Arbanas had handed a couple of 'haymakers' to Louis Resetar, and paid a fine of \$15 for that pleasure.

"To a man up a tree it looked as though Arbanas 'had it in' for all the Resetar brothers.

"At the appointed time last evening (7:30) quite a crowd attended the calling of the case. In fact King Carl, of Austria, had he stepped into the court-room would have found himself at home. Arbanas, whom everybody

supposed was as big as 'Jim Jefferies,' from the way he handled 'his dukes,' turned out to be, as one of his admirers termed him, 'a keed,'—quite a stripling. He evidently won't take a 'dare,' and his prowess had gained for him many friends amongst those who were present.

"Judge Bridgewater called 'time' and read the complaint. Arbanas stepped to the center, and pled 'not guilty.' He started in to describe the scrap, but the Judge made him take his corner, and asked him when it was convenient for him to have his hearing—

"Having the \$25 bail in his inside pocket, Hizzoner didn't care a red herring if there was never any hearing; however, 'pursuant to the statutes made and provided,' etc., etc.,—

"The pugilistic defendant allowed that today at two o'clock would be satisfactory, whereupon the case was set down for trial this afternoon.

"Officer Corr asked Arbanas if he had any witnesses he wanted subpoenaed. Arbanas had—loads of 'em, but they would come if he asked them, 'Sure!' Had the plaintiff any witnesses he wanted subpoenaed? 'Sure, but they were the same witnesses the defendant was going to ask to come.'

"Then Ed. Lettunich got uneasy. Would the whole packing house have to suspend work, and all hands so busy? His question was not satisfactorily answered, but it appeared as if it was the intention to bring up all the employees, women as well, to the court.

"So ends the first act. If anything startling occurs we will try and 'continue in our next.'

"By the way an avaricious ex-movie manager who was present last evening made the suggestion that the next scrap be pulled off at the Opera House—50 per cent to the Red Cross. The only question is whether there are enough Resetars to go around. This question of whether Arbanas proposes to whip the rest of the Resetars is also a question of much consideration. We hope not—at least until the packing season is over.

"There's lots of funny incidents in this town, if one will hunt them up.

"Today was a great day for the Austrians both on the Bainzigza Plateau in Austria, and in Judge Bridgewater's courtroom, a large crowd being in attendance when the above case was called. Mitchell Resetar was first put on the stand and testified that he had went [*sic*] down to E. B. Lettunich's packing house to hunt for his poor brother whom he had been told was 'killed' by the bloodthirsty Arbanas; no, he had not gone down to the packing house to fight, 'absolutely no;' nor had he said a word to the defendant, 'absolutely no.' On the contrary, defendant when he saw him, apparently saw red, and had fell [*sic*] upon him and smote him. No; he had not said that he had come down there to get a chance to also pay fifteen dollars fine—'absolutely no.'

"After another witness was put on the stand by Resetar to testify that he (the witness) had told Resetar about

Louis Resetar getting beat up, a party by the name of Arbanas (no relation to the defendant) took the stand for the defendant and vividly described the encounter. His impression was that Mitchell Resetar had come there for a fight and ‘got it.’ According to this witness Resetar was severely man-handled and hit in the fracas.

“At this juncture Mitchell Resetar protested because City Attorney Sans asked several questions at the instigation of the defendant. Resetar protested he wanted justice, got very much excited, and it took all hands to induce him to sit down and be ‘clam.’

“After further testimony was taken the matinee concluded by Judge Bridgewater fining Arbanas five dollars, which was certainly cheap enough for all the fun he had.”

“2:45 p.m.—The latest communique from Bridgewater’s court is that Arbanas has had Resetar arrested and the trial is set down for two o’clock Monday. Manager Miller of the T. & D. is making a big roar about Judge Bridgewater holding these matinees in the afternoons, and will take it up with the aldermen at the next meeting.”

EP; 29 Oct 1917; list: “[Liberty Bonds] The Pajaro Valley raised \$408,950 by the sales of the Second Liberty Loan bonds in the campaign which closed last Saturday night...”

“The Woman’s Auxiliary worked hard and as a result of their efforts and to the publicity given to their subscriptions the women of this district bought \$99,400 worth of Liberty bonds...”

“The subscriptions received yesterday follow:

“...\$100 Subscriptions: ...Geo. R. Dubresko [Bubresko]...M. P. Butier, Andrew Lucich...”

“Women’s Subscriptions:

“...\$200 Subscriptions: ...Anna E. Marinovich...”

EP; 30 Oct 1917; list: “Official notice was received yesterday by the Santa Cruz county exemption board that the last 14 men of the county’s draft quota will entrain for Camp Lewis next Saturday...”

“The 14 men will be chosen from the eligibles on the following list: ...John Steve Kralj, Watsonville...”

EP; 31 Oct 1917; born: “At Salinas, Oct. 30, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. John Ruskovich, twin boys.” [Elwood and John]

EP; 31 Oct 1917; married: “In Santa Cruz, Oct. 30th, by Justice C. C. Houck, Joseph Millich and Mary Kismanich [prob. Kuzmanich], both of Watsonville.”

EP; 1 Nov 1917; item: “Mr. and Mrs. M. Krilanovich have returned to their home in Santa Cruz after a visit with friends here.”

EP; 2 Nov 1917; disp. ad:

A. Strazicich

cash grocer

Cor. of Walker and West Lake Avenue

**Staple and
Fancy Groceries**

30c Coffee for 25c.

Phone 63

Goods Delivered to Any Part of City. My Rent and Expenses Are Low and Customers Get the Benefit.

EP; 3 Nov 1917; item: “N. Botto & Co. vs. Mitchell Korich—Undertaking on appeal.”

EP; 3 Nov 1917; item: “A. G. Palmer and Lucy B. Palmer vs. A. Guliermovich—Complaint.”

EP; 3 Nov 1917; item: “N. Alaga vs. N. V. Lettunich—Complaint.”

EP; 3 Nov 1917; item: “Mr. and Mrs. E. Strazicich will leave today for Los Angeles where Mr. Strazicich has secured a position with the Southern Pacific.”

EP; 6 Nov 1917; born: “In Watsonville, Nov. 6, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kissich, a daughter.” [Anna Marie; +1984; married Lyon]



Fig. 5-25. Anna Marie Kissich.

EP; 6 Nov 1917; born: “In Watsonville, Nov. 6, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zar, a daughter.” [Stella; +1971; married Foster]

EP; 6 Nov 1917; honor roll: High 7th: Stephen Nemanich; Low 7th: Willie Sambrailo; High 6th: Margaret Glage; High 5th: John Miljanich; Low 5th: Martin Franich, John Novacovich; Low 5th: Mary Matson; High 4th: Peter Copriviza; Low 4th: Peter Knego; Low 3rd: John Sambrailo, Mary Lucich; Low 3rd: Polly Franich, Stephen Scurich; High 2nd: Mary Lasich, George Novacovich, George Gera; Low 2nd: Mary Obuljan; Low 2nd: Chris Pavisha, Peter Lasich, George Krall.

EP; 8 Nov 1917; item: “Superior Judge Beasley of San Jose will preside on the Superior Court bench at Santa Cruz today in the case of Edward H. Cikuth, a rancher of Brown’s Valley, against the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, limited. Superior Judge Knight will change places with him for the day.”

EP; 10 Nov 1917; born: “In Hollister, Nov. 2, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. V. Z. Matulich, a son.” [Vincent; +1967]

EP; 12 Nov 1917; born: "At Watsonville, Nov. 11, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Framutich [Franusich] (nee Louise Bonita, of Santa Cruz) a son." [*Frank*; +2001]

EP; 13 Nov 1917; item: "While unloading wood from a car yesterday, John Nemanich, a resident on Second street, had the misfortune to slip and fall fracturing several ribs. He will be laid up for awhile."

EP; 14 Nov 1917; item: "Mary Scurich to Peter Scurich—Land in Watsonville."

EP; 14 Nov 1917; item: "F. P. Marinovich et ux to Nicolai Jensen Rahr et ux—Lot in Pajaro Valley Nursery tract."

EP; 15 Nov 1917; article: "The violin pupils of the Moreland Notre Dame Academy gave a violin recital yesterday afternoon, which demonstrated in a marked degree the proficiency of the young folks and highly pleased all who heard them.

"The program given was... 'Petete Bourree' (Angelo de Prose) by Ruth Scurich...

"The piano accompanists were Virginia Spencer, Anna Scurich and Helen Nell."

EP; 15 Nov 1917; born: "In Watsonville, Nov. 14, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. John Sapro, a daughter." [*Mary Helen*; +1999; *married Saveria*]



Fig. 5-26. Mary Sapro.

EP; 16 Nov 1917; item: "Mrs. L. B. Birimisa has arrived in Watsonville to spend several months in the study of the piano. Her home is in Nyala, Nev. Her husband is a nephew of Mateo Lettunich and a mining engineer. He has specialized on mines containing minerals with radio activity."

EP; 19 Nov 1917; item: "Louis Secondo, the 'Turkey Shoot King' of this Valley, announces that he will give another one of his big Turkey Shoots, at the foot of Rodriguez street, on next Sunday, November 25th, beginning at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. Louis invites all to come and try their luck, and promises those that attend a first-class time, and lots of sport. He has secured a very fine lot of fat turkeys."

EP; 19 Nov 1917; list: "**List of Men in Service.** The appended list of names of men who are in the naval or military service of the United States, and of men who are enlisted and awaiting call, is republished at the request of the local Chapter of Red Cross.

"The local Red Cross Chapter needs the address of

each man from Pajaro Valley, who is in the service of our country, in any branch thereof connected with the war. It also wants his rank in the service and the number of his company and regiment. It wants that information this week...

"Cubelich [Cumbelich], Wm. L....Gospodnetich, Paul...Kralj, John S., Camp Lewis...Mracevich, Chris, Camp Lewis...Opusich, Vido, Camp Kearney...Vukich, Nick P....Rilovich, Bozo..."

EP; 20 Nov 1917; item: "John Thompson et ux to Louis Biskup—20.077 acres Salsipuedes Ro."

"Louis Biskup to Luke J. Ivancovich—Lot corner Seabright Av. and Windsor St."

EP; 20 Nov 1917; item: "Louis Secondo's Turkey Shoot is advertised on page four. There will be lots of sport at this shoot."

EP; 20 Nov 1917; disp. ad: "DON'T FORGET the 8th Annual GRAND TURKEY SHOOT to be held at the foot of RODRIQUEZ STREET, near Ford will begin 9 a.m. SUNDAY, NOV. 25, '17. Given by LOUIS SECONDO. Come and try your luck—get a turkey."

EP; 20 Nov 1917; item: "N. Botto & Co. vs. Mitchell Korich—Proposed amendments to proposed bill of exceptions."

EP; 22 Nov 1917; item: "Richard Dixie to Mitchell Korich—Lot in Pajaro Valley Nursery tract."

EP; 23 Nov 1917; list: "NATURALIZATION DAY ON NOVEMBER 28th. The petitions of the following named applicants appear upon the calendar of the Superior Court for hearing November 28, 1917...John Cercich... Laurence Zolezzi..."

EP; 24 Nov 1917; ALL: Mr. and Mrs. Arbanas, V. Basich, J. F. Brazich, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pista, Nikola Sarenac.

EP; 24 Nov 1917; obit: "Says this morning's Gilroy Advocate:

"Martin Kralj, a laborer and a stranger here, shot himself through the temple at Miliias hotel sometime during Thursday night. His lifeless body was found by the proprietor, John Radin, about 9:30 a.m. Friday. Kralj had seated himself in a chair in front of the bureau, and with the pictures of his little boy and girl before him, pulled the trigger. The body fell to the floor, and was in a pool of blood. He started to write a letter to L. Scurich of Watsonville but tore it up. This was the only clew Radin and Constable Jack White had as to the man's identity. They phoned to Scurich, asking him if he knew such a man, and he answered in the affirmative. Accompanied by

Kralj's two brothers and a cousin, Scurich drove over from Watsonville immediately in a machine. Kralj had been working at the New Idria Mines in San Benito county until quite recently. The strike there put him out of employment. His wife died a short time ago in Watsonville, leaving him two children, who are living with friends in Watsonville. Kralj carried a bankbook showing that he had money in the German Savings Bank, San Francisco. He arrived in Gilroy on Wednesday night and paid for three nights' lodgings. He was about 35 years old and a native of Austria. The body will be taken to Watsonville for interment.

"It is supposed that Kralj became discouraged and despondent on account of being out of work, and in a moment of temporary insanity killed himself."

"Martin Kralj was born in Dalmatia, Austria, 36 years ago and came to Watsonville in 1904. He lived here till the death of his wife and since then has been in various places but largely at the New Idria mines in San Benito County. He is survived by two brothers, Antone and John living in Watsonville, a mother, a sister and two brothers in Austria. Two children, a boy and girl, are living here under the care of Mrs. Felix..."

EP; 24 Nov 1917; honor roll: High 7th: Stephen Nemanich; Low 7th: Willie Sambrailo; High 5th: John Miljanich; Low 5th: Mary Matson, Nick Eggea, Martin Franich, John Novacovich; High 4th: Peter Copriviza; Low 4th: Peter Knego; Low 3rd: Louis Lucich, John Sambrailo, Mary Lucich, Stephen Scurich, Polly Franich, Mike Resetar; High 2nd: Mary Lasich, George Novacovich; Low 2nd: Anna Krall, George Krall, Peter Lasich, Chris Pavisha, Louis Pavisha, Mitchel Kralj.

EP; 24 Nov 1917; born: "In Vega District, near Watsonville, Nov. 24, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve J. Maslach, a daughter." [*Hazel May*; +1923]

EP; 26 Nov 1917; disp. ad:

Tasty Pastries

FRUIT CAKE A SPECIALTY

Orders solicited for feasts, functions, weddings and luncheons.

Cakes made to order.

Our bakery strictly modern.

Our bread rich, nutritious and full weight.

Watsonville Bakery

V. LISTER & CO.

Telephone 459J. 436 Main St.

EP; 26 Nov 1917; item: "Peter Mengol, the fruit packer received his Buick-Six from E. B. Terry the local agent today. Mr. Mengol was very fortunate in placing his order far enough in advance to get delivery at this time,

as it is predicted that by spring no more Buicks will be manufactured. Mr. Mengol expects to finish packing about the fifteenth of December at which time he and his wife will motor to San Francisco, their winter residence."

EP; 26 Nov 1917; born: "At Watsonville, November 24, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sutich, a daughter." [*Mary*]

EP; 27 Nov 1917; article: "As the outcome of a recent collision in the vicinity of the Catholic church, a complaint was sworn to by J. Radimir, the shoemaker, against W. E. Thompson of the Beach road. The collision was between Mr. Thompson and the shoemaker's ten-year-old son. The complaint was prepared by District Attorney George W. Smith and was served by Constable Arthur Devine yesterday. A time for the hearing of the matter has not been set.

"The defendant stated yesterday that he wanted the matter straightened up as soon as possible as he is confident that he was not to blame. He states that he could easily establish in court the boy ran into him with his bicycle. He picked him up and took him to a doctor's office where his injuries were attended to."

EP; 1 Dec 1917; article: "Tony Gospodnetich of Aromas, who was scheduled to appear before Judge Rohrback, across the river, yesterday, and answer a charge of having beat up his wife because she allowed a hog to stray away from their place at Aromas, about a week ago, put in an appearance and got a continuance until next Friday, when he will be represented by counsel and will probably fight the charge."

EP; 1 Dec 1917; item: "T. M. Kissich, who owns 18 acres of orchard about five miles out Riverside Road, is taking out his apple trees and is going to replace them with apricots."

EP; 3 Dec 1917; item: "Mitchell Korich had 'a spill' last Saturday on the highway, near Chittenden, when his Super-six overturned. No one was hurt, and the car was but slightly damaged."

EP; 3 Dec 1917; ALL: D. Krasojevich, L. Lurcavich.

EP; 4 Dec 1917; item: "Hihn-Hammond Lumber company vs. Kosmos Gospodnetich—Complaint."

EP; 5 Dec 1917; article: "Shortly after noon, today, a collision between an auto-truck, and an auto occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Milcovich, of this valley, at the intersection of Union and East Third streets, resulted in the Milcovich auto's radiator guard being smashed off, and Mrs. Milcovich, who is from San Francisco on a visit, being badly shaken up. The auto-truck, which is said to belong to Mr. Selleck, was not, seemingly, damaged."

EP; 6 Dec 1917; article: "Mr. Luke Scurich estimates that, approximately...two hundred Austrians will be affected by the forthcoming declaration of war with Austria, Friday, and become subject to the 'Alien Enemy Act' of the government. Mr. Scurich said that he had not gone over the data but he believed the above number would be found to be approximately correct. [348 *Austrian men registered for the draft in Pajaro Valley*]

"During the last few years, a large number of the Austrian subjects living in the Pajaro Valley have become naturalized American citizens.

"An oddity of the situation is that none of the Austrian subjects here are Austrians in the racial sense. Probably a majority of those to be registered are allied sympathizers having come from Dalmatia and Croatia while the true Austrian is a South German.

"The misfit character of the present Austrian Empire is well illustrated by this inclusion of all aliens born in Austrian territory as enemy aliens when in fact most of the Czechs, Rumanians, Serbs, Croats, Dalmatians, Poles and Italians are vigorous adherents of the entente cause."

EP; 6 Dec 1917; article: "The Watsonville Bakery, No. 436 Main street, is making great preparations for supplying the Christmas demand for first-class pastry. Mr. Lister, one of the proprietors informs us that they will have a splendid assortment of fruit cake, pies, and all kinds of pastry for the holiday season. In the fruit cake line he steps aside for no one, and entreats those who desire to avoid all the trouble and expense of making cakes for their dinner to give the Watsonville Bakery a call. Another special that he is prepared to furnish, providing they are ordered ahead is pumpkin pies. He will have some on hand, but, generally, the supply is not equal to the demand, as they are too costly to make—such pumpkin pies as are turned out by his bakery—and in order to not be disappointed orders should be placed ahead. Read the ad. of the bakery on page seven."

EP; 6 Dec 1917; disp. ad:

Christmas Pastry
Why work yourself to death cooking Pastry for the
Holidays, when by going to the
Watsonville Bakery
436 Main Street
You can secure what you want at low cost?
Pies of all Kinds
Cakes of Every Description
Confections that Can't be Beaten
FOR XMAS
V. LISTER & CO.

EP; 7 Dec 1917; item: "Mrs. Peter Mengol, Mrs. J. H. Jefsen, and Miss Lois Jefsen motored to Gilroy yesterday."

EP; 7 Dec 1917; ALL: T. Knego.

EP; 8 Dec 1917; article: "Motor-cop Lemon reports that he has been compelled to furnish Justice Hawkins with the names of the following well-known citizens for being 'bad boys' in the matter of running autos: R. H. Grissom for speeding; and Messrs. Chas. Wessel, Paul Alaga, R. H. Sigidoro, and J. Wisecarver, of Modesto, in the matter of lights."

EP; 8 Dec 1917; article: "Tony Gospodnetich residing at Aromas, charged with wife beating, was found guilty by Justice of the Peace D. W. Rohrback of Pajaro, yesterday afternoon after a number of witnesses had been heard. Nine o'clock this morning was the time fixed for passing sentence.

"The accused was defended by Attorney J. E. Gardner of this city while District Attorney Walter Norris was over from Salinas to prosecute the case. The defendant was the chief witness in his own defense. He admitted striking his wife once but said he had not hurt her.

"Among the witnesses for the prosecution were Mrs. Gospodnetich, Constable G. R. Cano, A. C. Robbins, A. Collins, Charles Connelly, John Winters, Elmer Snyder, and Dr. J. W. Buehler.

"Mrs. Gospodnetich testified that her husband had struck her three times and had seriously injured her.

"It was brought out at the trial that she was seen being dragged from the Gospodnetich home crying 'murder, murder.' Several of the neighbors hurried to investigate but were ordered off the place by the husband who went in the house, probably to get a gun. The peacemakers responded by rushing to Pajaro in a machine and getting Cano. When the officer arrived, Mrs. Gospodnetich was still lying on the ground where her husband had left her.

"Dr. Buehler was called and he testified as to the nature of her condition after the beating.

"This morning, when Gospodnetich appeared for sentence, Judge Rohrback sentenced him to six months in the county jail, but suspended sentence for two years. During that time he is to be under surveillance and report to Rohrback. Should he molest his wife or mistreat her in any way, the jail sentence will be carried out forthwith. Judge Rohrback felt that by sending the defendant to jail, the wife would be left destitute, as Gospodnetich having no money wherewith to pay a fine, he thought a suspended sentence would be about right, as Gospodnetich had seen the error of his ways."

EP; 10 Dec 1917; item: "Gerhardine Lund et al. to M. L. Kalich—Lot on West Lake Ave., Watsonville."

EP; 10 Dec 1917; list: "Watsonville Red Cross asks for the addresses of the men named below. It wants the company or service address. It has the cantonment location of several of these parties, but a more definite address is

wanted. If any of these men is not now in the service that fact should be communicated to the local Chapter Red Cross...

“...Gospodnetich, Paul...Lamot [Lamat], John...”

EP; 10 Dec 1917; board of supervisors, payments: ...County Fund: ...Novacich [Novcich], Jack, com. ins., \$46.80... Indigent Sick Fund: ...Matulich, Mrs. Kate, aid for half orphans, \$31.75...”

EP; 12 Dec 1917; item: “Mrs. T. Raichavich is here from Oakland visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. J. Keefe.”

EP; 13 Dec 1917; item: “Mrs. M. N. Lettunich left yesterday morning for a week’s visit with friends in San Francisco.”

EP; 15 Dec 1917; item: “A. Hollingworth has returned from a business trip to San Francisco bringing with him a six-cylinder seven passenger Kissel-Kar for E. B. Lettunich.”

EP; 15 Dec 1917; list: “Chairman F. L. Selleck of the Red Cross Christmas Week Campaign Committee announced yesterday that preparations have been completed for the great drive which will commence here next Monday morning for 2000 new members for the local chapter.

“The workers in all the precincts of the city and valley have been named and have signified their intention of doing everything asked of them to make the campaign a success. The necessity for aiding this cause has been fully presented to the people by Dr. Foster; they understand what must be done if France is to be saved and our own soldiers given a fighting chance over there...”

“The captains and their authorized helpers for the week follow:

“...Slavonian—Captain, Luke Scurich; Paul Alaga, L. G. Bachan, R. S. Chuckovich, Paul Miladin...”

EP; 17 Dec 1917; ALL: Joe Babich.

EP; 17 Dec 1917; article: “One of the two car loads of apples that have been asked as the Pajaro valley’s donation to our boys in France, has been secured. The donors are: Dr. J. B. Cutter 10 boxes; L. G. Bachan Fruit Co., 10; Garcia & Maggini Co., 75; McDonald & Sons, 50; Aptos Fruit Growers’ Association, 25; Casserly Fruit Growers’ Association, 30; Stolich Bros., 25; G. W. Sill & Co., 50; James Sheehy, 50; Loma Fruit Co., 75; M. L. Kalich & Co., 50; Rilovich & Sresovich Co., 50; M. N. Lettunich & Co., 50; Corralitos Fruit Growers’ Association, 75; Rafael & Murphy, 50; W. E. Higman, 25; P. M. Resetar, 25; Peter Mengol, 25; San Monte Fruit Co., 25; M. P. Butier & Co., 25; B. Pista Co., 25; A. Stolich, 25; L. P. Cikuth, 25; Scurich & Jerinich, 25; E. B. Lettunich,

25; Rodgers Bros., 25; J. Scurich, 10. A drive is being made to get the other carload as quick as possible, and the growers who have not been solicited as yet are asked to make their contributions at once.”

EP; 19 Dec 1917; item: “Louis Braycovich has donated twenty-five boxes of apples for next shipment to the American soldiers in France.”

EP; 19 Dec 1917; item: “Miss Milcovich and Charlie Sargent, two former Watsonville residents were with ‘The Ukulele Girl’ company which appeared at the T. & D. last evening. Mr. Sargent, who is a cousin of Vernon Vissiere, appeared with the musical trio playing the guitar. Miss Milcovich appeared with the chorus.”

EP; 21 Dec 1917; born: “At Chittenden, December 21, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Zufich, a daughter.” [*Clarice*; +1996; married Parks]

EP; 24 Dec 1917; honor roll: High 7th: Stephen Nemanich; Low 6th: Tom Arbanas; High 5th: John Miljanich; Low 5th: Martin Franich, Marie Rilovich; High 4th: Peter Copriviza; Low 4th: Peter Knego; Low 3rd: Mike Resetar, Polly Franich, Louis Lucich, John Sambrailo, Mary Lucich; High 2nd: Mary Lasich; Low 2nd: Chris Pavisha.

EP; 24 Dec 1917; item: “Louis [Lewis] Lettunich arrived from Santa Clara University Saturday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives here.”

EP; 26 Dec 1917; item: “J. Gustinski and P. Lucich have taken a large ranch near Gonzales and will farm there in the future. Both families will move to the ranch.”

EP; 28 Dec 1917; item: “John H. Covell and W. E. Hall, accompanied by Louis and Frank Farland [Farlin] and Mitchell, Nicholas and Lewis Lettunich, returned from San Francisco yesterday evening with a new Willys-Knight 8, seven-passenger touring Sedan. This is one of the classiest cars that ever came to the valley and is equipped with sleeve-valve motors and all the latest accessories and conveniences.”

EP; 28 Dec 1917; item: “N. C. Pulisevich et ux to Margaret Alicia Amaya—Land on lower Soquel road.”

EP; 28 Dec 1917; article: “The board of aldermen met in adjourned session last evening to pass upon the application of the twenty-seven liquor dealers for a renewal of their licenses as noted in a previous issue of this paper. There were present Aldermen Kane, King, Lewis, Aston, Uren, Lee, and Mayor Trafton.

“Resolution No. 1432 granting the licenses applied for by the following dealers was passed unanimously by the board:

“Central Grocery Co., S. Castro and P. Mossi, J. W. Miller and D. F. Leddy, John A. Anderson, F. J. Bettencourt, A. Faustino, W. J. Heckard, S. S. Hildreth, Geo. Hrepich, Des Jason, I. X. Kirk, K. Kitaji, J. P. Knudsen, Nick Lamat, Mateo Lettunich, N. H. Lovering, M. S. Machado, A. Muzzio, John Riboni, John Sapro, Andrew Schopp, Anton Vukich, John P. Zar, R. E. Fremstad, ‘The Acme Distributing Co.,’ Nippis Shokat.”

EP; 31 Dec 1917; item: “Prosper Lettunich and Hosmer Ralph of San Francisco, arrived Sunday evening from San Francisco, and will enjoy the sport of hunting in the valley for a few days.”

EP; 31 Dec 1917; item: “The following members of Co. L, now members of the 160th Regiment Infantry, at Camp Kearney, arrived here yesterday morning on a special made up of three sections, carrying 150 soldiers: Wm. Bettencourt, Sgt. Vido Opusich, Harry Averett, Al Silva, Nick Vukich, John Gonzales, Frank Rodriguez and Bennie Church. The boys are now enjoying their furlough, the Christmas boys having returned to camp. They look well, and, apparently are enjoying their soldier life. They start back to camp tomorrow morning...”

EP; 31 Dec 1917; article: “Our readers will recollect that on last Fourth of July, Geo. W. Smith, District Attorney of this g-r-a-n-d and g-e-l-orious county, delivered a Fourth of July oration at Boulder Creek; and it will also be remembered that a bright vivacious black-eyed young lady of unascertainable age, made a ‘smesh’ on George, who is as susceptible to feminine charms as our old friend, Joe Nolan, the last exhibit of the great old Democratic party in this county; and we remember that reports reached us that George cut-up, on that occasion like ‘a reglar devil in a nine o’clock town.’ However, be that as it may, the next day or so after the Fourth, a dozen or so blind pigs were discovered in Boulder Creek, giving the semblance of truth to a base slander fathered by Col. C. B. Younger, that George’s oration had driven all the Boulderites to strong drink.

“Well, the secret is out at last! It is now stated on the authority of Ray Judah (of the Santa Cruz News), a man who never told a lie in his life, that the black-eyed beauty, who turtle-doved, cooed, and held hands with Smith on that memorable Fourth of July, was no other than the mysterious ‘Madame H.,’ Schulenburg’s friend. Smith says that she was in Santa Cruz on several occasions, and there you are. Dunc may scoff as much as he likes, but ‘Garge’ knows, and we’re betting on him.”

EP; 31 Dec 1917; obit: “Mrs. Mary M. Secondo a native of Austria, but who has for many years past been a resident of the Pajaro valley, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. N. [N. M.] Borina, on Brennan street, Saturday evening after a short illness. She was 64 years of age.

“Funeral services were held from the Borina home at 57 Brennan street this afternoon...The pall bearers were Luke Scurich, Matteo Lettunich, F. P. Marinovich, John Scurich, Nick Scurich and Geo. Milas.

“Mrs. Secondo was well known among her people, a loyal friend, a devoted mother and a devout church member. She is survived by her husband and seven children, Joseph, Louis, Mitchell and Peter Secondo, Mrs. Katie Arbanas and Lucy Borina of Watsonville, and Martin Secondo of Roslyn, Wash. A wide circle of friends will be grieved to learn of her death.”



Fig. 5-27. Mary Radin Secondo (1851-1917).

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EP; 2 Jan 1918; class. ad: “FOR SALE—Upright piano in good condition at \$165. Inquire MISS ZAR, 423 Second St.”

EP; 2 Jan 1918; disp. ad:

**Sugar That’s
Not Adulterated**

Perhaps you did not realize that the trade tricksters are adepts at putting cheapening materials in sugar. Yet such is the case. Powdered starch and finely ground sand are among them. We are careful in our buying to deal with only the wholesalers of known reliability. Granulated, powdered and block white sugar, also brown sugar here. All are 100 per cent sugar.

A. STRAZICICH

Cor. Walker and W. Lake Ave.
Phone 63

EP; 2 Jan 1918; notice: “CARD OF THANKS. We take this means of expressing our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and relatives for the kindnesses shown us during our recent bereavement. They will never be forgotten. SECONDO BROTHERS.”

EP; 2 Jan 1918; class. ad: “FOR RENT—One modern store, 17x30, new fire proof building. Suitable for any business. Opposite City Hall, Main street. For further particulars inquire F. P. MARINOVICH, phone 396P.”

EP; 4 Jan 1918; article: “RAID ON SLAVONIANS NETS BURGLAR \$220. Constable Cano of Pajaro is looking for a burglar. It is claimed that the man entered a house occupied by three Slavonians in the little village across the river and walked away with \$220 in cash. From the clues discovered thus far it is thought to be the work of local men and the dragnet is out.

“The house, which adjoins the Judge West residence, is occupied by Nick and Peter Mordjan and Peter Spirito [Spirto]. They leave about 6:30 in the morning and return after work in the evening.

“Last Monday, after their departure, Mrs. Spirito, a sister-in-law of one of the men, who lives close by, noticed a stranger prowling around the house. When she inquired what he was doing, he replied that he had come to work with the occupants of the house and had been instructed by them to go to town for some eatables.

“When the trio came home that night they were informed with regard to their visitor. A quick investigation disclosed that the lock of the trunk had been broken open and \$220 in currency taken. Otherwise the place had not been disturbed.

“It was not until Wednesday that Constable Cano was informed of the robbery. An investigation disclosed the fact that entrance to the house had been gained by prying open a window with a poker. This together with the fact that the robber went straight to the trunk and took the money without littering up the place generally has convinced the officer that the criminal was some one well acquainted with the situation.

“Constable Cano who has the investigation started said this afternoon that he expected Sheriff J. W. Nesbitt to arrive from Salinas today and assist in following up the clues that had been discovered.”

EP; 4 Jan 1918; article: “M. Ucovich, former Santa Cruz real estate operator and later a successful land owner in Texas, is now making his home in San Jose, says last evening’s Santa Cruz News. He has been visiting friends here for the past two days. Mr. Ucovich, always an optimist and good friend of Santa Cruz, is still faithful to the town that gave him his start. He has boosted it often and knocked it not. To a News man this morning he said that Santa Cruz only has one drawback and that is the home town knocker—the man who talks his place down invariably, and once in the habit can’t get out of it.

“Mr. Ucovich says that most of these crabs need to live in a few other places and go through a three-years’ drought in Texas if they want to learn the lesson of loyalty to Santa Cruz.”

EP; 5 Jan 1918; marriage: “Word has been received in the city of the marriage at Sacramento on Friday, January 4, 1918, of Peter A. Skocko and Miss Edith G. Caddy. The wedding took place in the cathedral and Rev. Father Ryan officiated.

“The young couple are both well and favorably known in Watsonville. The groom was engaged in the apple industry here for a number of years with his family but left recently for Wheatland where he has taken to the business of farming.

“The bride is one of Watsonville’s most charming young ladies. She graduated from Notre Dame academy,

after which she took up nursing as a profession at which she was unusually successful. Her amiable disposition and pleasing manner endeared her to all who knew her and her friends were numbered by the extent of her acquaintance.

“The newly married couple went to San Francisco on their honeymoon and will make their home on their farm at Wheatland at the close of their trip.

“Their many friends here extend hearty congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life.”

EP; 5 Jan 1918; article: “Popular Mike Nirich, whose presence at Nogales, last year with Co. L, caused the Mexicans to think twice ere they attacked that town, has succeeded to the agency of the Acme Brewing Co., in this city, and being the last of the old-time guard of distributing agents, is now a ‘Bloated Beer Trust,’ himself. If you want the real article in the way of ‘suds’ you’ll have to go to Nirich. We assume that his article is the ‘real thing,’ but reserve a positive declaration on it, until he lets us sample it. ‘Beer Trust’ rhymes with ‘Beer Bust,’ and whilst we are president of the ‘Loyal Sons of Temperance of the Pajaronian office’ having succeeded our bloomin’ partner to that highly important office, it is our duty to test all beverages in order to report thereon to the ‘Loyal Sons.’ A hint, sometimes, is as good as a kick.”

EP; 7 Jan 1918; born: “Watsonville, Jan. 6, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lettis, a son.” [Frank; +1985]



Fig. 5-28.
Frank Lettis.

EP; 7 Jan 1918; item: “The burglary reported from Pajaro last week in which some Slavonians were supposed to have been robbed of \$220 proved to be a mare’s nest when an investigation was made by the sheriff of Monterey county. So many contradictory stories were told that nothing could be made out of it as to who got the money, or whether there was any money in the first place or not.”

EP; 8 Jan 1918; married: “In Watsonville, at St. Patrick’s church, Sunday, January 6, 1918, M. Miladin and Miss Catherine Pervitich, Rev. Father Hassett officiating.”

EP; 8 Jan 1918; item: “C. P. Johnson to Joe Banovac et al.—80.324 acres of Ro. Corralitos.”

EP; 8 Jan 1918; marriage: “The marriage of M. Miladin and Miss Catherine Pervitich was solemnized at St. Patrick’s church Sunday, January 6, 1918, Rev. Father Hassett officiating. The bride was attended by Mrs. Tony

Balich and the groom by an uncle. After the ceremony a reception was tendered the happy couple at the home of Mrs. P. Kosovac, a sister of Mr. Balich.

"The ceremony was a quiet one, being attended chiefly by relatives of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Balich, uncle and aunt of the bride were among those present. The bride, who is only 18, came from South Dakota in August to visit at the home of her uncle, Tony Balich. There she met young Mr. Miladin, the son of a prominent orchardist of the Pajaro Valley, and a friendship grew up that ripened into love and the happy event of Sunday. The young couple went to San Francisco on their honeymoon."

EP; 8 Jan 1918; item: "Carl Hunsucker, who was brought back from Fresno last evening by Constable Mann was arraigned before Judge Hawkins this morning and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of defrauding a hotel keeper. He was fined \$36. The charge was brought by Steve Scurich of the Central Hotel."

EP; 9 Jan 1918; mar. license: "Bernard Matulich, 24 and Margaret Amaya, 18, both of Santa Cruz [no date given]."

EP; 9 Jan 1918; married: "At St. Patrick's church, Watsonville, Jan. 8, 1918, by Rev. Fr. Hassett, Martin Rozich and Catherine Bauk [Buak], both of Watsonville."

EP; 9 Jan 1918; notice: "SUMMONS. In the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California.

"Antone Zadielovich, Plaintiff, vs. Mary Zadielovich, defendant.

"Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, and the Complaint filed in said County of Santa Cruz, in the office of the Clerk of said Superior Court.

"George W. Smith, Attorney for Plaintiff.

"The People of the State of California Send Greeting to Mary Zadielovich, Defendant.

"You are Hereby Directed to Appear and Answer the Complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

"And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

"Given under my hand and the Seal of said Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this third day of January, A.D. 1918.

"(Seal of Superior Court)

"H. H. MILLER, Clerk.

"By Harry E. Miller, Deputy Clerk."

EP; 14 Jan 1918; board of supervisors, payments: "...State Aid: ...Mrs. Kate Matulich, \$31.25..."

EP; 19 Jan 1918; item: "Frank Vira was tried before Judge Hawkins this morning on a charge of petty larceny, convicted and sentenced to ninety days in the county jail. The complaint was sworn out by Peter Svelich, who charged him with stealing a bicycle valued at \$25. Constable Devine made the arrest. He saw Vira take the bicycle and ride away and being suspicious of his actions made inquiries as to the ownership of the wheel and found that it was the property of Svelich. They went after the man at once and captured him after he had ditched the bicycle. The wheel was recovered."

EP; 22 Jan 1918; married: "At St. Patrick's church, Watsonville, Jan. 20, 1918, Ed. Coprizia [Copriviza] and Miss Sarah Rubis."

EP; 22 Jan 1918; item: "The Central Electric Co., 318 Main Street, follows the rules of the National Board of Underwriters, and patrons are safe in entrusting all electrical work to it. See ad. on page three."

EP; 22 Jan 1918; disp. ad:

Everything in the way of
ELECTRICAL WORK

should be done by an experienced electrician, because no man knows from whence it comes or what it is, but its use has led to the necessity of rigid insurance rules.

Central Electric Co.

318 Main St. Phone 209J

follows the rules of the
NATIONAL BOARD OF
FIRE UNDERWRITERS

so you are safe in entrusting them
with your work.

Don't Take Chances—play
"SAFETY FIRST."

EP; 23 Jan 1918; article: "Fire Chief Lawrence Sandberg yesterday filed with the Board of Aldermen his annual report of fire losses in this city during the past year. The report shows the effective way in which the department has handled fires in the city. The report is interesting reading and is as follows:

"...May 1st, 8 p.m., Box 24, P. Scurich residence at 111 East fifth street, damage \$750, insurance paid \$710.45, net loss \$39.65. Cause of fire unknown...

"July 9th, 2 a.m, Box 15, Alaga Brothers Packing Houses on Walker street, near Third, damage to buildings \$3400. Insurance paid on buildings \$2300, net loss of \$1100, damage to contents of Alaga Brothers \$700, fully covered by insurance. Damage to contents and stock in one of these buildings belonging to Sresovich & Rilovich \$2100, fully covered by insurance..."

“October 6th, 4:30 p.m., Box 43, Secondo Bros.’ residence at 50 Rodriguez street. Damage \$250, fully insured, fire caused by defective flue...”

“Sept. 15th, 10:30 p.m., Box 33, residence owned by Sam Hrepich on San Juan road, damage \$30.00, paid by insurance, cause of fire unknown...”

EP; 23 Jan 1918; article: “[board of aldermen meeting]...Mayor Trafton brought up the subject of parking the automobiles in the middle of Main street, suggesting that a block or two be chopped off and the plan given a thorough tryout in the near future. There seemed to be some doubts in the minds of the city officials as to whether Main street is wide enough to meet the demands of this system. The matter was finally left in the hands of the street commission for action.

“The Secondo Brothers got a permit from the board to erect a \$12,000 dryer on their property on lower Rodriguez street, but only after a rather prolonged discussion over the matter.

“The vote was also featured by the defeat of the permit on the first trial on account of the opposition of Alderman Uren. With three members of the board absent and four ayes and one no, the resolution failed to secure the five favorable votes necessary for passage.

“Mr. Gardner for the Secondo Bros. said that this action by the board would force him to seek a writ of mandamus against the board as the Secondo Bros., his clients, were being denied a right guaranteed them by the existing city ordinances. This, he said, would cause both them and the city some expense and suggested that Mr. Uren would agree to reconsider his vote if he understood this phase of the matter.

“Mr. Uren said that he had no intention of defeating the resolution, or causing any legal squabbles over the matter and so himself moved the reconsideration. The permit then was granted by a vote of five to nothing.

“Mr. Lewis, in stating his position to the board, declared himself against the construction of a dryer in that section of the city saying it would work a hardship on the other property owners besides causing a lot of hard feelings. He suggested that the Secondo Bros. seek another location or that the question be laid on the table until an ordinance be passed establishing a restricted district including this particular lot.

“Previous to this declaration on the part of Mr. Lewis, Attorney Gardner had explained to the members of the board that under the existing ordinances they had no discretion about granting a building permit where the plans and specifications had been filed in the manner fixed by law and where the proposed structures was outside the fire limits.

“‘The question of whether it involves an undesirable industry is one over which the board has no jurisdiction under the existing ordinances,’ Mr. Gardner said. ‘After the building has been finished and if it becomes a nuisance,

its future becomes a matter of consideration by the courts. The remedy is to get an injunction against a public nuisance.’

“City Attorney Sans, being called on for his legal opinion in the matter, coincided with Mr. Gardner’s declaration that the board has no authority in the matter.

“‘If we had an ordinance fixing a restricted district for industries of this kind, this application could be denied. Under present conditions, the board can do nothing but grant the permit,’ he said.

“Therefore when it came to voting, Mr. Lewis voted aye still insisting that Rodriguez street is not the proper place for a dryer and intimating that he would support an ordinance in the near future to establish a restricted area which would include the Secondo Bros.’ plant.

“This attitude resulted in another long discussion with Mr. Gardner seeking to get a statement from the board as to whether it was its intention to pass such an ordinance in the near future. If such were the case, he said, it might not be advisable for the Secondo Bros. to go ahead with their investment.

“The expression was finally elicited from most of the members present that no such ordinance had been thought of and there was no idea of taking any such action in the near future. This statement seemed satisfactory to Mr. Gardner and the matter was closed...”

EP; 25 Jan 1918; article: “Superior Judge B. K. Knight has ordered a retrial of the case of Peter Gurash versus George Bubresko, a dispute over a certain label used on apple boxes. Gurash claimed sole right to the use of this label which he declared Bubresko was putting on his fruit boxes illegally. An injunction against Bubresko was sought.

“Judge Knight at first granted the injunction, but on a closer examination of the evidence presented, ordered the case to be re-tried...”

EP; 25 Jan 1918; item: “Says this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel: George Dabelich, proprietor of the Dabelich restaurant is confined to the Hanly hospital where he is being treated for throat trouble. The condition of Mr. Dabelich, who has been long a sufferer from his throat, which at times allowed him to speak hardly above a whisper, grew suddenly acute Wednesday, and he was taken to the hospital, where it was found necessary to make an incision in his throat to connect his windpipe with a silver tube to permit him to breathe.”

EP; 28 Jan 1918; article: “E. B. Lettunich, one of this valley’s leading apple packers, last Saturday, bought the Holohan orchard apple crop for the coming season for \$16,000. Nine bids for the place were opened by Marshal J. B. Holohan, who came down from San Francisco for that purpose.

“Between the bid of Mr. Lettunich and that of the next highest man there was only a difference of \$150. While

the price is understood to be much higher than that secured last season, Mr. Lettunich said last night that he was rejoiced at his success.

"It is understood that the terms were one-third down cash, the remainder to be paid after the apples begin to ripen. The Holohan orchard is one of the best in the valley. It includes 110 acres of fruit, practically all of which is Newtown Pippins."

EP; 29 Jan 1918; honorary promotion: High 7th to Low 8th: Stephen Nemanich; High 5th to Low 6th: John Miljanich; Low 5th to High 5th: Martin Franich; High 4th to Low 5th: Peter Copriviza; Low 4th to High 4th: Peter Knego; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Stephen Scurich, Polly Franich, M. Resetar; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Mary Lucich, Lewis Lucich, John Sambrailo; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Mary Lasich; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Chris Pavisha; Low 1st to High 1st: Nicholas Boscovich, Tony Pavlovich; Low 1st to High 1st: Tony Franich.

EP; 31 Jan 1918; item: "Mateo Lettunich and William Hall left yesterday for San Francisco in Mr. Lettunich's Willys-Knight Sedan to attend the Willys-Knight closed car exhibition in the metropolis."

EP; 2 Feb 1918; article: "Judge Benj. K. Knight, in the Superior Court, at Santa Cruz, this forenoon, rendered a decision giving Stephen Scurich, of this city a judgment for damages in the sum of \$735 against the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific Railroad Companies.

"In the apple season of 1911 Steve Scurich shipped eleven cars of apples to Denver. He gave orders to the companies to divert four of the carloads to other points which the companies failed to do, causing him a loss of \$890, which amount he sued for. The case has been pending in court for some time."

[*ALL (Advertised Letter List) from now on becomes UL (Unclaimed Letters)*]

EP; 2 Feb 1918; UL: Spizo Vukanovich, Watsonville.

EP; 2 Feb 1918; item: "Coast Land and Investment Co. to Mitchell Secondo—Lot on Northwest line of Elm St., Watsonville."

EP; 4 Feb 1918; item: "Miss Emma Milcovich is here from San Francisco to spend the week end with her parents."

EP; 4 Feb 1918; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith, of Santa Cruz, is reported as a possible candidate in the congressional fight."

EP; 4 Feb 1918; item: Jas. Hall was the attorney for Stephen Scurich in the action wherein the latter got a verdict for \$735 against the S.P. and U.P. railroads, noted in our issue last Saturday."

EP; 5 Feb 1918; article: "CROATIANS WILL ENDEAVOR TO GAIN THEIR LIBERTY. Mr. J. B. Mihaljevic, traveling representative of the Southern Slavic National Council, of Washington, D.C. is in this city, having arrived here last Saturday, for the purpose of organizing a local branch or council of the above organization.

"The objects of this organization, as we gather it from Mr. Mihaljevic's explanation, is to organize all southern Slavs in the United States, for the purpose of aiding their brethren in that portion of Austria to gain for themselves independence under a republican form of government, and one of its principal aims, also, is to inculcate in its members pro-Americanism, and love and fealty for this country that has given them so many opportunities to acquire independence in the world's goods, and so much liberty.

"Mr. Mihaljevic will address the local Slavs on these subjects at a meeting to be held on next Saturday night, under the auspices of the local Croatian lodge, at 8 o'clock, at their lodge room, Odd Fellows' hall. The Croatian League, which is the political body supporting the proposed new democratic government that is hoped will be formed from the states of Montenegro, Serbia, Croatia, Dalmatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Stiria and Karolina.

"Mr. Mihaljevic has been interviewing the local Jugo-Slavs and he finds great enthusiasm among them for the liberation of Croatia and the joining with the other states enumerated above in a democratic form of government which, it is stated, will be patterned after the government of the United States of America under whose flag are so many of the persecuted sons of Croatia and the other Balkan states. The propaganda of this organization also teaches loyalty to the United States by those now living here and pro-Americanism on the part of the whole country. They recognize what America is doing for them and realize that it is the ideals of America that has set the example of democracy for the world.

"The necessity for the separation from Austria is driven home to the Jugo-Slav people by the bitter persecution that has followed them since the beginning of the war. How the Austrians had taken their boys and men from sixteen to sixty and put them into the trenches; how they had maltreated their women and children; starving both women and children to death and outraging and mutilating the bodies of the women before death came to release them from the cruelties being inflicted upon them. It is a tale of persecution that equals the work of the Germans in Belgium.

"King Peter of Serbia, who is the most democratic monarch in Europe, is in favor of the movement for a federation of the Jugo-Slav states and is willing at any time to abdicate in favor of a republic; but it is likely that he will be the chosen ruler of the country as long as he lives as the Jugo-Slavs all love him and are not planning

on removing him from the head of the government.

“Mr. Mihaljevic is anxious that all Jugo-Slavs in Watsonville and the Pajaro valley come out to the meeting Saturday and hear the talk that will be made to them at that time. The example that America has set for them in fighting for freedom and the liberty of the peoples of the world should inspire every Jugo-Slav with the determination to do all in his power to assist his father’s country in regaining its independence and restoring its national life. Come out and hear him Saturday evening.”

EP; 8 Feb 1918; item: “John Arbanasin departed today for Paso Robles Springs where he will remain about a month.”

EP; 8 Feb 1918; promotions by exam: High 8th to High School: Kathryn Arbanas; High 7th to Low 8th: Paul Dubreta; Low 7th to High 7th: Nellie Puhiera, Willie Sambrailo; High 6th to Low 7th: Margaret Glage; Low 6th to High 6th: Ned Gluhan, Tom Arbanas, Peter Matulich, Tony Scurich; High 5th to Low 6th: Nick Dubreta; Low 5th to High 5th: Nick Eggea, Anna Glage, Marie Rilovich, Louis Kalich, Mary Castropelli; High 4th to Low 5th: Anna Scurich; Low 4th to High 4th: John Novakovich; High 3rd to Low 4th: Nicholas Copriviza, Martin Grizich; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Peter Knego, George Novakovich, George Gera; Low 2nd to High 2nd: John Gurash, Lazarus Gurash, Anna Krall, Mitchell Kralj, George Craul, Peter Lasich, Louis Pavisha, George Kralj; High 1st to Low 2nd: Joe Pavlovich, Annie Hrepich, Mary Matisevelch [Maticevich]; Low 1st to High 1st: Nick Bilicich, George Copriviza.

EP; 8 Feb 1918; article: The local War-Savings Committee outlined a campaign for the sale and introduction of a War-Savings and Thrift Stamps into every home in the Pajaro valley at a meeting held last evening in the Mechanics’ Association rooms.

“Chairman Frank Rodgers appointed the following chairmen:...Croatian Committee, Luke Scurich...”

“The chairmen of these committees are to select the members of their committees and the work will be outlined to the committees as soon as they are organized...”

EP; 9 Feb 1918; disp. ad:

Attention
JUGO-SLAVS
A Meeting Will Be Held on
Saturday Ev’ng
FEBRUARY 9th at
I.O.O.F. Hall
Address Will Be Made by
J. B. MIHALJEVIC
Traveling Representative of the
Southern Slavic National Council
TURN OUT TO HEAR HIM
All Are Invited.

EP; 9 Feb 1918; item: Estate of Peter Sisa, deceased—Order appointing day of settlement on account and hearing of petition for decree of distribution; petition for decree of distribution; first and final account.”

EP; 9 Feb 1918; board of supervisors, payments: ...County Fund: ...Jack Novich [Novcich], \$46.80...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Mike Glage, \$4...State Aid: ...Kate Matulich, \$31.25...County Aid: ...Annie Cosich, \$10...”

EP; 9 Feb 1918; item: “A letter received this morning from Sergeant Vido Opusich, at Camp Kearney, states that he is feeling fine, and was recently made a platoon leader. The company to which he is attached has been supplied with new packs and new Enfield rifles, and are all ready to move when the word comes. The weather at Camp Kearney is perfect, and all the boys feeling fine. He sends his kindest regards to all friends.”

EP; 12 Feb 1918; item: “Jno. N. Sresovich, president of the J. N. Sresovich & Co.’s commission house, San Francisco, was in town last evening, and returned to the metropolis this morning. ‘Jack’ is getting thin. Worrying over the income tax, he’ll have to turn in, we suppose.”

EP; 13 Feb 1918; item: “Word has been received of the arrest in Pajaro of Mrs. Spirto on a warrant charging her with larceny. Her preliminary examination will be held before Judge Rohrback tomorrow...”

“The issuance of the warrant grows out of the burglarizing of the home of Nick Mardjis [Mordjin] some weeks ago and the taking of about \$200 in money from his trunk. This case has given the officers of justice considerable trouble but they are confident that they are on the right lead now.”

EP; 14 Feb 1918; item: “Chris Mracevich, who is now in Camp Kearney, writes friends in the city that he is in good health and enjoying army life. He states that there are 36,000 men in the camp now.”

EP; 15 Feb 1918; article: “Steve Kavalcich, who was arrested yesterday by Constable Devine on the charge of conducting a game of stud-horse poker at the Superior bar, appeared in Judge Hawkins’ court this morning with his attorney, H. C. Wyckoff, and entered a plea of ‘not guilty’ to the information. By agreement of the attorneys the case will be set for hearing at a later date. Kavalcich was released upon a \$250 bail bond.”

EP; 15 Feb 1918; born: “In Railroad district, Feb. 15, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matulich, a son.” [Michael]

EP; 19 Feb 1918; UL: Miss Frances Bacick, Bozo Gubich [prob. Ljubich], Bozo Ljubich, P. Vidacich.

EP; 20 Feb 1918; article: "BAR TENDER ARRESTED...George Beule [Baule] was arrested by Constable Arthur Devine this afternoon on a charge of conducting a game of studhorse poker with marked cards, for money, in the saloon of John P. Zar at the corner of Maple avenue and Main street in Watsonville. Beule was arraigned before Justice of the Peace A. B. Hawkins, and upon entering a plea of 'not guilty,' was held for trial in the sum of \$250.

"District Attorney George W. Smith came over from Santa Cruz this afternoon and handled the case in person after which he left for Fresno on a business mission. He stated that the work would go right on. When asked in reference to the statement by Chief Whitsitt that he had not been taken in on the recent gambling raid, he said: 'I had good and sufficient reason for not taking him in, which the chief well knows.' And in regard to submitting his evidence to the board of aldermen on February 27, he said: 'The board of aldermen is welcome to all the evidence I have at the conclusion of my investigation, and not before.'"

EP; 20 Feb 1918; item: "F. B. Rilovich et al vs. E. A. Olcece et al.—Demurrer to complaint; notice of motion for change of place of trial; affidavit of merits and residence; demand for change of place of trial."

EP; 20 Feb 1918; article: "John P. Zar, owner of the saloon at the corner of Maple avenue and Main street, called us up by phone this afternoon and requested us to state that George Baule, the man who was arrested yesterday charged with playing studhorse poker, with marked cards, for money, in Zar's place, was no 'bartender' in his (Zar's) saloon, and that Baule had never been associated with him in any capacity whatever."

EP; 22 Feb 1918; item: "Paul and Nick Alaga have leased the Valencia orchard property of the late F. A. Hihn, for a number of years. Mr. Paul Alaga moved his family up to the orchard last Monday."

EP; 22 Feb 1918; item: "The following students have arrived home from the state university at Berkeley and other educational institutions for a week-end visit with relatives in the city: Alene Murphy, Jeffrey Wilson, Mabel Wilson, Esther Gordon, Ruth Hays, Emery De-Back, Louis [Lewis] Lettunich and Joe Cummings."

EP; 23 Feb 1918; disp. ad:

Central Electric Co.
CONTRACTING and SUPPLIES
318 Main Street Phone 209J

EP; 25 Feb 1918; item: "The case of the People versus George Baule, charged with playing studhorse poker with marked cards in the John P. Zar saloon, which had

been set for hearing this morning in Judge Hawkins' court, has been postponed owing to the absence from the city of Attorney John E. Gardner who represents the defendant. Upon his return the case will be set by stipulation between the attorneys."

EP; 25 Feb 1918; article: "The local organization for the book drive to supply the libraries of the cantonments with reading matter is now complete. In addition to those already announced, the following chairmen of the country districts have been named:

"...No. 2. Mrs. T. J. Horgan and Mrs. Nicholas Alaga will assist Mrs. W. A. Trafton.

"No. 4. Mrs. C. G. Redman, Mrs. Mansfield, Mrs. O. D. Stoesser, Miss Elizabeth Wiley and Mrs. Alice Morse will assist Mrs. C. B. Lewis..."

EP; 25 Feb 1918; mar. license: "At Salinas, Feb. 23, 1918, Nick F. Bencovich, 57, and Virginia J. Crane, 57; both are residents of Hollister."

EP; 27 Feb 1918; item: "Louisa P. Wills to Steve P. Knego—6.90 acres Ro. Corralitos."

EP; 27 Feb 1918; UL: Steve Brautovich, Mrs. George Draskovich.

EP; 28 Feb 1918; article: "The government desires to obtain any and all kinds of field glasses, spy-glasses, etc. for the sailors now at sea. Persons having glasses of the above kinds will be doing a patriotic act by loaning them to the government, to be returned at the expiration of the war. It doesn't matter if the glasses are out of repair. The government will repair them and put them in commission.

"The duty of collecting these glasses has been assigned by the government to District Attorney Geo. W. Smith. The glasses can be left at the Pajaronian office, and Mr. Smith will call and collect them each Saturday. A receipt will be given for each pair of glasses loaned, the duplicate receipt will be filed away.

"A pair of these glasses may be the means at sea, of sighting the periscope of the submarine, and saving the lives of thousands of our soldier boys. It is a patriotic act to loan these glasses to the government."

EP; 28 Feb 1918; item: "Fred Beck vs. John Orepich [Hrepich] and John McQueen—Notice of entry of judgment; notice of motion, plaintiff's cost bill; affidavit for appointment of receiver."

EP; 28 Feb 1918; article: "John P. Zar, the saloonman who recently entered a plea of guilty in the justice court following his arrest on a complaint charging violation of the anti-gambling law prepared by District Attorney George W. Smith, has filed an appeal with the Superior Court through his attorney, J. E. Gardner.

“Mr. Zar now alleges that he pleaded guilty to committing an act which is not a crime under the laws of this state in that he was charged with playing studhorse poker.

“The controversy hinges around the words ‘for money.’ These were not included in the warrant on which Mr. Zar was apprehended. The court will be called on to decide whether studhorse poker is gambling per se in which case Mr. Zar will be out his fine or whether the omission of the two words will cost the county the \$100 fine collected from Mr. Zar as well as the expenses of his trial.”

EP; 28 Feb 1918; article: “[board of aldermen meeting]...City Attorney Sans announced that per instructions of the board at the last meeting, he had prepared a complaint against John P. Zar, arrested by Constable Arthur Devine on a warrant secured by District Attorney Smith, charging that gambling in violation of the law had occurred in his saloon at the corner of Maple avenue and Second street.

“He suggested, however, that the matter be put over[,] as correspondence with District Attorney George W. Smith had failed to secure the evidence from that official necessary to show that Mr. Zar had been violating the state law. Mr. Sans said, had written him that he did not care to show his hand in the matter until the final presentation of the facts in court. Then, he said, he would be glad to turn all of his evidence over to the board.

“Neither I nor Chief of Police Whitsitt has any evidence against Zar and for us to call a hearing now would only be to make monkeys of the city officials. People would say that we had called him up knowing that the only thing we could do was to white-wash him,” Mr. Sans said.

“Members of the board agreed that the only thing that could be done was to defer the case until Mr. Smith’s documents became available for their use...”

EP; 1 Mar 1918; article: “Says this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel:

“The political pot of Santa Cruz county and the district is beginning to come to a boil with the formal announcement of Attorney Ralph H. Smith yesterday that he would be a candidate for the office of district attorney, and the statement of George W. Smith, the present incumbent, that he would not be a candidate at the fall election. At present the office of district attorney holds the spot light of public attention. Who will enter the race for the assembly still remains in doubt.

“District Attorney George W. Smith, in speaking of his decision to retire from the office he now holds, said that he had nothing to add to the statement that he had given to the News, but that this statement did not mean that he had retired from politics. Mr. Smith in his statement to the News said:

“I intend to resume the private practice of law in this county at the conclusion of my term, providing I am not

in the service of my country. The United States government has first call on my services. I am subject to the draft and claim no privileges or special benefits. The war department was tendered my services in any capacity immediately upon the declaration of hostilities, and that offer still stands.

“I shall continue to endeavor to do my duty as district attorney of this county until the last minute of my term, however.

“Petty politics should not be in order at this time, and the one business of us at home should be the wholehearted support of the boys “over there” and the exposure of sedition at home, some of which, I am sorry to say, exists on the street corners of this city.”

EP; 5 Mar 1918; board of aldermen, payments: “...M. Glech, labor, \$31.50...”

EP; 6 Mar 1918; item: “Fred Beck vs. John Oretich [Hrepich] and John McQueen—Order appointing receivers; bonds; oath of receiver.”

EP; 6 Mar 1918; article: “The board of city aldermen met in regular session in the city hall last evening...”

“The petition of Nick Lamat and George A. Forencich for the transfer of the liquor license now held by Nick Lamat to George A. Forencich was read and granted, by the passage of resolution No. 1445...”

EP; 7 Mar 1918; honor roll: Low 8th: Stephen Nemanich; High 6th: Tom Arbanas, Tony Scurich; Low 6th: John Miljanich; High 5th: Martin Franich, John Novacovich, Nick Eggea; High 4th: Peter Knego; High 3rd: Mike Resetar, Stephen Scurich, Polly Franich, Louis Lucich, John Sambrailo, Mary Lucich, Stella Zar; Low 3rd: Peter Knego; High 2nd: Chris Pavisha, George Krall, Peter Lasich; Low 2nd: Annie Hrepich.

EP; 7 Mar 1918; article: “The pupils of Moreland Notre Dame Academy celebrated ‘Moreland Day,’ with a very interesting program...The event was the nineteenth anniversary of the founding of the academy...”

“The program was carried out by the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades. It was designed to present the principal events of American history from the year 1000 to 1775. These periods were explained and represented by the leading historical characters of the periods in which they occurred...”

“The program was as follows:

“1. The Norsemen...The Skeleton in Armor. (Recitation) C. Lettunich.

“2. Spanish Exploration. Geographical Ideas, A. Copravis...Amanda, R. Cicuth [Cikuth]; Lucia, R. Scurich...”

“5. Period of Colonization. Character of Spanish settlements, M. Gera; character of English settlements, R. Scurich; character of French settlements, R. Cicuth

[Cikuth]. 'The Old Thirteen' (recitation)...S. Carolina, A. Copravis [Copriviza]; New York, A. Hrepich...New Jersey, R. Scurich..."

EP; 7 Mar 1918; item: "Stane J. Cikuth et al. vs. Norwich Union Fire Ins. Society, Ltd.—Proposed findings."

EP; 8 Mar 1918; editorial page: "America has been too lenient with alien enemies and near enemies in the United States since the beginning of the war. They have been bold and unafraid even before the operatives of the department of justice and they get away with stuff that ought to send them to prison for life, or, in some cases, to the scaffold. The laxity on the part of those who should be weeding out these vipers has made them bolder and bolder and at the present time they pay very little attention to the danger of exposure. A few public hangings and some long terms in prison for the pro-Germans who are the most active in spreading the propaganda of treason through the country would have a quieting effect upon some of the secret agitations at least.

"In line with this thought was the speech of District Attorney George W. Smith, a report of which was published in the Pajaronian of yesterday. He sounded the alarm that should bring every patriotic citizen to his feet in applause. And now comes Judge J. A. Bardin, of the Monterey County Council of Defense, who stated in his address in San Francisco yesterday:

"I do not favor violence, but unless Congress comes to our rescue with legislation providing for stripping American citizenship from those showing disloyalty or making serious seditious utterances, we shall have to return to the practices of the Vigilantes and compel respect for the flag.

"We have done with foolish and frivolous investigations and are compelled to take measures ourselves. These people have been given lectures when they need prison bars. Our country council, on investigation of reported seditious remarks, appoints a committee of men of standing to inform the offender where he stands in our county, regardless of the State and Nation.

"Anyone born in Europe who has secured American citizenship but stands for the Kaiser should be given a hearing, and, if the allegation is proven, should be stripped of his cloak of citizenship, interned, and after the war sent back to the country where he belongs, not allowed to remain here, a festering sore on the American people.

"We will ask Senators Johnson and Phelan and every California congressman to have a bill to that effect introduced in Congress."

"Judge Bardin explained that the Espionage Act provides for action only where the seditious remarks interfere directly with the military or naval forces or the draft. Because of this limitation and the free speech provision, he said, the authorities were unable to deal adequately with warnings of danger to the Spreckels Sugar

Refinery factory, containing half the State's sugar supply. As a result, he said, came its supposedly incendiary destruction, an attempt to destroy the sugar beet seed supply for the ensuing two years.

"In one instance he cited after investigation a man who expressed desire to return and serve the Kaiser, said 'Damn the United States. I'll get some dynamite yet and get some of these Monterey army officers and these busy government officials.' The man was arrested, he said, and the authorities had to release him because he was a naturalized citizen.

"We are glad they are waking up. It is time for patriotism to go over the top here at home and rid the country of the spies and traitors that are undermining the war work here. If there are no laws under which they can be curbed now let Congress give us a law from which they cannot escape. It means protection to the boys in the trenches as well as to the people who remain at home."

EP; 8 Mar 1918; item: "District Attorney Geo. W. Smith dropped over here for a few moments this forenoon, on his return from San Francisco where he had been attending the State Council of Defense meeting. George's account of that meeting is very interesting and entertaining."

EP; 8 Mar 1918; article: "District Attorney Geo. W. Smith, when he dropped into town this forenoon, informed us that he expected to be over here tomorrow to receive the glasses donated by our citizens for use in the navy, and would then give receipts for them. He has a large number of glasses to ship—the folks at the county seat having been very generous in giving up their field and telescopic spy-glasses.

"A magnificent assortment of glasses has been collected here. Some of the field glasses are worth as high as one hundred dollars, and we opine that figure would not begin to touch some of the telescope spy-glasses..."

EP; 9 Mar 1918; board of supervisors, payments: "...County Fund: ...Jack Novich [Novcich], com. ins. \$46.80... County Aid: ...Kate Matulich, \$31.25..."

EP; 9 Mar 1918; UL: Tony Kostovich.

EP; 9 Mar 1918; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith will make a patriotic address at the First Methodist church, Santa Cruz, on tomorrow (Sunday) evening. Cards announcing this address were circulated in Santa Cruz yesterday."

EP; 9 Mar 1918; born: "Watsonville, March 9, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Papac, a daughter." [*Lucille Rose "Gig"*]



Fig. 5-29. Lucille Rose "Gig" Papac

EP; 11 Mar 1918; article: “The Knights of Columbus who went to San Jose yesterday to take the second and third degrees in the work of the order report a very enjoyable time while in the valley city. The work was exemplified in a most impressive manner and they were all royally treated. Some of them say, however, that the road over there is in pretty bad shape, in fact almost impassable. They went over both routes in making the trip and assert that Watsonville is almost cut off from the valley country during wet weather. They are of the opinion that the contract work on the road should be pushed through to completion at once without any unnecessary delay. Those who made the trip are: Henry Kane, P. A. Callaghan, Eugene Kelly, Jos. Kirby, George B. Kennedy, John Lucid, Tommy Jamison, Luke Scurich, D. J. Daly, W. H. Daly, and George Silvia.”

EP; 11 Mar 1918; item: “Martin Podich has sold a house and lot and two vacant lots on Washington Heights to Julius K. Nissen of Haywards.”

EP; 12 Mar 1918; item: “Estate of Natale Skocko, deceased—Decree of confirmation.”

EP; 12 Mar 1918; editorial page: “WELDING OF NATIONS. We are losing sight of the racial congeries in Southeastern Europe. It was here in the Balkans and thereabouts that the war had its origin, and the issues, complicated enough before the war, have become more tangled. If there was a single straightforward issue, such as the restoration of Serbia with the addition of an outlet to the sea, then it would be easy to arrange a program satisfactory to Serbia, but it would set the whole Slav world ablaze, for Slavdom is divided against itself. Furthermore Italy has claims for which she has made big sacrifices and all conflicting interests are being cleverly exploited by Austrian statecraft. Vienna may be eager to quit the war, but she is fomenting dissension among the Slavs and keeping alive the hatreds which are necessary to insure desperate tenacity under the command of the Serbo-Croat Borojevic. The Austrians do not forget that 20 per cent of her troops are Jugo-Slavs who have been told that they are defending their hearths and homes against the thievish instincts of the Italians. Also they have been made to believe that on the other side of the old frontier, that is to say, Vicenza, ‘there are brothers to be liberated’ whom Italy has always exploited and maltreated. To aggravate the tumult of troubled waters are large sections of the Slav population under the Hapsburgs who do not desire separation from Austria. Their demands are limited to legislative autonomy or at least political equality within the Dual Monarchy. There are the Croats, for instance, who have no desire to be incorporated in a new Serb empire in which their identity might be submerged. As to the Jugo-Slavs, ‘we desire,’ they say, ‘to be united in a free Austria in an alliance of

free nations under the Hapsburg dynasty.’ They add: ‘The heavy domination of the Germans and Magyars must come to an end.’ There is another Jugo-Slav element which wishes to see restored Napoleon’s evanescent Kingdom of Illyria, comprising Carinthia, Gorizia, Trieste, Istria, Styria and Carniola. They are of course bitterly opposed to the Italian Irredenta policy. The sentiment and vanity of all these conflicting elements, the cunning statesmen of Vienna, men with more brains than the diplomats of Germany have, are playing on incessantly. Their propaganda is nowhere neglected. Here is a specimen from an official organ:

“For a hundred years the Italians have cried throughout the Jugo-Slav countries that the old Italian civilization must have precedence over the young Slav civilization, and that the latter must make way for it. What would happen to us if the Italians should achieve all their aspirations? The Jugo-Slavs are of various nationalities and must rely upon their own strength. They would not be able to resist the Italian concentric expansion for long; they must lean against a Great Power which does not subjugate foreign nations, and develop themselves in union with the Great Power. In the present contingencies the Jugo-Slavs can only lean against Austria.

“Propaganda shrewdly prepared is a powerful stimulant to prejudices even in an ‘enlightened’ country, as we have seen since the outbreak of the war. So we may easily conjecture with what success the Central Empires have operated on the minds of the aspiring democrats of the Balkans whom Uncle Sam has taken under his arm. Surely it’s a big job that we have on our hands—that of satisfying all the little nationalities of Europe.—Town Talk.”

EP; 12 Mar 1918; item: “Charles Wessel to Louie Dorcich—Lot on Watsonville Heights, Sub. No. 2.”

EP; 13 Mar 1918; item: “Prosper Lettunich of San Francisco is spending a few days with relatives in Watsonville.”

EP; 13 Mar 1918; item: “Estate of Natale Skocko, deceased—Decree of confirmation; dismissal.”

EP; 13 Mar 1918; item: “Decree of confirmation, estate of Natale Skocko, deceased—Property on the road from Watsonville to Santa Cruz containing 61.54 acres.”

EP; 16 Mar 1918; article: “P. M. Resetar has a force of men at work tearing down the old packing house on West Lake street and moving it to the railroad where it will be rebuilt and gotten in readiness for the season’s pack.

“Mr. Resetar is also arranging to move the residence building at 30 W. Lake avenue back farther on the lot and remodeling and improving it. The erection of new buildings on the lots vacated, in the near future, is also included in his plans for improving his property there.”

EP; 16 Mar 1918; disp. ad:

FIRST-CLASS MEALS at the
CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT
253-255-259 Main Street
GEO. HREPICH, Proprietor.
Reasonable Prices
Excellent Service Assured
Once a Customer, Always a Friend

EP; 16 Mar 1918; disp. ad:

WE SELL War Bread
as ordered by the food administration.
If you buy wheat bread,
then you are not faith-
ful to the country that
treats you so well.
Watsonville Bakery
V. LISTER & CO.

EP; 16 Mar 1918; UL: C. A. Colendich, Peter Vcovich [Ucovich], M. Zec.

EP; 18 Mar 1918; born: "Watsonville, March 17, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Baldo Radavich [Radovich], a son." [Barney; +2006]

EP; 18 Mar 1918; item: "Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Allen, the latter a cousin of Mrs. Jack Mann, Mrs. Mackarell and Mrs. Chuckovich, have arrived here from Idaho and are so delighted with the country that they plan to make it their home. They are happy to get out the snow belt."

EP; 19 Mar 1918; item: "Martin Polich [Podich] et ux to Wilhelmina M. Nissen—3 lots in Watsonville Heights."

"Luke Scurich et ux to Wilhelmina M. Nissen—Same as above.

"L. P. Cikuth et al. to Martin Podich—Certain lots in Watsonville Heights."

EP; 19 Mar 1918; obit: "In Soquel, March 18, 1918, Antone F. Pincevich, a native of Austria, aged 49 years."

EP; 20 Mar 1918; item: "Arthur Arlett et als. vs. Petar Scurich—Order extending time."

EP; 21 Mar 1918; article: "Hearing before the railroad commission of the case of L. M. Way, the Hop Lee Company, Peter Stolich and Nick Stolich, partners under the firm name of Stolich Bros., M. G. Novacovich-Lettis vs. Southern Pacific Co., was opened in the city hall this morning...before Commissioner Gordon of the State Railroad Commission...The action was to compel the Southern Pacific to build a side track on Walker Street..."

"Permission to intervene was granted by the commission. The first witness placed on the stand was Alderman C. B. Lewis, who identified certain maps of the Walker

street section and the Kearney street extension which had been made by him and testified to their correctness.

"Peter Stolich was then called and testified to the necessity for a track on Walker Street, the advantage it would be to the packers in making shipments and on economical lines. He testified that it would save his firm in the neighborhood of \$600 per year to have the track run by the plant and enable them to do away with the hauling.

"L. F. Lettis was called to the stand and stated the need of a track there. He also testified that he had taken the matter of a track to his packing house up with the Southern Pacific people last year and that the company recognized the need of a track to the extent that they made a tentative offer to construct the track and divide the costs with him, Mr. Lettis to pay \$1100 toward the track, and the company to pay \$1000. The negotiations got no farther than that, however. Mr. Lettis testified further that it would save him about a cent a box on apples to have the track there and that he had formulated plans to double the size of his packing plant if the track were built and either operate the entire proposition himself or lease out a part of the plant to other packers.

"The hearing was adjourned to 1:30 at the auditorium, to which place it had been taken on account of the necessity for more room. The city hall not being large enough to accommodate the witnesses and interested parties.

"Upon convening at 1:30 Mr. Lettis was called to the stand again and testified to the advantage it would be to his property to have the track built. Said he would be willing to pay his pro rata of the cost. Said he would be willing to pay \$2000 rather than not have the track built. Said he would be willing to pay \$2500 rather than not have the track.

"Peter Stolich was again called to the stand and made a statement of the actual savings that would be made in his business by having the track run to the front of his packing plant; said he was one of the main parties to the complaint. He made no offers or inducements in the way of money or other values to secure their signatures to the complaint. Would save a half cent a box on transportation of apples to cold storage plant..."

EP; 21 Mar 1918; mar. license: "At San Francisco, Mar. 18, 1918, to Amos A. Wyckoff, 45, Ukiah, and Louise Carstulovich, 44, Monterey."

EP; 22 Mar 1918; article: "(Concluded from yesterday) Continuing his testimony Mr. Way said that the fruit growers as well as the packers would be benefited by the building of the spur, as the packers would save money on cutting out the hauling and could pay more for the apples..."

"J. M. Unglish, the next witness, said he was not a direct party to the petition but that his property would be indirectly benefited by the spur and that he would be able to make a large saving if he could arrange with Mr. Stolich to have the pipe lines carrying oil for his dryer

pass through the packer's property. Then, he said, he would be able to buy the oil in carload lots instead of by the barrel as at present...

"Stephen Scurich testified that he owned a packing house in the district and would be willing to pay a share of the cost of the spur.

"Luke Scurich, also a property owner in the district, said he had been working to get the spur built for the last five years. Oscar Buob testified regarding the change in the district from a residence to an industrial section during the last ten years. Mitchell Stolich gave evidence along the same general lines.

"During the afternoon, Commissioner Gordon received a telegram from San Francisco informing him that he would have to be in his office there this morning. As both Mr. Gordon and Mr. Neylan announced it would be impossible for them to take up the case again immediately, Commissioner Gordon decided to indefinitely postpone the taking of further testimony. The time for reopening the case will be fixed by agreement between the attorneys."

EP; 22 Mar 1918; item: "N. Alaga et al. vs. Peter Jano—Receipt on account."

EP; 22 Mar 1918; item: "Ella Eipper et vir to George Rilovich et ux—Property between Walker and Third streets, Watsonville."

EP; 22 Mar 1918; item: "Declaration of homestead of George Rilovich—Property between Walker and Rodriguez streets, Watsonville."

EP; 23 Mar 1918; article: "Kosmos Gospodnetich yesterday sold to W. J. McKillop his 100-acre fruit ranch near Chualar. The property sold is the largest fruit ranch in Monterey county, and one of the best in this section of the country. Gospodnetich last season shipped from this ranch the largest carload of apples ever shipped from an orchard in this section of the state. The car contained 2180 boxes of apples weighing 136,655 pounds. Gospodnetich will remain in Salinas and expects to become a bean farmer.—Salinas Journal."

EP; 23 Mar 1918; item: "Estate of Natale Skocko, deceased—Receipt."

EP; 23 Mar 1918; item: "Andrew Zar and John Hrepich vs. Natale Skocko—Satisfaction of judgment."

EP; 23 Mar 1918; item: "District Attorney Geo. W. Smith and Sheriff Howard V. Trafton, were over here from Santa Cruz yesterday, looking into reported violations of the food laws, and disloyal utterances by local residents."

EP; 25 Mar 1918; item: "Mary Skocko as adm., to John McCoy—61.54 acres on White's road."

EP; 28 Mar 1918; item: "Joseph Curry to L. K. Secondo—Lot 88, in Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro."

EP; 28 Mar 1918; item: "L. K. Secondo et ux to Nancy A. Jerinich—Part of Lot 88, in Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro."

EP; 29 Mar 1918; article: "M. N. Lettunich & Co., and the Garcia-Maggini Company are still packing apples for shipment. The apples were placed in cold storage in loose boxes and it will probably be next week sometime before the work is completed. This is probably the first time that packing has continued up into April of the next season."

EP; 29 Mar 1918; born: "In Hollister, March 27, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Matulich, a son." [Nick]

EP; 29 Mar 1918; mar. license: "In Hollister, Mar. 29, 1918, Joe Matulich and Lucy Borvich, both of Hollister."

EP; 1 Apr 1918; item "Mr. and Mrs. Visich and Joe Mihlich autoed over to Santa Clara Saturday for a short visit."

EP; 1 Apr 1918; article: "HIGH PRICES IN DALMATIA. George Carstulovich, of Santa Cruz, has received a letter from New York from a friend who had received a letter from his home in Austria which came by way of Switzerland. These are some of the prices in Zara [Zadar], the capital of Dalmatia, on February 14, 1918: Salt pork, 25 kronas for a kilogram or \$5.25 for 1½ pounds; fresh pork, \$5 for 1½ pounds; barley, 60 cents for 1½ pounds; coarse salt 25 cents a pound; flour, \$3.20 a pound."

EP; 1 Apr 1918; disp. ad:

Our Butter, Cream and
Eggs are the
BEST IN TOWN.

The best people know it
and patronize us.

Our Dairy Products are
Direct From the Farm.

A. STRAZICICH

Cor. Walker and W. Lake Ave.
Phone 63

EP; 1 Apr 1918; class. ad: "FOR RENT—One modern store 17x80, new fire proof building. Suitable for any business. Opposite City Hall, Main street. For further particulars inquire F. P. MARINOVICH, phone 395P."

EP; 2 Apr 1918; article: "The campaign for the Third Liberty Loan Bond campaign opens Saturday and the

organization for carrying on the work in Pajaro valley has been perfected as follows:

"...The committee of women will include the following: Mrs. Luke Scurich, Mrs. M. L. Katuch [Kalich], Mrs. Steve Scurich [of 25]..."

"The general committee for carrying on the work in this city and valley will be comprised of the following persons: ...O. D. Stoesser...Luke Scurich...R. S. Chukovich...[of 49]"

EP; 3 Apr 1918; item: "Paul Miladin of Watsonville was arrested by Motor Officer Beauregard for speeding between Soquel and Aptos. His case will be heard by Justice of the Peace Houck next Monday.—Santa Cruz News."

EP; 4 Apr 1918; item: "ARRESTED FOR GAMBLING. Chas. Arbanas and John Moncovich were arrested this morning by Constable Devine charged with playing stud-horse poker in John Zar's saloon yesterday. Both defendants appeared before Justice Hawkins today, plead 'Not Guilty,' and were released on their own recognizance, to appear on April 23d, and have their case set."

EP; 4 Apr 1918; article: "The case of the People vs. George Baule charged with playing studhorse poker and for money and betting against it, came up in Justice A. B. Hawkins' court this morning at ten o'clock. District Attorney George W. Smith and Deputy District Attorney Clay W. Seevers appeared for the prosecution and Attorney John E. Gardner represented the defendant. A jury trial had been demanded and granted by Justice Hawkins and the usual formalities were waived by both parties and the matter of selecting a jury was taken up. A roll call of the venire was made and all found to be present after which the jury box was filled and the prospective jurors sworn for examination. A venire had been carefully selected by Constable Mann from which the jury was drawn. Mr. Baule following his rights under the law had demanded that he be tried by a jury of his peers..."

"When the jury was completed and sworn in District Attorney Geo. W. Smith asked that the case be postponed until April 23, 1918, at ten o'clock a.m. The reason for the postponement was the serious illness of the mother of the people's chief witness, who was in a dying condition and it was impossible to have the witness here to testify at this time. The court granted the motion and after cautioning the jury not to talk of the case to anyone court was dismissed."

EP; 4 Apr 1918; obit: "Nick Medar, a laborer aged thirty five years, died at the Railroad Exchange hotel early yesterday afternoon. He was a native of Herzegovina that had lived in California about 16 years, four years at Wrights Station and 12 years in the Pajaro valley. He has no relatives in this country."

"The funeral will be held under the direction of the Serb Benevolent Society Friday afternoon from the Aston-Neal Undertaking parlors...Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery."

"Mr. Medar had a large number of friends in the local Slavonian colony and his death is deeply regretted by them."

EP; 5 Apr 1918; article: "The organizations interested in the War Chest plan of taking care of the national charities have appointed representatives to the War Chest Council and a meeting of the general committee will be held shortly, so that details of the plan may be worked out. The representatives: ...Knights of Columbus: E. W. McSherry, Henry Kane, and Luke Scurich..."

EP; 6 Apr 1918; board of supervisors, payments: "...Novich [Novcich], Jack, \$46.80...County Aid: ...Matulich, Kate, \$31.25..."

EP; 6 Apr 1918; obit: "In Santa Cruz, April 5, 1918, George Dabelich, a native of Austria, aged 58 years."

EP; 6 Apr 1918; item: "Arthur Arlett vs. Petar Scurich—Order extending time to answer."

EP; 6 Apr 1918; item: "Mrs. Skocko will leave for Olita [Oleta/Fiddletown] today to visit her mother and other relatives. She then plans to go to Wheatland for a short visit."

EP; 8 Apr 1918; item: "The Watsonville Woman's Club has decided to participate in a body in the big patriotic parade which is to precede the Liberty Loan mass meeting at the T. & D. Tuesday evening, April 16..."

"The committee which will arrange for the part of the women in the demonstration includes...Mrs. O. D. Stoesser..."

"The Woman's Club members who will collect for recreation homes in France are Mrs. Stoesser and Mrs. J. G. Piratsky..."

EP; 8 Apr 1918; article: "A big laugh is reported by those who attended the annual vaudeville show given by the Watsonville Woman's Club in the clubhouse...The entertainment was in the form of a minstrel show with humorous songs, quips and repartee..."

"The cast of the show follows: ...Mrs. O. D. Stoesser..."

EP; 8 Apr 1918; item: "George Strazicich made a trip to Gilroy yesterday."

EP; 8 Apr 1918; item: "Mitchell Korich was a visitor in Salinas over Sunday."

EP; 8 Apr 1918; item: "Diamond Match Co. vs. F. M. Kissich."

EP; 9 Apr 1918; born: “Near Hollister, April 7, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. John Matulich, a son [daughter].” [*Made-line*; +1995]

EP; 10 Apr 1918; item: “Estate of Natale Skocko, deceased—Certificate of inheritance tax appraiser; petition for family allowance.”

EP; 11 Apr 1918; article: “The Woman’s Club expects its clubhouse to be crowded on next Saturday evening when Charles Albert Adams, chairman of the speakers’ bureau of the State War Savings Committee, speaks to the people of Watsonville. While this meeting is being held under the auspices of the Woman’s Club, yet it is for the general public, men, women and children.

“There are to be a number of patriotic songs led by the Music Section of the club and in which the audience is to join. Mrs. O. D. Stoesser will sing the Star Spangled Banner and there are to be other features. Mrs. T. S. Maher, chairman of the War Savings Committee of the Woman’s Club, will preside...”

EP; 12 Apr 1918; item: “M. Glage and family are moving to Spreckels where they will make their future home. M. Bertelsen hauled their household effects to that place yesterday.”

EP; 13 Apr 1918; item: “Mr. Louis Braycovich, the well known fruit packer, is the latest member to join ‘the society of Dodge Car Enthusiasts.’ Mr. Braycovich has recently purchased from the local agents, the Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company, one of the latest models, 1918 5-passenger touring cars. In these days every business man finds an automobile indispensable in the pursuit of his business and with a Dodge car he is rarely disappointed in reaching his destination on schedule time.”

EP; 15 Apr 1918; article: “The Liberty Loan parade and demonstration in Watsonville tomorrow evening promises to be the greatest gathering of the people in the history of Watsonville, and the auditorium will probably be filled to its capacity by patriotic citizens eager and anxious to hear the message that will be brought to them by the speakers who will be present.

“In the expectation that the attendance will break all records, the bond workers are making a hunt through the city for every available chair and bench to be placed in the big hall...”

“Previous to the meeting, there will be a great parade in which all the civic, patriotic and fraternal organizations of the city will march in a body...”

“This is going to be a great night in Watsonville, one which will live in the history of the city and the memory of every person present. Climb onto the bandwagon now and plan to be there.

“The following is the program so far outlined and as it

will be followed, with possibly minor changes:

“FIRST DIVISION:

“Military Band from Camp Fremont

“High School Cadets

“Grand Army of the Republic

“Mayor and Board of Aldermen

“Reception committee and speakers

“B.P.O.E.

“L.O.R.M.

“Austrian-American Benevolent Society

“Loyal Order of Moose

“Knights of Pythias

“Serbian and Croatian Societies

“SECOND DIVISION:

“Military Band

“Watsonville Encampment

“Hollister War Saving Soldierettes

“High School Girls

“Native Sons of the Golden West

“Fraternal Order of Eagles

“I.D.E.S. and U.P.E.C.

“Woman’s Club

“N.D.G.W. Float

“Native Daughters of the Golden West

“S.P.R.S.I.

“Japanese

“Chinese

“Watsonville Fire Department

“Parade will start at corner of Bridge and Main streets.

The line of march will be out Main street to the Catholic church, then countermarch to Second street, along Second street to and into the Auditorium...”

EP; 15 Apr 1918; notice, disp. ad:

**ATTENTION AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**

Officers and members of the Austrian-Benevolent Society are requested to meet at the I.O.O.F. Hall, Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of joining in the parade to boost the Liberty Loan. A full attendance is requested.

ANDREW SETALO, Pres.

LUKE SCURICH, Secy.

EP; 15 Apr 1918; item: “JUGO-SLAVS TO MARCH. The members of the local Serbian and Croatian lodges at a meeting Saturday night decided to march together as Jugo-Slavs in the Liberty Loan parade. Every Serbian and Croatian has been invited to participate.”

EP; 16 Apr 1918; item: “Stane J. Cikuth et al. vs. Norwich Union Fire Insurance Soc., Ltd.—Memorandum of costs and disbursements.”

EP; 16 Apr 1918; item: “Matter of estate of Natale

Skocko, deceased—Order appointing time for hearing petition, etc.”

EP; 17 Apr 1918; item: “Nicholas Lettunich and Geo. R. Bubresko, left this afternoon, by auto, for Davis, California, where they will attend the traction and implement demonstration on the State Farm.”

EP; 17 Apr 1918; item: “Stephen Pekoch et ux to Watsonville Savings Bank—2 lots Watsonville N. S. Assn.”

EP; 17 Apr 1918; article: “RECORD CROWD GREETES LIBERTY BOND ORATORS... Watsonville was pledged over the top at the big meeting last night. \$286,050 was actually subscribed and the soliciting committee pledged the remaining amount to fill the quota out to \$310,000, thus putting the city over the top and the honor flag was unfurled before the meeting broke up. It was a great event.

“The parade of patriotism last evening was the greatest and most impressive pageant ever staged in the Pajaro valley. It was fully a mile and a half in length and was participated in by every organization represented here as well as by individuals and business firms. The line of march was one continuous ovation and the enthusiasm was spontaneous and unrestrained. It started promptly at the appointed hour and reached the auditorium just as the sun was sinking in the west and the last rays of the setting sun mingled with the light from the bonfire that was kindled at the corner just as the parade swung down Second street...

“Before the head of the parade had reached Second street to turn down toward the auditorium the people began to crowd in and take up the seats. By the time the band marched in[,] the lower floor was practically filled and a steady stream was mounting into the galleries. The big auditorium was packed full and many were turned away.

“The Military band was seated at the left of the speakers’ stand and seats for the G.A.R. had been reserved on the right of the speakers. On the rostrum besides Sergeant E. L. White and Attorney J. J. Miller, the speakers were: Mayor W. A. Trafton, J. Walter Smith, M. E. Rodgers, Mr. Chuckovich, O. D. Stoesser, Luke Scurich, Japanese secretary Kamigoki, J. H. Rowe, W. C. Bare, O. Morise, H. S. Fletcher, W. R. Radcliff (chairman of the meeting), Lieut. Governor Jeter, and Chas. Langley...”

“...Vice-Chairman John E. Gardner of the Liberty Loan Committee mounted the rostrum and announced the fact that he was going to take \$250,000 from the crowd for Liberty Bonds. He put it to them straight and went right after the money—and when the subscriptions were totaled up it was found that \$286,050 had been actually subscribed and enough pledged by the soliciting committee to put the city over the top of its quota. A guess that was pretty good, wasn’t it.?”

“The first call was for \$25,000 subscriptions, and he got two. The Watsonville National Bank, and the Watsonville Savings Bank each took \$25,000 in bonds. Then he dropped to \$10,000 and received three subscriptions of that amount each. From that on down to fifty dollars the subscriptions came in liberally and promptly. It is confidentially believed that if there had been room in the auditorium for the hundreds of people that were turned away, that Watsonville would have gone over the top with a big margin to spare on actual subscriptions. The following is a list of the names and amounts taken last evening to start the big campaign off:

“...\$2000 Subscriptions: Austrian Benevolent Society...

“\$1000 Subscriptions: ...Luke Scurich, Mateo Lettunich, F. P. Marinovich...Resetar Bros...

“\$500 Subscriptions: ...Nicholas Lettunich...E. B. Lettunich, Antone Stolich...Steven Scurich...R. S. Chukovich, Peter Stolich, Peter M. Resetar, B. Pista, Peter P. Stolich...John Franich...

“\$300 Subscriptions: ...M. Stolich...Nick P. Stolich...

“\$250 Subscriptions: J. Scurich...Croatian Society...A. L. Scurich...George R. Brubosko [Bubresko]...

“\$200 Subscriptions: ...Serb. Benev. Society...Luke Braycovich...

“\$100 Subscriptions: ...Anton Vukich...Peter Mengol...J. P. Zar...Jack Novocich [Novcich]...Jack Diklich...N. R. Sassilo...M. P. Butier...Rade Skulich...Antone Zadidovich [Zadielovich]...John Stanovich...Geo. Monkovich, A. Strazicich, P. Sersen...J. P. Braycovich...Nick Zeco...John Previsich...L. Bubresko...

“\$50 Subscriptions: ...Vaso S. Basich...George Copriviza...Sam Hrepich...George Matulich...Alex A. Visovich...

“WOMEN’S SUBSCRIPTIONS.

“\$1000 Subscriptions: ...Anna F. Stoesser...Mrs. B. Pista.

“\$500 Subscriptions: ...Mrs. R. S. Chukovich...

“\$250 Subscriptions: ...Mrs. Luke Scurich...

“\$50 Subscriptions: ...Mrs. John Stanovich...

“The Austrian element in our midst made a most creditable showing. In addition to the membership of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society turning out in a body, the United Southern Slavs, or Jugo-Slavs, as they are termed in their own language, turned out in full force. Both of these elements were creditably represented, and it was most pleasing to see these men backing up the nation that has been so good to them, and to us all...”

EP; 19 Apr 1918; born: “At Watsonville, April 19, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mortizia, daughter.” [*this was Mia-toza; not a Slav*]

EP; 19 Apr 1918; born: “At Watsonville, April 19, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Zar, a son.” [*Nick; +2006; see next Fig.*]



Fig. 5-30. Nick Zar.

EP; 19 Apr 1918; item: “Manager John Stanovich of the Central Electric Works, of this city, has received a letter from ‘Billy’ Allison, at San Diego, formerly captain of local Co. L, informing him, that Vido Opusich is laying at the point of death at Camp Kearney, after having undergone a critical operation for ulcer of the stomach. Allison says that Opusich’s trouble developed rapidly after the boys recently returned from a long hike in the mountains, and states that he was informed that there was scarcely any hope for the sufferer. This will be sad news for Opusich’s many friends in this city.” *[he recovered]*

EP; 19 Apr 1918; list: “The Liberty Bond subscriptions in Pajaro Valley are mounting higher and higher each day. The solicitors are very busy and are showing remarkable results. They expect to get around to all the people before the campaign closes, but if they have not reached you yet don’t wait for them—come on in with your subscription and you can credit it to any solicitor you wish.

“At the time of closing last evening the total amount of subscriptions amounted to \$318,800, of which \$72,975 was subscribed by women.

“The following are names received since the list was published before:

“...\$250 each—Paul Miladin...

“\$100 each—Lewis R. Farlin, Kisto Beberazich, Anton Radovich, John Vukasavich [Vukasovich], Borkovich and Dragovich, Nick Alaga...

“\$50 each—Sam Hrepich, John Dubreka [Dubreta], Geo. Hrepich, Geo. Mattusich, Mitchell Stolich, P. F. Vojvodich, John Jogich, Nick Jagich, Nick Janich...

“WOMEN SUBSCRIPTIONS...

“\$50 each—Mrs. John Stanovich...”

EP; 20 Apr 1918; list: “The Liberty Loan campaign is progressing nicely in the Pajaro valley and the people as a rule are getting behind the government loyally. It is true there are some who could and should take some of the third loan on who have not done so yet, but it is expected that they will when the matter is put before them properly. The total amount subscribed up to last night was \$328,950, of which \$81,000 was subscribed by women. The total of subscribers is 1093.

“The following is a list of subscribers received since our report yesterday...

“\$500 each—L. S. Cikuth, J. Simunovich.

“\$250—Antone Balich.

“\$200 each—Rilovich & Sresovich.

“\$100 each—Guro Pekoch, M. V. Pista, M. Buich, J. C. Jurcovich, George Baule, George Moncovich, Anton Giano, Secondo Bros., N. M. Borina, A. N. Jerinich.

“\$50 each—John Pekock [Pekoch], Geo. Farencich [Forencich], Chas. Arbanas, Steve Knego, B. M. Milpas [Miliias/Miljas], J. N. Moncovich, M. Moncovich, M. P. Stolich, Andro Bete, John L. Ivancovich, John Secondo, Joe Batish [Batich], Martin Vukosavich [Vukasovich], Nick Matulich, Geo. A. Colenchich [Colendich], E. B. Zar, Andrew Zar, Anton M. Resetar, Paul Alaga, J. S. Sambrailo.

“WOMEN SUBSCRIPTIONS.

“\$100 each—Eliz. Beraticich, Katherine Cikuth.

“\$50 each—Helen Strazicich, Edna Mengol, Mrs. Paul Alaga...”

EP; 22 Apr 1918; list: “Subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan are still coming in from all parts of the Pajaro valley...

“At the final report Saturday evening the subscriptions amounted to \$346,850, of which \$88,225 was subscribed by women. The total number of subscriptions was 1170. The list of those subscribing since our last report is as follows:

“...\$250 Subscriptions—M. L. Kalich Co.

“\$100 Subscriptions—T. S. Balarin, Peter Vlacich.

“\$50 Subscriptions—Martin Carich, Antone Dubreta, Mite [Mike] Mekis, Joe Lamat, Peter Carevich.

“WOMEN SUBSCRIPTIONS

“\$100 Subscriptions—Teresa A. Alaga.

“\$50 Subscriptions—Mrs. Nick Stolich...”

EP; 22 Apr 1918; item: “Estate of A. E. Pincevich, deceased—Nomination of administrator.”

EP; 23 Apr 1918; item: “BAULE CASE CONTINUED. Owing to the fact that District Attorney Geo. W. Smith is very busy working in the interests of the Third Liberty Loan at Santa Cruz and J. E. Gardner, George Baule’s attorney, is busily engaged in the same line at this place the trial of Baule, who is accused of gambling, has been put over two weeks and will come up for trial on May 7th.”

EP; 23 Apr 1918; list: “The local Liberty Loan subscriptions are mounting up fast...

“The following have subscribed to the Third Liberty Loan since our last report:

“...\$100 Subscriptions—Paulo S. Vidavich.

“\$50 Subscriptions—Mike Miladin, Paul Miladin, Tony Kostovich, Joseph Radonich.

“WOMEN SUBSCRIPTIONS.

“\$50 Subscriptions—Anna Marie Kissich...”

EP; 24 Apr 1918; list: “[Liberty Loan] Those subscribing since our last report are:

“\$100 Subscriptions—Koster Vidacich, A. Brayovich, Scampavia Bros., L. F. Lettis, Peter A. Sasich [Scurich], Nick Scurich, Luge [Luke] Ivancovich, Martin Butier, Steve L. Vucevich, Mit. M. Marinovich [Marinovich].

“\$50 Subscriptions—Nick Zupan, Michell Zupan, N. Ducich, V. Lister, Martin Fiorovich, Nick Ramicevich, Pete Lucich, B. Bozo Baskovich, Peter Gukan, M. Boskovich, Martin Lusich [Lucich], Joseph J. Derganc, Louis Zar, L. G. Bachan, Louis Radanich [Radonich], Nick Vlautin, Nick Gutinuch [Gutinich], Andro Coroch [Korach], John Cercich, Martin Zglav, Geo. Butier...”

EP; 25 Apr 1918; item: “Nick Radimir, Jr., aged about sixteen years, whilst playing with a 22 revolver in the kitchen of his home, No. 12 Eighth street, yesterday afternoon, accidentally shot himself in one of his hands. The bullet lodged in the hand and was cut out...”

EP; 25 Apr 1918; list: “The report on the Third Liberty Bond campaign turned in last evening brought the total up to \$382,650, and the number of subscribers is now 1163. The women are making a very good showing and are rubbing the hundred thousand mark pretty close, their total now being \$97,000.

“Also, the record made by the Slavonian people is something worthy of special notice. Messrs. Luke Scurich and J. D. Rickard have charge of this work and have certainly made good. About 190 Slavonians have subscribed for Liberty bonds of this issue...”

“Subscriptions received since our last report follow:

“\$100 Subscriptions—Sammy Boskovich, L. W. Lettunich.

“\$50 Subscriptions—Dan Prodonovich, Luke Krunich, Milos Lero, Nick Prokurica, Steve Relja, Peter Gurash, Mitchell Scobal, Martin Kapteanich [Capitanich], Martin Vlasich, John Ivancovich, Ned Gluhan...”

EP; 26 Apr 1918; notice: “DISSOLUTION NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between John Andrieceevich and Antone Radovich, under the firm name of John Andrieceevich & Co., has been dissolved. John Andrieceevich will continue the business, and will assume all liabilities connected therewith. All indebted to the above firm will pay their indebtedness to the undersigned.

“JOHN ANDRIECEEVICH.

“Watsonville, Cal., April 22, 1918.”

EP; 26 Apr 1918; list: “[Third Liberty Loan]...\$100 Subscriptions—John Dujmovich, Peter Bago, Tom Gasich.

“\$50 Subscriptions—Jery Gospodnetich, John Arbanasin, Jack Hreprich, Kosto Petkovich, Steve Muloslavich [Miloslavich], Nick Kopriviza, Andro Bendish, Phoho Gebich, Paul G. Givanovich, Antone Bracia [Braica], J. Gerivich, Geo. Drasevich.

“WOMEN SUBSCRIPTIONS.

“\$50 Subscriptions—Eliza Petkovich.

“RAILROAD SUBSCRIPTIONS.

“\$50 Subscriptions—A. P. Bakich, Lule [Luke] Ivanovich, Geo. Sassilo, T. Pavisha...”

EP; 27 Apr 1918; list: “[Third Liberty Loan]...The subscriptions received since our last report are as follows:

“\$500 Subscriptions—R. N. Chukovich.

“\$250 Subscriptions—M. Korich.

“\$100 Subscriptions—John Andrichvich [Andrlichevich], John Kusanovich, Nick J. Lucich, Martin Knego, V. Banovac, Luis Banovac, Kuka Moretich, Nick M. Bokariza, Frank Joseph Franisich [Franusich], Nick Palitich, Darius Burich.

“WOMEN’S SUBSCRIPTIONS.

“\$100 Subscriptions—Mrs. E. B. Lettunich, Mrs. Theresa Farlin...”

EP; 29 Apr 1918; article: “WAR CHEST CENSUS TO BE TAKEN SOON. Chairman M. M. Swisher of the census taking committee, expects to begin taking the census for the war chest within a very short time now. The war chest council is anxious to begin the campaign and the work will be pushed along rapidly.

“The information required by the city is the name in full, address, age, sex, nativity, and citizenship, occupation and languages spoken. There will be a meeting of the census committee in the city hall Tuesday evening at eight o’clock, and all members of the committee are urged to attend.

“The members of the census committee, who will be in active charge in the census in the various school districts, are as follows:

“Watsonville: Mrs. J. G. Piratsky, Mrs. Luke Scurich, P. A. Callaghan, A. E. de Mattos...”

EP; 29 Apr 1918; list: “[Third Liberty Loan]... Those subscribing since our last report are contained in the following list:

“\$500 Subscriptions—M. Korich.

“\$50 Subscriptions—M. Zagovich, John Lucich, Mike Chukovich, T. I. Skulich, Jos. Mihlinich...”

EP; 30 Apr 1918; list: “[Third Liberty Loan] Those who have taken bonds since our last report are:

“\$100 Subscriptions—Guislor Chiorich.

“\$50 Subscriptions—M. Drobaz, Geo. Gerenich...”

EP; 30 Apr 1918; article: “Andy Balich, of Santa Cruz, is reported as saying: ‘Whiskey has now reached \$7 per gallon.’ He has just returned from San Francisco, and believes it will soon be \$10, and eventually can not be purchased at all. Vermouth, that used to cost 50 cents is now \$3 per bottle, and beer has advanced 50 cents per case. From the present rate of advance, Balich believes it

is only a matter of time before thousands of liquor houses will be forced out of business.”

EP; 1 May 1918; item: “Antone Billicich et ux to E. T. Dooley et al.—25 acres Sec. 9, T. 19 S., R. 1 W.”

EP; 2 May 1918; article: “Seven men were inducted into the military service yesterday at the rooms of the local exemption board, at Santa Cruz, and left for Fort McDowell in San Francisco bay, at seven o’clock this morning. They are: ...Michelle [Mitchell] Steve Stolich...”

EP; 2 May 1918; list: “BOND CAMPAIGN...Those subscribing since our last report follow:

“\$50 Subscriptions—Martin Zetz, Tony Dorcich, Tom Horvat, Andria Provisich, J. J. Simunovich, Peter Radin...”

EP; 3 May 1918; list: “[Third Liberty Loan] Those who have signed pledges to take bonds of the Third Liberty Loan are requested to come in to the banks and make their first payment. The banks can only report subscriptions on which the first payment is made. With only one more day for the campaign to run it is desired that all these subscriptions be cleaned up at once.

“...Those who have subscribed since our last report are: \$50 Subscriptions—J. Roncevich, Stephen Grizich...”

EP; 4 May 1918; item: “Lewis W. Lettunich, of this city, and Thomas E. Hickey, well-known here as the ball player who played with local clubs, in years past, are among the twenty-nine Santa Clara students recommended by Col. L. Donovan to enter the officers’ training camp which opens at Camp Fremont on May 15.”

EP; 6 May 1918; list: “[Third Liberty Loan] The Third Liberty Loan closed Saturday evening. The subscriptions are now all in and checked up, and Watsonville and Pajaro Valley have rolled a total of \$455,000. This does not include the subscriptions taken by the Southern Pacific employees through that corporation. It represents only subscriptions received at the Bank of Watsonville and Pajaro Valley National Bank...

“The women of the city and valley subscribed for a little more than \$113,000...”

“The following additional subscriptions have been received:

“\$50—Nick L. Lucich, S. S. Dedo, Mitchell Maslach, Guro Ivancovich, Luke Ivancovich, John Glegg, Luke Miloslavich...”

EP; 6 May 1918; item: “Mr. and Mrs. John Stanovich were pleasure visitors in Santa Cruz yesterday.”

EP; 7 May 1918; item: “District Attorney Geo. W. Smith is here from Santa Cruz today to try the Baule gambling case which came up before Judge Hawkins this morning.”

EP; 7 May 1918; item: “District Attorney Geo. W. Smith received much commendation from the Hollister Free Press, and those who were present at the dedication of the service flag of the Hollister Eagles for his fine address delivered last Sunday, at the dedication.”

EP; 9 May 1918; list: “Final arrangements for the census to be taken tomorrow in the country districts of the valley in connection with the War Chest drive were made at a meeting of the workers with City Clerk Swisher in the Liberty Loan headquarters last evening.

“Every district in the valley will be covered during the day and it is hoped to have a full count completed by evening...”

“The dates of the authorized committee and enumerators in the various districts follow, the committeeman’s name coming first:

“...Ferndale: Frank Travers, Nick Lucich...”

EP; 9 May 1918; born: “In Watsonville, May 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Secondo, twin sons.” [*Rudolph; +1993. Ben; +2006*]



Fig. 5-31. The Secondo twins and their mother, Katharine Shuliak Secondo; the Borina sisters, Mary Ann (left) and June, first cousins to the twins.

EP; 9 May 1918; article: “Plans have been completed for the annual rose and flower show to be given by the Watsonville Women’s Club in the clubhouse on Brennan street tomorrow and Saturday...”

“The committee in charge of the show includes...Mrs. O. D. Stoesser...”

EP; 10 May 1918; item: “Steven Scurich vs. Southern Pacific Co. and Union Pacific Co.—Findings of fact and conclusions of law.”

EP; 11 May 1918; honor roll: High 8th: Tony Dubreta; Low 8th: Nick Castropelli; High 6th: Tom Arbanas, Tony Scurich; Low 6th: Nick Dubreta, John Miljanich, Annie Matson; High 5th: Martin Franich, Marie Rilovich; High 4th: Peter Knego; High 3rd: Polly Franich,

Mike Resetar, Louis Lucich, John Sambrailo, Stella Zar; Low 3rd: John Trinagatich, George Novakovich, Peter Knego; High 2nd: Mary Obuljan [Obuljen], Chris Pavisha, George Krall; Low 2nd: Mary Matriceveich.

EP; 13 May 1918; item: "J. C. Jincovich [Jurcovich] was arrested Saturday by Motor Cop Lemon for speeding on Main Street in Watsonville. His hearing will come up in Judge Hawkins' court on May 16th."

EP; 14 May 1918; item: "STEVEN SCURICH WINS SUIT AGAINST RAILROAD. Judgment for \$700.65 with interest at 7% until paid, has been granted Steven Scurich against the Union Pacific Co., a subsidiary corporation of the Southern Pacific Co.

"This suit for the recovery of money was first set for June 22, 1917, when complainant and defendant both waved the right of trial by jury. The findings of the facts and law was heard by Judge Knight and a decision rendered yesterday. A non-suit resulted in the case of the Southern Pacific and the findings as above stated are against the Union Pacific Co. The railroad company must also pay plaintiff's costs and all disbursements incurred in the suit."

EP; 14 May 1918; article: "Watsonville Court No. 44, Foresters of America, will at their meeting this evening, unfurl and dedicate with appropriate services the service flag of the order. This flag, which is a present to the court from Dr. S. C. Rogers, is a beautiful piece of handiwork. It is made of the finest silk and contains eleven stars in the field of white, one star to represent each of the following young men, members of the order, who have answered the call of their country and are now in the training camp, the trenches, or on the battlefield: ...Chris Marisovich [Mracevich]..."

EP; 16 May 1918; item: "Vido Opusich is here from Camp Kearney."

EP; 16 May 1918; item: "Nick M. Lettunich is spending a few days at Tassajara Springs."

EP; 16 May 1918; item: "J. P. Braycovich has returned from a business trip to San Francisco."

EP; 16 May 1918; item: "J. P. Braycovich, P. P. Stolich, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Knego and Nick Sasselo have gone to Tassajara Springs, for a two weeks' outing."

EP; 16 May 1918; article: "J. C. Jurcovich who was arrested recently by Motor Cop Lemon for speeding was fined \$10 by Judge Hawkins and paid his fine yesterday. This was his first offense."

EP; 18 May 1918; item: "District Attorney Geo. W.

Smith, whose oratorical ability is so highly thought of at Hollister that no public event is thought complete without a talk from him, passed through town today enroute to that place where he will make the principal address at the big Red Cross rally this afternoon."

EP; 18 May 1918; article: "The annual luncheon of the Watsonville Woman's Club in the clubhouse Saturday was the most successful function of such kind ever given by the club members..."

"At the conclusion of the luncheon two numbers were given by a quartet including Mrs. O. D. Stoesser, Mrs. Edward Kelly, Mrs. F. L. DeBack and Mrs. Lew I. Bay.

"The club has had a very successful year. This was shown in the reports of Mrs. H. M. Tenney, Mrs. O. D. Stoesser, secretary, Miss Julia Stoesser, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. E. H. Hanck, treasurer..."

EP; 21, 22, 23, 24 May 1918; list: *[daily lists of payments-to-date contributors to War Chest are omitted for these dates; for final list see June 19]*

EP; 22 May 1918; item: "B. Pista and Charles Arbanas were arrested last evening by Officer John Corr for disturbing the peace by fighting in the streets. They were arraigned before Police Judge C. W. Bridgewater this morning at 9 o'clock and upon entering a plea of guilty they were fined \$6 each. They were also given a lecture on Friday by the judge and told that a second offense would not be dealt with so leniently."

EP; 23 May 1918; item: "Edward Cikuth has commenced action against Martin Capitanich and wife of Aromas, for \$295, balance due on account."

EP; 25 May 1918; article: "APPLE GROWERS ADOPT SEASON'S WAGE SCALE. A number of the larger apple packers and growers of the valley met today to discuss the wages to be paid for apple picking this season. The wage condition has been up in the air for some time past. There has been a shortage of labor existing and with an expressed desire to facilitate the work and make it fair to both the laborer and the orchardists they have gone over this matter carefully and have decided that a wage of thirty-three cents per hour was a fair wage. This decision was arrived at after considering the wage deal prevailing in other sections of the fruit country. The reason for making the wage on the hour basis was that the days are longer now and by working longer hours the laborers in the orchards can make large wages at this rate. They present the following statement for the benefit of the public:

"We, the undersigned apple growers and packers of Pajaro valley, desiring to facilitate the present labor problem, and believing it to be the mutual advantage of workers and employers that a wage rate be established

for apple thinning now about to begin, have agreed that thirty-three cents per hour is a fair and just compensation for such work and herewith announce that we will pay for such work at the above rate.

“Furthermore we earnestly recommend that workers put in from ten to eleven hours daily, thus performing a patriotic duty in assisting the labor shortage by accomplishing more work per man each day, and incidentally deriving a better daily wage which is established on an hour basis.

C. O. SILLIMAN.
 RODGER BROS.
 L. CIKUTH.
 P. RESETAR.
 E. B. LETTUNICH.
 SCURICH & JERINICH.
 R. S. CHUCOVICH.
 PAUL MILADIN.
 ALAGA BROS.
 L. G. BACHAN.
 M. N. LETTUNICH & CO.
 RILOVICH & SRESOVICH.
 M. L. KALICH.
 JOHN SCURICH.
 DAN REGAN.
 H. L. SHIDELER.
 HERBERT COWLES.
 GEORGE WEBB.”

EP; 29 May 1918; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, May 29, 1918, to Lawrence Zolezzi, 22, of Santa Cruz, and Annie M. Krilanovich, 18, of Boulder Creek.”

EP; 29 May 1918; item: “Arthur Arlett et als. vs. Peter Scurich—Stipulation for dismissal.”

EP; 1 Jun 1918; item: “Local Jugo-Slavs sent to San Francisco a chest of extra fine strawberries and a few boxes of beautiful Pajaro valley Newtowns, secured at the local cold storage plant to be auctioned for the benefit of the Serbian relief society, a benefit for which was held at the Cort theater in San Francisco yesterday afternoon. This benefit, which was probably the most elaborate ever given in that city, was participated in by all the great stars now there. Maude Adams, Wm. H. Crane and other notables took part. It was evidence of the high standing of this splendid relief work, which has the backing of people all over the United States.”

EP; 3 Jun 1918; UL: T. Manrich, E. Milatovich.

EP; 3 Jun 1918; item: “Mike Zar, the moving picture magnate, dropped into town last evening, on a visit to his mother and folks. Mike is now in the employment of the San Francisco branch of the Fox Film Co., and is mostly on the road. He says the many ‘drives’ for the government is hurting the amusement business greatly.”

EP; 5 Jun 1918; article: “Monday afternoon the Musical and High School faculty, and the advanced musical students of Moreland Notre Dame Academy had the pleasure of attending the examination-recital given by Miss Anna Scurich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Scurich of this city, preparatory to receiving the music medal of the Academy. The judges of the occasion pronounced her in every way worthy of the coveted and richly deserved honor, for which she has so conscientiously striven.

“The names of all the great masters formed a part of her repertoire, Beethoven, Chopin, Schubert, and Liszt holding prominent places on the truly delightful program. Among the works selected by Miss Scurich for rendition yesterday, the second rhapsodie of Liszt deserves particular mention. The technical exactions, so taxing for the left hand especially, the airy cadences, and the heavy chord and octave passages were all under the control of this promising and capable young student.

“Miss Scurich possesses poise, strength, and lucid musical intelligence, as was satisfactorily manifested in her interpretation of the various composers handled yesterday, in the presence of her critical audience. If Miss Scurich continues her progress in the future as in the past, we may expect much from this ambitious and gifted young musician...”

EP; 8 Jun 1918; disp. ad:

Central Electric Co.
 CONTRACTING and SUPPLIES
 318 Main Street Phone 209J

EP; 8 Jun 1918; disp. ad:

We carry a MOST COMPLETE
 LINE OF GROCERIES.
 Our Stock is REPLENISHED
 FRESH DAILY.
 We Guarantee That
 YOU WILL COME AGAIN
 if You Give Us a Call.
 OUR CUSTOMERS ARE OUR
 BEST ADVERTISERS.
A. STRAZICICH
 Cor. Walker and W. Lake Ave.

EP; 8 Jun 1918; article: “Mrs. A. Stolich was painfully injured and a companion from San Francisco was bruised, when the car the former was driving left the road and crashed into a fence on Hunter’s hill late last evening. The car, particularly the front part of it, was badly smashed.

“Shortly after the accident, A. Faustino and his family passed and picked up the two injured women. They were removed to the Faustino home where Dr. Henry Watters was summoned and attended to their injuries. Mrs. Stolich suffered from many bruises about the body while her face was cut by the flying glass. Her companion suffered a cut lip.

“According to Mrs. Stolich, the trouble was the result of her mistaking the gas control for the brake.”

EP; 8 Jun 1918; item: “The Jugo-Slav meeting at the auditorium tonight promises to be a stirring patriotic event. The committee in charge has invited the general public to attend and listen to the speakers, the most important of whom will speak in English. You will be welcome and the meeting may do you good.”

EP; 10 Jun 1918; obit: “JOHN N. SRESOVICH, COMMISSION MAN, COMMITS SUICIDE. The following item in today’s San Francisco Chronicle will cause great regret to the many friends of John N. Srezovich, well-known in this city:

“Financial troubles and sickness caused John N. Sresovich, well-known commission merchant, living at 2434 Union street, to commit suicide by shooting himself through the brain yesterday morning in his office at 447 Front street.

“Leaving his wife and three children shortly before 10 o’clock yesterday, Sresovich went to his office. About 11 o’clock Henry Arata, an employee who was working in the rear of the building, heard a shot and notified the police. Sresovich was found lying on the floor of his office with a revolver clasped in his hand.

“An autopsy performed by Dr. John Clark showed that Sresovich had been suffering intense pain from gallstones. Friends told the police Sresovich had met with financial reverses in the commission business, and that he had lost considerable money in the harness racing game. Sresovich at one time owned several valuable harness racers.

“Sresovich, who was 39 years of age, is survived by a widow and three children. Mrs. Sresovich was prostrated at the news of the suicide. She told the police her husband had left in the best of spirits when he went to his office. Sresovich was a member of the Masons, Knights Templar and Elks.”

EP; 11 Jun 1918; article: “ANTONE MATULICH ARRESTED...Says last evening’s Hollister Free Lance:

“A warrant sworn to by Jno. Iverlich [Ivelich], charging Antone Matulich of Watsonville with battery was issued yesterday by Judge Moore.

“It is said that Iverlich and others were playing a game in Garibotti’s back yard and that Matulich kept passing remarks about Iverlich, finally kicking him and knocking him down.

“Matulich appeared before Judge Moore this morning and entered a plea of not guilty and demanded a jury trial. The trial was set for Tuesday afternoon at 3 o’clock.”

EP; 11 Jun 1918; honor roll: Low 8th: Nick Castropelli; High 7th: John Novacovich; High 6th: Tom Arbanas, Tony Scurich; Low 6th: Nick Dubreta, John Miljanich;

High 5th: Marie Rilovich, Louis Kalich, Peter Copriviza; High 4th: Peter Knego; High 3rd: Stephen Scurich, Mike Resetar, Lewis Luctinovich, Sam Boscovich, Margaret Maticivich [Maticevich]; Low 3rd: Minnie Salaumovich [Salamunovich], John Tringastich, Petar Knego, George Novacovich; High 2nd: Chris Uavisha [Pavisha], Peter Lasich, George Krall; Low 2nd: Annie Hrepich, Mary Maticveich, Rose Jelinisich [Jelincich], Pearl Jelinisich.

EP; 11 Jun 1918; obit: “The news of the death of John Sresovich in San Francisco Sunday has caused genuine regret among the people of Watsonville and the Pajaro valley, and especially among the apple men. He was the first commission merchant to take up the Watsonville apples and while the majority of the commission merchants were plugging for the northwestern apples John Sresovich stood by Watsonville through thick and thin: through good crops and poor crops until the Watsonville apple was better known and given the recognition that it merited. *[they may be confusing John’s legacy with that of his uncle, Luke Sresovich, who died in 1908]*

“The editor of the Pajaronian will miss his visits to this office. He was a big, jovial man and hailed you with a pleasant and hearty greeting at all times. He was like a ray of sunshine coming into the room. The editor as well as his many other friends here will miss him greatly.”

EP; 12 Jun 1918; item: “E. B. Lettunich went to San Francisco last night for a short business visit.”

EP; 15 Jun 1918; item: “Edwin P. Clough has just closed a deal for the sale of this season’s crop on his apple orchard at Vega on the Santa Cruz road. The apples were purchased by Peter Vlasich & Company who will pack and place them on the market. Mr. Clough received a very satisfactory price for his apples and is feeling pretty good over this sale.”



EP; 16 Jun 1918; born: “At Watsonville, June 15, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Matusich, a son.” *[Peter; +1990]*

Fig. 5-32.
Peter Matusich.

EP; 18 Jun 1918; article: “ALAGA BROS. SUE ED. B. LETTUNICH. By their attorneys, Messrs. Cassin & Atteridge, of San Jose, Nick and Paul Alaga, of this city, filed a suit against Ed. B. Lettunich, also of this city...in the superior court, at Santa Cruz, praying for a determination of the partnership alleged to

be existing between the three parties, and asking for the appointment, forthwith, of a receiver to take charge of the business, wind it up, and render an accounting.

“The Alaga brothers allege in the complaint that all were partners in the apple business in this city during the years 1916-1917, and it was understood that all three were equal partners, but that Ed. Lettunich maintains that he owned a half interest therein instead of a third.

“That the business of the company is suffering from this contention, and relief is prayed; that bills are unpaid and accounts uncollected, etc., etc.

“The litigants are prominent members of the Austrian colony in this valley.”

EP; 19 Jun 1918; article: “**List of Contributors to the War Chest Fund.**”

“War Chest totals up to Tuesday afternoon amounted to \$75,866.78. There were 3917 individual contributions, being an average of \$19.25 per contributor. The entire list of contributors is published now, as it was impossible to tabulate the names and amounts during the campaign.

“In addition to the list of names there are published two tables. The first shows the amounts donated by the various nationalities, giving the amounts contributed, the number of contributors and the average amount contributed by each individual in each nationality. Under the heading ‘British-American,’ is included English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh, both naturalized and unnaturalized. The Portuguese include the natives of Portugal and the Azores Islands, both naturalized and unnaturalized...

“Contributions by Nationalities.

[Nationality—Amt.—# of Contributors—Ave. Contribution]

Americans—\$45,309.16—2263—\$20.02
 Austrian—\$3988—328—\$12.14
 Japanese—\$3568.50—457—\$7.80
 British Americans—\$2709—95—\$38.51
 Canadian Americans—\$2233.50—47—\$47.30
 Portuguese—\$2134.75—210—\$10.16
 German Americans—\$1599.50—97—\$16.48
 Danish Americans—\$1584.50—93—\$17.03
 Chinese—\$1034.50—115—\$8.98
 Italian Americans—\$488.25—60—\$8.13
 Swedish Americans—\$157.50—8—\$19.68
 Norwegian Americans—\$44—4—\$11.00
 Spanish—\$12.50—13—\$0.96
 Business Firms—\$8170—39—\$209.48”

[Individual Contributions]

“\$500: M. N. and Mateo Lettunich.

“\$300: Austrian-American Benevolent Soc.

“\$100: Luke P. Cikuth, Rado S. Chukovich and wife, E. B. Lettunich, Resetar Bros., Luke L. Scurich, Steven Scurich.

“\$50: Louie Brajkovich, Nicholas M. Borina, Croatian Society, Franich Bros., M. L. Kalich & Co., Tony M. Kissich, P. Marinovich, Nicolas P. Stolich, Peter Stolich, Serb. Benevolent Society.

“\$25: Alaga Bros., A. Balich Fruit Co., Mitchell P. Butier, John P. Braycovich, Croatian B.S. Sloga, Copriviza & Gera, Katusich & Butier, Peter Mengol, Mrs. Lucy Matiasovich, Blaz Pista, Mitchell V. Pista, Rilovich & Sresovich, Peter M. Resetar, A. Stolich, Secondo Bros., Scurich & Jerinich, Peter P. Stolich, John J. Stanovich, Zar Bros.

“\$24: Lukrich Bros.

“\$20: Thomas Braticevich, California Restaurant, Vitt Lister, John Scurich, Marko Stolich.

“\$18: Kosmos Gospodnetich.

“\$15: Nikala Acimareich [Acimovich], Space Bosovich, Jasper Simunovich, Tony Subosich, Vlado Tupanin, Nick Vico.

\$12: Luke Arbanas, Luke Bilicich, Peter Battinich and family, Nick Banicervich [Banicevich], Louis G. Bachan, John Biskup, Chris Berbervich, Steven Covacich, Mike Chuckovich, Jennie Dubreta, Martin Drpich, Jack Dicklich, Joe J. Derganc, John Dujomoich [Dujmovich], Mamie Farlin, Louis Farlin and wife, Edward Gluhan, Martin Grizich, John Herepich, Paul Hrepich, J. L. Ivanovich, Nick Jagich, George Kusanovich, John S. Kralj, Mitchell Korich, Steve Kucher, Lucian F. Lettis, Martin J. Lettunich, Mark Matulich, Frank Matulich, Mitchell Monkovich, Mike Milladin, Jack Mustanich, Paul G. Milladin, Mike Nirich, Jack P. Novcich, Luke Pulich, Nicholas Radimir, Kate Strazicich, Chris Sopoch [Sopich], Jack Sambrailo, Peter Sersen, Jas. P. Scampavia, Geo. Strazicich, Theodore Skulich, Andrew Strazicich, Steve Vlasich, Spiro Vukasovich, Steve Vucinich, John Zeco, John Zar.

“\$10: John Andrichevich, F. S. Balarin, Antony Kostovich, Pete Scurich.

“\$7: Kosmo Gospodnetich.

“\$6: Nicholas L. Lutich, Katie L. Lutich, Helen Strazicich, Nicholas Vukich, Mrs. Doda M. Zufich.

“\$5: Chas. Arbanas, Eli Arbanas, John Arbansin [Arbanasin], Louis Alaga, John Allegnetti [Allegretti], John Alaga, Mike Bakich, Tony Bakich, George P. Butier, Martin Borkovich, Ben Barovich, Martin Butier, Steve Barovich, Antone Brajkovich, Joe Bolonac [Balanac], Chris Bozich, M. Buich, Geo. Bubresho [Bubresko], Antone Braiza, Blas Banovich, P. Barovich, Nick Bokariza, Joe Batich, Miho Boskovich, Blass Bonavich, Andrew Bete, L. Brubresko, B. Boskovich, Andro Bronson [Bronzan], Petar Banich, Anton Bakich, John Butrica, Andrew Bendis, Ned Boskovich, Vaso Besich, Tom Bratic, Geo. Batinich, Chas. Birmisa, Paul P. Butier, Ned Capitanich, Nick Copriviza, Peter P. Capitanich, Martin J. Capatanich, John Cercich, John Cicill [Cicisly], Rado Cherovich, Roda Chocovich [Rado Chukovich], Carich [sic], Nick Colendich, Geo. Colondich, Voin Chiorich, Mitar Chiorich, Petar Cerocovich, Nick Copul, Peter Dragich, John Dubreta, Nick Ducich, Mitchell Duper, Steve S. Dado [Dedo], George Drascovich, T. Dragich, Anton Dragovich, Peter Dragich, Louis Dor-

cich, Frank Franisich [Franusich], Geo. Forenych, Martin Fiorovich, Paul Fiorovich, John Gikovich, Chas. Grbich, John Glege, Peter Gukan, Joe Grassi, Tony Gurash, Paul G. Givanovich, Peter Gurash, John Glage, Ivan Glage, John Grifich, Tony Gospodnetich, Sam Hrepich, Jack Hrepich, Thos. Horvat, John Ivanovich, Geo. Ivanovich, Luke Ivankovich, Louis Ivanovich, John C. Jurcovich, John Jagich, Geo. Jurkovich, John Jurkovich, Mateo Jozovich, Peter Kasovia [Kesovia], Peter Knego, George Krall, Bozo Kolak, Keo Kuljis, Nick Kukoliza [Kukuliza], Joe Kalich, Peter Kosovac, Luke Krunich, Mark Krunich, Martin Kolich, Bazo Kosovac, Rado Kuzmanich, John Lucich, Nick Lucich, Nick Lazarevich, Pete Lucich, Joe Lamat, Nick Lamat, Ed Mimed [Memed], Louis P. Muloslonich [Miloslavich], John Moncovich, John Miljanich, Mike Mekish, Tony Milat, Mitchell Magud, Martin L. Milcovich, George Miljanovich, Michael Marinovich, Antone Miocevic, Martin Magud, J. Marinovich, Nick Matulich, Nick Mujo, John A. Macil, Geo. Matusich, Elia Mitrovich, John Maslach, Peter Melich, George Moratich, Nick Monkovich, Geo. Monkovich, Jack Migovich, Ed Maslach, A. Novokovich, John Nemanich, John Obradovich, Peter G. Oblizalo, Nick Prokurica, Elija Petkovich, John Previsich, Kosto Petkovich, Anton Peko, Nick Paljetak, John Perusina, George Paulovich, Steve Pavlovich, Dan Prodanovich, Mitchell Perovich, Andrew Previtich, Tom Perasich, N. Papac, Chas. V. Pokovich, Martin Procuriza, Thos. Pavisha, Michel Pulich, Pepo Resetar, Anton Radovich, Steve Relia, T. Radich, Joseph Radonich, Peter Radin, A. B. Rilovich, J. J. Simunovich, Frank Saveria, John Secondo, Mitchell Saraba, Chris Spirto, Chris Skokavica, Geo. Sassilo, Mike Scurich, John Soulovich [Saulovich], Nick Salatich, Peter Sambrailo, Peter J. Scurich, Paul Sacich, Martin Secondo, Antone Scurich, M. P. Stolich, John Sambrailo, Andrew Setalo, Louis K. Secondo, Geo. Tomascovich, Christopher Tomasich, Vido Torkia [prob. Trkla], Antone Vukich, Peter Vojvodich, Nick Vlahovich, John Violich, Chas. Vlasich, Martin Vukasovich, Martin Vlasich, Nick Vlautin, Bert Vlastelica, John Vegar, John Zvone, Martin Zetz, Louis Zar, A. Zadjelovich, Nick Zupan, Mitchell Zupan, Steve Zelen, Tom Zeco.

“\$4: Anton Salatich.

“\$2.50: Paul Vedich.

“\$2: Martin Kulich, John J. Lamat, Kosta Voiah.

“\$1: Pete Spirto, Ed Cikuth, Steve Kulich, Paul Kulich.

“50c: Mrs. Stane J. Cikuth, Nick Castrapelli, Mrs. Maticевич.”

EP; 20 Jun 1918; obit: “At Blackburn Gulch, near Santa Cruz, June —, 1918, Martin Killanovich [Krilanovich], a native of California, aged 7 years, 6 months and 28 days; nephew of Mitch Killanovich.

EP; 22 Jun 1918; item: “Tony Scurich went to San Francisco this morning for an over Sunday visit.”

EP; 24 Jun 1918; UL: John Evankovich.

EP; 27 Jun 1918; list: “The following interesting program will be rendered at a piano recital to be given by the pupils of Miss Maud McAdams this evening at the Woman’s Club...

“The following pupils are members of Miss McAdam’s class of 1918: ...Mrs. Birimisa...Agnes Davidovich...”

EP; 28 Jun 1918; item: “Mateo Lettunich et al. to W. I. Stokes—Property on First St., Watsonville.”

EP; 28 Jun 1918; disp. ad:

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YOUR DOLLAR looks big as it comes into this store. For a general stock of groceries of tested merit we believe that our store cannot be outclassed. As we do a large cash business our prices are always at the bottom of the market.

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EP; 28 Jun 1918; article: “The drawing which took place in Washington yesterday determines the order in which the man who registered on June 5th will be liable for service.

“Each of these men was given an arbitrary number by the local board, these numbers running from 1 to 116, the number representing the number of men who registered in this county on the above date. The order in which the number given to a man by his local board was drawn from the jar in Washington determined the order of his liability, or ‘order number.’

“In a few days the official list of numbers in the order in which they were drawn will be received by the local board. By eliminating all numbers drawn above 116 the board will then be enabled to arrange the newly registered men in the order of their liability.

“Following are the names of Watsonville registered men:

“...Thomas Zeco, P. O. Box 35.

“Bozo Talleo [Tallea], 146 W. Lake Ave....

“Mitchell Henry Boskovich, 335 Rodriguez St....

“William Frank Marinovich, 22 Alexander St....”

EP; 2 Jul 1918; school promotions: High 8th to High School: Tony Lubreta [Dubreta]; High 6th to Low 7th: Tom Arbanas, Tony Scurich; Low 6th to High 6th: John Miljanich; High 5th to Low 6th: Martin Franich, John Novacovich; High 4th to Low 5th: Peter Knego; High 3rd to Low 4th: Polly Franich, Mike Resetar, Stephen Scurich; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Peter Knego, John Trina-

gstich; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Chris Pavisha, George Krall, Mary Obuljan [Obuljen]; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Annie Hrepich, Mary Maticveich [Maticevich]; High 1st to Low 2nd: Martin Franich, Tony Franich, Nicholas Hoscovich [Boscovich]; Low 1st to High 1st: Mary Friajstich, Mitchell Dubreta; Kindergarten to 1st: Lena Mavovich, Edward Lettunich.

EP; 3 Jul 1918; item: “Nick Alga [Alaga] and Paul Alga vs. E. B. Lettunich—Demurrer.”

EP; 4 Jul 1918; item: “Mrs. M. T. Kalich and children and N. Gluhan and baby, are leaving today for Santa Cruz for a month’s vacation.”



EP; 5 Jul 1918; born: “In Watsonville, July 4, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mengol, a daughter.”
[Marie; married Kell]

Fig. 5-33.
Marie Mengol.

EP; 5 Jul 1918; board of supervisors, payments: “...Pajaro Road Fund: ...Resetar Bros., \$15...Pajaro Road Fund Special: ...Chumbelich, Wm., \$15...”

EP; 5 Jul 1918; item: “JOHN ALAGA WANTS CUSTODY OF HIS SON. John Alaga, a well-known citizen of Watsonville, was in Santa Cruz Saturday and stated that the custody of his son, Nicholas Burin Alga [*sic*], was not settled in the divorce suit of Alaga vs. Alaga, and that since the marriage of his former wife to Attorney Nathan Coghlan he intends to take steps to obtain his son’s custody, and in this behalf Mr. Alaga also says that he did not contest the case, but that the decree was granted without any testimony having been offered by Mr. Alaga.—Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 8 Jul 1918; obit: “Blas Kelez, a young man, aged 34 years, a member of the local Austrian colony of this valley, died yesterday morning, after a short illness. Deceased had resided here about eight or nine years, and was a hard-working, industrious man, having the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

“Deceased leaves besides his wife, Nellie Kelez, three children, Stella, Katie and Ely; also his father and mother, and a sister and brother in Austria, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Horvat, in this valley.

“He was a member of Croatian B.S. Sloga No. 9, U.C.P., which will attend the funeral in a body tomorrow...”

EP; 8 Jul 1918; obit: “At Watsonville, Cal., July 7, 1918,

Blas Kelez, aged 34 years and 3 mos., a native of Ragusa, Dalmatia, Austria.”

EP; 8 Jul 1918; notice: “ATTENTION. Members of Croatian B.S. Sloga, No. 9, C.U.P.

“The officers and members of the above society are requested to meet at Native Sons’ Hall, at 8:00 o’clock tomorrow, Tuesday, July 9, 1918, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Blas Kelez.

“By order of THOS. PAVISHA, Pres.; THOS. HORVAT, Secy.”

EP; 11 Jul 1918; item: “Luke Scurich and family, with some friends, have started on an auto trip to Yosemite and other points of interest.”

EP; 11 Jul 1918; item: “The drawing which took place in Washington recently determined the order in which the men who registered on June 5th would be liable for service.

“Each of these men was given an arbitrary number by the local board, these numbers running from 1 to 116, the number representing the number of men who registered in this country on the above dates. The order in which the number given to a man by his local board was drawn from the jar in Washington, determined the order of his liability, or ‘order number.’

“By eliminating all the numbers drawn above 116, the local board was enabled to arrange the newly registered men in the order of their liability.

“Following are the numbers and the names of Watsonville registered men: ...67: Thomas Zeco, P. O. Box 35...59: Bozo Talleo [Tallea], 146 W. Lake Ave...36: Mitchell Henry Boskovich, 335 Rodriguez St...43: William Frank Marinovich, 23 Alexander St...”

EP; 15 Jul 1918; item: “NINETEEN SELECTIVES LEAVE ON TOMORROW. The following are to report to the local exemption board at 4:30 on July 15, and start for Fort McDowell at 7 a.m. on tomorrow:

“...William Vincent Pulisevich...”

EP; 19 Jul 1918; item: “The draft authorities are calling for a new investigation of all registered men in Classes II, III and IV. Most of these men were classified six months ago and in the meantime many changes have taken place affecting both dependency and occupational classifications. During the next week the Legal Advisory Board will meet in the Supervisors’ Room, County Court House, Santa Cruz and at Room 400, Lettunich building, Watsonville, for the purpose of securing information regarding all men in the above classes. A list of the men in each class is published below and any person having information tending to show that an error in classification has been made is requested to report the facts either personally or by letter to the Legal Advisory Board or to the Local Board at its office in the Court House, or to its

chairman, W. R. Radcliff, Bank of Watsonville. When desired, information will be regarded as confidential and informants need not be known.

“...**Class IV. Married Man With Dependent Wife and Child or Wife Not in Good Health.** Watsonville—...Luke George Bachan...Emile Henry Strazicich... Martin Prokurica...Nick M. Lettunich...Peter Secondo...”

EP; 20 Jul 1918; UL: Martin Icancich [prob. Ivancich].

EP; 23 Jul 1918; item: “Word has been received from Camp Kearney that Mike Nirich and Louis D. O’Neal have been assigned to Company D, 115th Ammunition train, Camp Kearney, California. Friends who wish to communicate with them can reach them at that address.”

EP; 23 Jul 1918; article: “District Attorney George W. Smith yesterday filed his report as district attorney for the two years ending June 30. It is a remarkable record of work accomplished. In all the cases tried there were no absolute acquittals, indicating the thoroughness with which Mr. Smith prepared his cases. The report follows:

“I herewith submit to the people of Santa Cruz county my biennial report to the attorney general of this state for the two years ending June 30, 1918 as to prosecutions conducted by me as district attorney of this county in the superior court.

“During the past two years there have been ten trials in the superior court, resulting in eight convictions and two disagreements, and no acquittals.

“This report does not take into consideration hundreds of misdemeanor cases in the justices’ courts.

“I believe that this record is equal to any county in the state, and for it I am indebted to the court, from whose rulings but one appeal has been taken since I have been in office, and which ruling was sustained, and the painstaking and energetic performance of their duties by the sheriff and peace officers of this county, who have uniformly carried out their trust.

“**Criminal Prosecutions (Felonies) in the Superior Court.** Convicted: 8; Plead guilty: 24; Acquitted: 0; Disposed of before trial (dismissed, discharge on habeas corpus, reduced to misdemeanor, insane, escaped, died, etc.): 7; Total number of persons charged: 39.

“**Judgment in Above Cases.** Sentenced to death: 0; Sentenced to state’s prison: 18; Sentenced to other institutions: 2; Fined, sentenced, suspended, etc.: 9; Awaiting sentence: 0; Total number convicted and plead guilty: 39.

“Respectfully submitted, GEORGE W. SMITH. District Attorney. Dated July 22, 1918.”

EP; 24 Jul 1918; item: “Thirty-one more young men of Watsonville and the Pajaro valley left on the 7:40 train this morning for Camp Lewis, where they will enter into intensive training for service in the great national army. The roll call was read by Chairman W. R. Radcliff, of the

county exemption board at the city hall this morning at 7:15 after which the boys were taken to Watsonville Junction in machines which were waiting for them. They left town with a cheer and went on their way to the big war with light hearts and the determination to strain every nerve to make themselves worthy to follow after the boys who are testing the peace across the water now. They went from here on the regular passenger train, but will join the other contingents at San Francisco where the entire draft group will be organized and make the trip to Camp Lewis...”

“Not a man was missing when the roll was called this morning, and the roster shows the following names: ...Nicholas Violich, of Sunnyvale, Cal...”

EP; 27 Jul 1918; item: “Sarah A. and H. C. Lukes to Annie Pulich—63½ acres, Ro. Salsipuedes, reconveyance.

“Annie Pulich to Sarah Aletha Lukes et vir—Same property.”

EP; 29 Jul 1918; item: “Peter Stolich and family have returned from a three-weeks’ vacation trip to the Yosemite valley. They spent a week in Fresno and nearby points on the return trip.”

EP; 2 Aug 1918; item: “Johnnie Navacovich [Novacovich] got his head caught in the wheel of a wagon when the team ran away a few days ago, and was severely hurt about the head and shoulders. The flesh on the left side of his face was cut away to the bone. Dr. Koepke was called and dressed the wounds and he is now getting along nicely. It was not learned what caused the team to run away.”

EP; 2 Aug 1918; item: “Mrs. Kalich and children, Mrs. Gluhan and son and Mrs. Bachan have returned from a month’s vacation at Santa Cruz beach.”

EP; 5 Aug 1918; item: “Following is a list of the graduates of the grammar schools in this section of Monterey county: ...7th Grade...Pajaro: ...John Spirto...”

EP; 5 Aug 1918; born: “In Watsonville, Aug. 5, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Antone Bakich, a son.” [*Edward “Bud”*; +1992]

EP; 5 Aug 1918; item: “Jack Mustajinich [Mustahinich] was struck by an automobile last evening and will be laid up for a short time. He was standing on a corner of Main street when an auto driven by J. D. Dotson, of Santa Cruz, swept by so close to the curb that the fender hung over and caught Mr. Mustajinich on the leg and threw him to the ground. Dotson drove right on, taking no notice of the accident until stopped by Constable Devine. He then agreed to pay the doctor bill and any other expenses necessarily incurred by the injured man, and was allowed to go on his way.”

EP; 6 Aug 1918; item: “Their automobiles filled with tokens of a successful deer hunt, a party consisting of Officer Harry Moon, Frank Bruce, George Forenich [Forenich], Ray Boor, Frank Neis and James Oksen returned from the Bruce ranch in the Sur mountains south of Monterey last evening.

“They reported plenty of does and fawns in the mountains in that district, but few bucks. However, their own luck was good and venison will be the fare for themselves and their friends for several days to come.”

EP; 6 Aug 1918; board of aldermen, payments: “...Central Electric Co., street light repairs, \$17.46...Central Electric Co., supplies, \$5.45...”

EP; 7 Aug 1918; item: “The E. B. Lettunich family have returned from a vacation spent in Santa Cruz.

“Nicholas Lettunich returned yesterday from a visit to Tassajara Hot Springs.”

EP; 8 Aug 1918; item: “A. J. Viscovich is moving his store to the Marinovich building on Main street.”

EP; 10 Aug 1918; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: ...Jack Novicich [Novcich], compensation insurance, \$93.60...”

EP; 12 Aug 1918; item: “Steve and Peter Knego and John Sercish made a huge catch at Moss Landing yesterday. They hooked a fish that they could not pull in and attached the line to their automobile which brought the monster to land. We did not learn what kind of a fish it was.”

EP; 13 Aug 1918; item: “In Judge Wallace’s court at Salinas yesterday, Nicholas M. Lettunich, of this city pleaded guilty to killing a fawn near Tassajara, under the impression that the object moving in some thick brush was a coyote.

“Mr. Lettunich was fined \$100, which he paid.

“In an interview with Nick this morning, in order to clear up reports that he was charged with starting a recent fire in Monterey county, he stated that he had nothing to do with the fires. As near as he can learn, according to statements by the forest rangers, the fire was the result of an endeavor by some hunters, to burn up a doe that they had killed, in order to hide evidence.

“Mr. C. S. Brothers, one of the head officials with the forest reserve department at San Francisco, is here on the fire matter, and exonerated Lettunich of the charge, after a searching inquiry in the matter. The forest rangers up at Tassajara had also exonerated Lettunich of the charge several days ago. Lettunich came down to Salinas and answered solely to the charge of killing the fawn, and his straightforward conduct in owning up promptly to his mistake in killing the fawn and willingness to abide by

the decision of Judge Wallace, coupled with his explanation of the incident, gained for him the minimum fine.”

EP; 13 Aug 1918; born: “At Watsonville, Aug. 13, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Billicich, a son.” [*Louis*]

EP; 14 Aug 1918; item: “A meeting was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Key and plans were completed for the coming whist party to be given at St. Patrick’s Hall Thursday evening, August 22. All are invited and a pleasant evening is insured for those who come.

“War Savings Stamps donated by members of the society, and other useful prizes will be given. The proceeds will be devoted to the church and hall furnishings. The ladies present at the meeting last evening were: Mrs. J. E. Reiter, chairman; Mrs. H. D. Freiermuth, Mrs. A. Faustino, Mrs. D. J. Keefe, Mrs. A. Stolich, Mrs. L. P. Cikuth, Mrs. C. E. Key and the Misses K. Oliver, T. Raunegger, May Cawley and Irene and Edith Faustino...”

EP; 15 Aug 1918; item: “Lucy B. Palmer and A. G. Palmer vs. A. Guliermovich—Demurrer to complaint.”

EP; 17 Aug 1918; article: “SANTA CRUZ, Aug. 17—(Received here at 12 m.)—District Attorney Geo. W. Smith announced today, his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Assemblyman from this county. Owing to the late hour of the announcement of his candidacy, his name will not be printed on the official ballots at the primary, on Tuesday, August 27th, consequently it will be necessary for his friends and supporters to write his name in on their ballots.”

“Mr. Smith, in announcing his candidacy issued the following statement.

“There is but one question that should occupy every energy and every moment of the time of the American people at this time, and that now, is the winning of this war and any movement tending to in the slightest degree, swerve our people from this great task is, to say the least, giving aid and comfort to the enemy and prolonging this struggle. If elected, I will endeavor to have enacted laws facilitating our government in this flight, laws that will reach the I.W.W.’s, idlers, profiteers, and other aids of the enemy.

“This government was founded upon the principal that it was the inalienable right of man to worship his maker as his conscience dictated; and because of this this nation has risen to its present greatness. I will oppose the passage of every law that will even tend to infringe upon a man’s religious views or any law discriminating against any religion. The Seventh Day Adventist and the Christian Scientist have the same right to the free and uninterrupted practice of their faith as I have to mine.

“The cost of government can be reduced. Every useless commission and expense should be eliminated. My

experience as District Attorney will enable me to institute and conduct an investigation as to the reasons why the cost of government in this State has reached such alarming proportions. I believe that the time is ripe for the light of day to be turned on numerous of our commissions.

“The fish and game situation is not satisfactory, and if I should be so fortunate as to represent this county a strenuous effort will be made to have a rigid investigation made of the Fish and Game Commission, and the manner of its expenditure of the vast sums of money collected by it, and the reasons why the people of this State should not have the benefit of that which is theirs, the fish and game of this state. The fishermen of this county, both large and small, are entitled to serious consideration at the hands of the representative of this county to the end that the public may have the benefit of the unlimited food fish of our bay.

“The liquor question will be settled by the people themselves at the polls. The question is upon the ballot in three different forms, ranging from absolute prohibition down. The will of the majority, when the electorate has had fair means to manifest its choice, must be respected in a representative form of government. It is proper that the people should directly settle an issue of this character by vote on measures unmolested by personality of a candidate.

“If elected I should pursue the same course I have and am pursuing as District Attorney, and endeavor to do my full duty without fear or favor.”

EP; 17 Aug 1918; UL: Geo. K. Selcich.

EP; 17 Aug 1918; item: “District Attorney George W. Smith was in town a short time today en route to Gilroy, where he makes the principal address at the mass meeting for the Red Cross this evening.”

EP; 20 Aug 1918; item: “Miss Claire Daly celebrated her ninth birthday yesterday at her home on Maple avenue, by inviting her many little friends to enjoy the day with her. Twenty-three little ones gathered around a daintily arranged table laden with good things to eat. Patriotic emblems and favors were presented to each child. Games of all kinds were played, after which each child reluctantly bade her little hostess farewell. Those present were: Claire Daly, Marceline Kelly, Ruth Daly, Dorothy Kane, Patty Baker, Virginia Morse, Catherine Schanbacher, Alice Neis, Beth Ford, Charlotte Joy, Isabelle Sheehy, Florence Chuck, Annie Hrepich, Dolly Brown, Elizabeth Allen, Georgia Hrepich, Kathleen Daly, Lucille Cikuth, Clementine Nunes, D. J. Daly, Jr., Leo Allen, Nicholas Alaga, Morton Dorey.”

EP; 21 Aug 1918; article: “George W. Smith, who has announced himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for assemblyman from this county, has been

given the endorsement of the Democratic County Central Committee, of which James A. Hall of this city is the chairman.

“Mr. Smith said yesterday that his reply to the open letter requesting his views on the prohibition amendment was given in his announcement Sunday morning.

“In that announcement he said:

“The liquor question will be settled by the people themselves at the polls. The question is upon the ballot in three different forms, ranging from absolute prohibition down. The will of the majority, when the electorate has had fair means to manifest its choice, must be respected in a representative form of government. It is proper that the people should directly settle an issue of this character by vote on measures unmolested by personality of a candidate.”

“The Democratic county central committee of Santa Cruz county has endorsed the candidacy of District Attorney George W. Smith for the assembly and will get behind him with its full strength from now until the polls close at the general election in November. He is a Democrat and the Democrats of this county are urged to give him their united support at the primary election next Tuesday.

“In order for them to cast their votes for him at the primary election, it will be necessary for the individual voters to write his name in on their ballot, in the blank space provided for that purpose. There will be no name on the Democratic ballot for the position of assemblyman, as no candidate qualified for the position before the time for nominations closed, hence there will be a blank line upon which the voter may write the name of anyone whom he would like to see have the nomination. Mr. Smith is out for the nomination, and Democrats who wish to see a straight Democrat of known integrity and worth, who is well qualified in every way for the position, get the nomination, should write the name of Geo. W. Smith in on their ballot next Tuesday. This will permit him to get on the ballot at the general election next fall.

EP; 22 Aug 1918; article: “Santa Cruz, Aug. 21, 1918.

“Rev. Irving Bristol, Pastor First Methodist Church, Santa Cruz, Cal.

“My dear Mr. Bristol I have given careful consideration to your ‘open letter’ addressed to me upon my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the assembly, and will endeavor to set forth herein clearly and without evasion or equivocation my position upon the question propounded to me by you.

“At the outset of this discussion, let me say that I believe that you are actuated in this matter by the fairest of motives, and for you I have the highest regard as a man and a pastor.

“Your record here in the interest of Americanism and decency is without blemish. In the spread of American propaganda in this city at the beginning of this conflict,

you rendered valiant service, and whenever, as your district attorney, I took a stand in the interests of our beloved country, I always found you ready to fearlessly back me up.

“One of the pleasantest incidents of my life, and one which I will never forget, was the occasion when you so kindly invited me to address your congregation in your church upon the war. It was an inspiration to me and I felt better for having come, and indicated to me that to you the winning of this struggle and the saving unto humanity of democracy was the sole issue, and the end to which every loyal American should devote his every effort at this time, without deviation, or deflection.

“On that memorable July 4th, 1776, the founders of this republic declared:

“‘We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed, by their creator, with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.’

“Do you believe that these truths are still ‘self-evident’? Knowing you as I do, I think I can safely say that you still have an abiding faith in the declaration of our independence, and the irrefutable truths herein put forth.

“In a free democracy, the minority must bow [to] the majority, when that majority has expressed its will in the legal manner.

“In California at the November election, the electors of this state have an opportunity, in accordance with the forms of the statute for that purpose provided, of expressing their will as to whether or not they are in favor of prohibition.

“This question is on the ballot, fairly and squarely, and if the governed of this state desire prohibition they have an opportunity of expressing their consent.

“I think that you will, in fairness to me, admit that I am an American who respects the principles upon which this nation was founded, and that, therefore, as such, if elected to represent the governed, must carry out the wishes as manifested by a vote of the majority.

“Therefore, the voters of this state having an opportunity to register their wish upon this question, if elected, I shall vote for the federal amendment, providing a majority of the electorate shall express their desire for prohibition at the general election; otherwise I shall take it that the people do not desire it, and shall vote against it.

“It appears to me that to take any other position would be repugnant to the principles of a democracy and a free country.

“I am not seeking this office for any personal gain to myself, but because my heart is in this war and the winning of it right, and because I feel that I can do my country the most good at this time by devoting my humble talents in the Legislature to the enactment of laws that will facilitate the successful and speedy termination of this fight.

“There are over one hundred, and thirty thousand Californians in the service of their country, ready to make the supreme sacrifice for you and I at home.

“I trust that it will not be necessary on the return of our heroes, after having established democracy in Europe for them to have to re-establish it in these United States.

“With best wishes and assuring you of my esteem and regard, I beg to remain, Sincerely yours, GEORGE W. SMITH.”

EP; 23 Aug 1918; notice:

**FOR ASSEMBLYMAN
GEORGE W. SMITH**

Hereby announces himself as a candidate
for Democratic nomination

For Assemblyman

From Santa Cruz county, subject to the decision of the
August primary.

Take Notice—Write his name in on your ballot.

EP; 24 Aug 1918; UL: Blas Bascovich [Boscovich].

EP; 26 Aug 1918; item: “District Attorney George W. Smith made an address at the meeting of the Red Cross branch at Gilroy on the 17th of this month, and received, the following send off from the Weekly Advocate of that city:

“‘The speech of the evening was made by District Attorney Geo. W. Smith of Santa Cruz. This was George’s first appearance before a Gilroy audience. He held the attention of his audience from start to finish, and made one of the best patriotic talks ever heard in this city. George is so enthusiastic in his world of hunting down spies and German propagandists that he is an intensely interesting speaker, and known whereof he speaks. It is a safe bet that he will be called upon again to give our people a patriotic talk and stir them into action. Geo. has been urged by his friends in Santa Cruz to make the run for the Assembly on the Democratic ticket, by having his name written in on the ballot. He would be a most valuable man in the Assembly at this time, and the voters should reward a faithful official by electing him to this office.’”

EP; 30 Aug 1918; item: “Mrs. Mildred Kennedy, representing the Children’s Home Society of California, yesterday completed arrangements for the annual ‘Heart Day’ to be celebrated here tomorrow for the benefit of the homeless and neglected children of the county and the state.

“The headquarters of the committee in charge of the day will be located at the Appleton Hotel...

“The members of the committee are: ...Mrs. Otto Stoesser...”

EP; 30 Aug 1918; item: “Andy Balich came over here

yesterday from Santa Cruz and accompanied his brother, Tom [Tony] Balich, to San Francisco, where the latter was to undergo a medical examination for a distressing kidney complaint.”

EP; 31 Aug 1918; marriage: “At San Francisco, last Thursday, Nick Banicevich and Mrs. Lizzie [Katherine] Strazicich, of this city were married. The marriage was a private affair being attended by only those immediately interested therein.

“The main friends of the couple will wish them a long, happy and prosperous married life. In which wishes The Pajaronian heartily joins.”

EP; 31 Aug 1918; married: “At San Francisco, Aug. 29, 1918, Nick Banicevich and Lizzie [Katherine] Strazicich, both of Watsonville.”

Fig. 5-34.
Katherine Katuran
Strazicich
(1878-1963) and
Nick Banicevich
(1883-1952).



EP; 31 Aug 1918; born: “In Watsonville, Aug. 31, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Stoesser, a daughter.” [Maria; +1989]

Fig. 5-35. Maria Stoesser.
Her mother was Anna Farlin Stoesser.



EP; 2 Sep 1918; item: “District Attorney George W. Smith has accepted the invitation of the federal government to make a ten-day speaking tour in California for the food administration. He will start about September 23.”

EP; 2 Sep 1918; item: “Mrs. N. P. Stolich was removed from the Watsonville hospital this morning to the Lane Hospital in San Francisco where she will be under the care of specialists.”

EP; 2 Sep 1918; obit: “Vincent Chargin, a former well-known citizen of San Jose, but who for the past year has been a resident of Sacramento, died in that city last Saturday after an illness of two months. He was the father of Nita Chargin, who is well known here having attended the Notre Dame academy and lived here for some time.”

EP; 2 Sep 1918; UL: Stephen Brautovich.

EP; 3 Sep 1918; board of aldermen, payments: “...John Stanovich, supplies, \$2.85...”

EP; 3 Sep 1918; item: “The 20-acre full bearing apple orchard located on the Vega Road opposite the Hedegard place and owned by O. O. Eaton, has just been sold to Paul Milladin, the apple buyer. It is rumored that the price paid was around \$800 an acre. The sale was made by the Farm & Forest Realty Co.”

EP; 4 Sep 1918; item: “District Attorney Geo. W. Smith was in town this morning gathering up the broken ends of the case of the negro, Arthur Tate, and this afternoon started out in the valley on another important case that has been called to his attention.”

EP; 7 Sep 1918; board of supervisors, payment: “...Nov-cich, Jack; comp’n ins, \$46.80...”

EP; 10 Sep 1918; obit: “At Watsonville, Sept. 10, 1918, Louis Pavisha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Pavisha, aged 7 years, 11 months and 24 days, a native of Watsonville.

“(...[T]he funeral...will take place tomorrow...from the residence of the parents, No. 31 Ninth street...”

EP; 10 Sept 1918; article: “The reception given by the Native Daughters and Native Sons at the N.S.G.W. hall yesterday afternoon to the fathers, mothers, and near relatives of the enlisted men of the Pajaro Valley was a most delightful affair and a success in every way...”

“District Attorney Geo. W. Smith then gave the address of the afternoon and talked on the war and in what we who stay at home could be of service in bringing the great conflict to a successful termination. George is intensely in earnest on this proposition and his enthusiasm for the cause of freedom permits him to see nothing but his American citizenship and his duty to his government in the great crisis that is confronting it. He brought home some solemn truths to his audience yesterday afternoon and proved by the Germans themselves that the war was not brought upon the world by England, but by the kaiser and the junkers of Germany. He paid his respects to the I.W.W. and food profiteers, two classes that are ably helping the Hun in this country. He said that no man should make a dollar out of the war. That no American worthy of the name would desire to coin the blood of America’s fighting youths into gold. His talk was greeted with cheers by those present and it could be seen that his hearers were heart and soul with him on the great issues before the people today. He closed by an earnest plea for the success of the coming Liberty Loan drive and told the people that men were not the crying need today—that it was money. That if America went over the top in the coming drive that the boys over there would be able to go over the top fully equipped, armed and rationed for the final drive that would plant the Stars and Stripes in Berlin and win the war for civilization...”

EP; 16 Sep 1918; item: “District Attorney Smith of this

county, having escaped the thankless job of prosecuting that wretch, Arthur Tate, who plead guilty this morning at Santa Cruz, has notified the State Council of Defense that he is at its disposal in the matter of making a number of food-conservation speeches in the northern part of the state. He will start out this week on the tour. He had accepted an invitation to do this work some weeks ago, but Tate's case disarranged his schedule for the time being."

EP; 16 Sep 1918; item: "Lucy B. Palmer and A. G. Palmer vs. A. Gulliermovich—Notice of overruling demurrer."

EP; 17 Sep 1918; item: "District Attorney George W. Smith was selected as a delegate to the state convention at Sacramento next week, but when it was found that it would be impossible for him to attend it was decided to send Chairman Thompson to the capital as his proxy."

EP; 18 Sep 1918; item: "The campaign committee of the Fourth Liberty Loan committee will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the new headquarters, 426 Main street, (Brewington building). Read over the list of names given below very carefully, for your name may be included in the list of those who have been delegated to do the government's business for the next few weeks. If your name is in this list, nothing but serious illness should keep you away from this meeting.

"The woman's committee...follows: ...Mrs. Luke Scurich."

"The men's committee consists of...Luke Scurich...V. Lister...R. S. Chukovich..."

EP; 21 Sep 1918; item: "Louie Brajkovich's new 1918 Dodge touring car was stolen from Walker street yesterday morning. Mr. Brajkovich had left the car stand while he was attending to some business matters and when he returned for it the car had disappeared. He notified Chief Whitsitt of the police force, who immediately took up the matter by wire with the police departments of the surrounding towns. Last evening he received a wire from San Francisco stating that the car had been recovered and that a minor was in custody. No further particulars were given. Chief Whitsitt's prompt action evidently prevented the youth from disposing of the car and making a getaway. Constable Mann and Mr. Brajkovich went to San Francisco today to bring back the machine and the prisoner."

EP; 23 Sep 1918; item: "J. E. Gardner, Chairman Liberty Loan Campaign Committee, has announced his captains and salesmen to handle bond sales to men in the several school districts and the wards of the city..."

"Some of those appointed have not been consulted in advance. But serious illness and death will be the only excuses accepted for failure to serve. This is war business and must be put ahead of all private affairs.

"Special committees are provided to handle sales

among certain nationalities. The nationality securing the highest per capita subscription will receive an honor flag..."

"Slavonian Committee—Luke Scurich, captain; Salesmen: E. B. Lettunich. L. G. Bachon [Bachan], Paul Miladin, E. B. Rilovich, M. L. Kalich, R. S. Chucovich, Jack Diklich, Anton Vukich, Andrew Strazicich, Antone Jerinich, John Hrepich, George Baule, George Copriviza."

EP; 23 Sep 1918; UL: Geo. Begunovich, D. Sagonovich.

EP; 24 Sep 1918; article: "John Persevich hands us in a list of Jugo-Slavs who have gone to the big war from the Pajaro Valley and vicinity, some of whom have given their lives and others their limbs in the cause of freedom while others are still fighting for civilization. John says that there are but about forty Jugo-Slavs in the valley now not enough for a company—but that all of the Austrians here should be loyal to Jugo-Slavia, instead of being pro-Austrian. Here is the roll of honor and many of whom [were] good Jugo-Slavs apple pickers from Watsonville: [*"Jugo-Slavs" here refers to those who favored the forming of a southern Slav state*]

"J. Vucinich, killed in Macedonia; D. S. Farcon, killed; P. Radulovich, N. Vucurovich, killed; M. Batinich; G. Sisich, 52 years old; T. Sisich, his son; M. Milcivich, back in San Francisco with one leg; S. Radojcich, killed; N. Marijanovich, A. Lucev, M. Medar, B. Loriccas, J. Bajurin, L. Misita, M. Vulnovich, L. Vulnovich, T. Vukosavovich, N. Popovac, P. Popovac, L. Marcinko, killed; M. Pribisich, G. Vuinovich.

"A truly gallant and noble galaxy of heroes that are setting a militant example to the Jugo-Slavs in the Pajaro valley. They are fighting and dying for the cause they love so well and are calling with their dying breath to those that are yet enjoying the privileges of free America and taking no part in the great conflict, to come and take up the work and carry on as they fall. They gave and are giving all that the Jugo-Slavs might be free and have a government of their own under their own flag. What an incentive that must be to those who should be loyal to Jugo-Slavia. What a powerful string to draw them into the war of the ages. These men went into the war and fought when they had no country and no flag to fight for, and now that through the efforts of these and other loyal sons of Jugo-Slavia, the national emblem of that country floats freely with the flags of the allies. A country to save, a flag to fight for—what more could red blooded men want. Suppose there is not enough for a company—enlist with the stars and stripes, or get in touch with the organizers of the Jugo-Slav legion, they will fit you out and place you in a company. There was not enough for a company when these heroes you name went forth to fight and die—but they did not hesitate or hang back. They followed the path of duty into the road, to glory and undying fame. And the same road is open to you, Jugo-Slavs of the Pajaro valley."

EP; 26 Sep 1918; disp. ad:

SPECIALTIES FOR PICNICS

And Outings

When you are going on an Outing or Picnic place your order a few days ahead for your pies, cakes, doughnuts, etc. We'll have them ready for you.

WATSONVILLE BAKERY

EP; 26 Sep 1918; item: "NEW JUGO-SLAV FLAG... Jugo-Slavia's new flag will appear in the Liberty Loan parade next Saturday evening. Steven Scurich, president of the Jugo-Slav League here this morning received by special delivery from Washington, D.C., a beautiful Jugo-Slav flag and has arranged for it to head the Jugo-Slav section of the big parade. It is understood that this flag represents an alliance of the Czecho-Slovaks, the Bohemians, the Croatians and the Serbians, and all local Jugo-Slavs are invited to come out Saturday evening and follow the new flag. This is the flag that is leading this newly created nation on the battlefields of Europe, and the sight of it will no doubt kindle anew the enthusiasm of those here who would see the Slavs freed from the galling yoke of Austria, and cause them to go forth to battle for her independence."

EP; 27 Sep 1918; item: "Mrs. F. W. Biebrach, chairman of the women's committee for the Fourth Liberty Loan drive has her workers lined up and ready to begin the work of canvassing the valley. The sales ladies will go out next Tuesday and make a thorough canvass of the field. Mrs. Biebrach announces her assistants as follows:

"...Ward Four—Mrs. E. W. Hanson, captain; Mrs. Luke Scurich, Miss Myra Harris, Mrs. E. H. Terry, Miss Dora Bliss, Miss May Cawley..."

EP; 28 Sep 1918; item: "At the largest meeting of solicitors ever held in the Pajaro valley, Chairman John E. Gardner, of the Campaign Committee, outlined the work of the salesmen and saleswomen last evening..."

"Mr. Gardner explained the plan of campaign and told of the honor flags that would be presented to the district which makes the best showing, according to the assessed valuation of the district, and a flag for the nationality which makes the best showing per capita. Keen competition is sure to result..."

"The solicitors have been given names and it is their duty to either sell a bond or report the reason for refusal. That reason may be because some other member of the family has subscribed for the entire family, or because the person is financially unable. Some reason, however, must be given, as the government is asking that a report be made on every individual."

EP; 28, Sep 1918; notice: "AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN. BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. To the officers and members: You are required to assemble at the Odd Fellows

Hall at 7 o'clock p.m., sharp, Saturday, to take part in the Liberty Loan parade.

"ANDRO SETALO, Pres.; LUKE SCURICH, Sec'y."

EP; 28 Sep 1918; item: "President Nickolas Stolich and Secretary Stephen Scurich, of Local lodge No. 352 have received word from the grand lodge of the National Croatian Society now in session at 1440 West 18th street, Chicago, Illinois, that the following donations have been made:

"American Red Cross, \$20,000; Checko-Slovak Red Cross, \$5,000; Polish Red Cross, \$5,000; Russian Red Cross, \$5,000; Jugo-Slavic Red Cross, \$15,000; Total, \$50,000.

"The N.C.S. has bought in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Liberty Loan drives, bonds to the amount of \$300,000. (This does not include the 573 branches all over the U.S.A.)..."

EP; 30 Sep 1918; item: "A postal card received by us yesterday, from Sergeant Vido Opusich, 160th Infantry, American Army, from 'Somewhere in France,' says: Just a line to let you know that I am feeling fine. The French people are treating us so good that it is impossible for us to realize that we are at war and far away from home. We can get everything here, except the Pajaronian."

EP; 30 Sep 1918; item: "[Liberty bond subscriptions]

"Men's List: Mateo Lettunich, \$5,000; \$200 Subscriptions: Jack P. Novich [Novcich]; \$100 Subscriptions: Ilifa Bratichevich, R. R. Knezevich, P. Pracich, Nick Pesjovich, Antone Zadjelovich, Luke Biskup.

"Women's List: \$1000 Subscriptions: Anna F. Stoesser.

"\$2000 Subscriptions: Rilovich & Sresovich, L. Brajkovich & Co., A. Balich Fruit Company, Luke Scurich, Alaga Bros.; \$1500: Mrs. E. B. Lettunich; \$1000: Mrs. R. S. Chukovich, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stolich, J. S. Sambrailo, Zupan & Madesko, Geo. R. Bubresko; \$500: Stephen Scurich and family, A. Stolich & Co., M. P. Butier, L. G. Bachan, Zar Bros., Katusich, Butier & Madesko, Geo. R. Bubresko; \$250: Peter Vojvodich; \$200: Jack Diklich, Croatian Society No. 352, John Stanovich; \$150: J. C. Jurcovich; \$100: Mr. and Mrs. Banicevich, Paul Klimovich, Louis Kausalich, Mrs. M. L. Milcovich; \$50: Stephen Scurich."

EP; 1 Oct 1918; article: "Today the active selling campaign for the Fourth Liberty bonds commences and 350 men and women will call upon the people for subscriptions..."

"The Honor Roll published from day to day will include the names only of those who have either made the first payment or payments in full. The names of those who pledged at the Saturday night meeting will be added to the Honor Roll when subscription blanks have been signed..."

“The Portuguese committee, under Captain J. Walter Smith, has been organized and proposes to see that every one of the Portuguese and the sons of Portuguese parents, makes some subscription. Captain Smith is determined to win the Honor Flag. If he does so he will have to go some for Captain Luke Scurich and his Slavonian committee are rolling up a mighty big total...

“Yesterday’s Subscriptions:

“MEN—\$1000: J. P. Braycovich.

“\$100 Subscriptions: ...Rado Skulich.

“\$50 Subscriptions: Vaso S. Basich, A. J. Viscovich.”

EP; 1 Oct 1918; item: “George Brabich was arrested last evening on a warrant sworn out by J. S. Kralj charging him with disturbing the peace, and appeared in court this morning where the case was postponed to be called up at the convenience of the attorneys. He put up \$50 bail bond. Brabich is a Jugo-Slav and Kralj an Austrian, according to the evidence, and they had a misunderstanding of some kind in regard to their countries.”

EP; 2 Oct 1918; list: “...Liberty Loan Subscriptions are being poured into headquarters by the army of workers in the field soliciting for the Fourth Liberty Loan. The work started off yesterday morning under most favorable conditions and the field workers received the most cordial receptions wherever they went, and everyone seemed to be willing to do what they could for their country in the moment of its extreme need. The following is the list of subscriptions received at headquarters since our last report:

“...In order to avoid confusion the committee states that some of the larger pledges made at the auditorium Saturday night have since been split up among members of the immediate family in the case of individuals, and between partners in the business in the case of business firms...

“MEN’S SUBSCRIPTIONS:

“\$5000: F. P. Marinovich, Resetar Bros.

“\$3500: E. B. Lettunich.

“\$3000: Luke P. Cikuth.

“\$2500: Franich Bros., Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Stolich.

“\$1000: Antone Balich, Paul Miladin, Luke Scurich, Borkovich & Dragovich, Copriviza & Gera, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mengol, Jack S. Sambrailo, Peter Vlasich & Co., P. M. Resetar.

“\$900: George Baule, Luke Brajkovich.

“\$500: L. G. Bachan, N. R. Sassilo & Co., Peter Stolich, Zar Bros., Katusich, Butier & Madesko, M. P. Butier, Nick Ducich, Mitchell Zupan.

“\$450: Nick Radimir.

“\$400: Andrew Strazicich.

“\$250: Peter F. Vojvodich, Mr. and Mrs. John Pekoch, N. M. Vlahutin.

“\$200: A. Braycovich, Jack Diklich, John Arbanasin.

“\$100: Luke Ivancovich, Martin Vakasovich [Vukaso-

vich], John Jagich, Nick Moncovich, George Moncovich, Pete Lucich, C. Scurich, Miho Boskovich, Joe Lamat, Mike Mikish [Mekis], M. Jozovich, Nick Boscovich, John Bracia [Braica], Peter Gukan, L. Vuscovich, Mitchell Bazdan, Martin Fiorovich, Servian Benevolent Society, Nick Jelco, Mike Glage, George Strazicich.

“\$50: Gjuro Njavro, A. Bekich, Peter Banich, Nick Zupan, Charles Arbanasin, Mitchell Lazarevich, Charles Lasich, John Bragulin, Pepo Resetar, Ed. Capitanich, Joe Batic, M. Maslach, N. Papac, Vido Papac, Paul G. Givanovich, John Miloslovich, Anton Peko, George Kroll, Paul P. Butier, Martin Butier, Nicholas Radimir, Marin Celic, Steven Covacich, Antone P. Braicia, Martin Lusich, John Sapro, Andrew Setalo, Frank Saveria, Louis W. Radonich, Steve Kucher, George J. Ivancovich, Steve Pavlovich, Pero Previsich, Martin Magud, John Perusina, Steve Zelen.

“WOMEN:

“\$1500: Mrs. E. B. Lettunich.

“\$1000: Mrs. L. P. Cikuth.

“\$500: Mrs. Luke Scurich, Mrs. Peter Stolich.

“\$250: Anna Cikuth, Rachael Cikuth, Lucile Cikuth, May Cikuth. [*the four Cikuth sisters*]

EP; 2 Oct 1918; born: “In Watsonville, Oct. 2, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kapitanovich [Capitanich], a son.” [*Robert; +1999*]

EP; 3 Oct 1918; item: “Liberty loan subscriptions took a \$42,750 jump yesterday and reached the \$354,900 mark. Most of the large subscriptions are in and from now on the climbing will be slower, especially if some of those who have bought \$50 and \$100 bonds do not materially increase their subscriptions. In this connection the Liberty Loan committee is making a list of people who have subscribed small amounts and who should buy more. A special committee will interview these people urging them to increase their subscriptions in view of the need for larger amounts. There has been considerable comment on the size of some subscriptions which is regrettable. On the other hand, most people are buying to the limit and their practical patriotism in very much appreciated.

“A number of those who pledged large amounts at the Saturday meeting are splitting up their subscriptions among the members of their families so that some who pledged \$5000 are being listed at \$2500, the other \$2500 being in the name of the wife...

“The subscribers yesterday follows: \$1000: Mr. and Mrs. Lucian F. Lettis, M. Moncovich & Co; \$500: Nicolas M. Borina, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Simmunovich, Secondo Bros; \$300: Scampavia Bros., Marko Stolich; \$250: Tony M. Kissich; \$150: John C. Jurovich [Jurcovich]. \$100: John P. Biskup, Martin Carich, Martin L. Milcovich, John Vukasavich, John P. Zar, Rado Cherovich, Vlado Tupananin, Anton Radovich; \$50: George Jerenich, Peter Ramich, George R. Dagalavich, George Moretich,

Andrew Trkla, Nick Jagich, Nick Copriviza, Charles Nirich, Chris Bozich, Elie Petkovich, John Cercich.”

EP; 3 Oct 1918; item: “The following Liberty Loan subscriptions have been taken through the Southern Pacific at Watsonville Junction: \$100: A. B. Bakish [Bakich], Thomas Pavisha, George Sassilo, Luie Ivanovich.”

EP; 3 Oct 1918; item: “The sad news was received here this morning of the death of Mrs. Nick Stolich of this city, at the Lane hospital, San Francisco, last night.

“Deceased, who had been ailing for some time past, has been in the city for the past three weeks. Besides her husband, she leaves two children, her father and mother, and a sister, Mrs. T. Kissich of this city. Deceased was a very fine woman and highly respected by all who knew her.

“Mr. Stolich, who was with her when she passed away, will bring the body here for interment, and is expected to return today, when the funeral arrangements will be announced.”

EP; 3 Oct 1918; item: “Tony Balarin and John Pausich vs. Peter Radonich—Complaint.”

EP; 4 Oct 1918; item: “[Liberty loan subscriptions]... \$1000: Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Chuckovich; \$500: Anton Stolich; \$150: Antone Vukich, Andrew Bete, John Hrepich, Dewey Salamanich [Salamunovich], M. P. Stolich; \$50: George Paulovich, John Secondo, George Vegar.”

EP; 4 Oct 1918; obit: “In San Francisco, October 2, 1918, Mrs. Catherine Anastatia Stolich, a native of New Zealand, aged 28 years, 6 months and two days.

“...[T]he funeral...will be held from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Balovich, 113 West Lake avenue, Saturday, October 5...”

EP; 4 Oct 1918; obit: “Mrs. N. P. Stolich passed away at the Lane hospital, in San Francisco, on Wednesday night. Her death was a severe shock to her many friends here as very few of them realized that she was so ill.

“Eight weeks ago she was taken to the Watsonville hospital and was there operated on for a kidney complaint. After being there three weeks she was removed to the Lane hospital, where she was submitted to another operation, from which she never recovered. Her mother, husband and sister were with her to the end.

“Her maiden name was Catherine Anastatia Balovich. She was born in New Zealand twenty-eight years ago and came to this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Balovich, when she was two years old. She graduated from the commercial department of the local schools and before her marriage, six years ago, to Nicholas Stolich, she was bookkeeper for the City Grocery Company, which position she held for four years. She was a mem-

ber of the ladies’ lodge, the U.P.P.E.C. of this city.

“She was a fine young lady, courteous and kindly to all. Her friends were numbered by her acquaintances and all who knew her have a memory of some kind [of] gracious action performed by her. She will be sadly missed from among her large circle of friends.

“She is survived by her husband and two little girls, Anna and Eleanor; her parents, and a sister, Mrs. T. M. Kissich. She was a devoted mother and a devout Catholic...”

EP; 4 Oct 1918; item: “The following subscriptions for the Fourth Liberty Loan bonds by the Motive Power Employees at Watsonville Junction: \$150: W. Boskovitch; \$100: J. Trinojstich.”

EP; 4 Oct 1918; item: “Kosmos Godspodnetich of Salinas, who has been closing up a deal for the Sanborn ranch in this valley, returned home this morning.”

EP; 5 Oct 1918; item: “[Liberty loan subscriptions]... Subscriptions by nationalities: Chinese, \$400; Japanese, \$1,200; Portuguese, \$10,250; Slavonian, \$65,460; Danish-American, \$12,500; British-American, \$7,400; Canadian-American, \$3,100; German-American, \$9,350; Spanish-American, \$300; Holland-American, \$750; Swiss-American, \$450; Mexican-American, \$150; Greek American, \$1,550; Swedish-American, \$1,100; Italian-American, \$2,450; French-American, \$1,000; American, \$35,300...

“\$2,000: M. L. Kalich & Co.; \$1,000: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alaga, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alaga; \$500: George R. Bubresko; \$300: Kosmos Gospodnetich; \$200: Mr. and Mrs. John J. Stanovich; \$100: John Gospodnetich, Dan Prodenovich; \$50: Blas Borovinich, J. B. Ciorich, M. B. Ciorich, Peter Dragich, Thomas Kasovich, Marin Lakesovich, Mitchell Miladin, Paul G. Miladin, Jacob Mihlinich, Nick Prokurica, Peter Radin, Milos Radokovich, Peter Radonich, Sano Spaich, Alfred Zelan.”

EP; 5 Oct 1918; obit: “Funeral services for Mrs. N. P. Stolich were held from the house of her parents on West Lake avenue this morning at 9:30, followed by the celebration of high mass at St. Patrick’s church. Interment took place at the Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were: Cath [sic] Stolick [Stolich], George Copriviza, Mike Stolich, Peter Gospodnetich, L. S. Bachan, and S. M. Kissich.”

EP; 5 Oct 1918; UL: John Castropelli, Sparrow [Spiro] Marovich.

EP; 7 Oct 1918; obit: “Chris Rilovich, the 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rilovich died last Saturday afternoon...after an illness of six months. He was born in Watsonville, and is survived by his mother and father, a

brother, Martin, and three sisters, Marie, Mary and Annie. The funeral was held from the family residence, 159 West Lake avenue, this morning...and interment was made in the Valley cemetery.

“The pallbearers were: E. B. Rilovich, A. B. Rilovich, Nick Copriviza, A. Brantolich, Andrew Bendich [Bendis], John Zukovicich.”

EP; 7 Oct 1918; item: “[Liberty bond drive] \$150: ...Stephen Scurich. \$100: John Dragich, Mr. and Mrs. L. Farlin, Marko Skulich; \$50: Milovan Andgelich, John Glage, Louis Novak, Stephen Scurich, Jr, Veljko Vulich.

“\$150: Lucia Scurich. \$100: Ruth Scurich, Anna Scurich.”

EP; 7 Oct 1918; obit: “At Watsonville, Oct. 5, 1918, Chris Rilovich, aged 19 years, a native of Watsonville.”

EP; 7 Oct 1918; item: “‘The Community Sing’ yesterday afternoon was one of the most successful affairs ever held in this city. It was surprisingly successful, not alone from the immense crowd it drew, but the way that the singers responded to the invitation, and the wholeheartedness they threw into their efforts. The weather was well nigh perfect—in fact an ideal day and the plaza, in which the exercises were held never looked prettier. We little realize what that little beauty spot means to this city...

“The affair was brought to a happy close by a stirring address from District Attorney Geo. W. Smith, of Santa Cruz, who happening to be present, was asked to say a few words on behalf of the liberty bonds, and delivered one of the best twenty-minute speeches heard in this city, for a long time.

“Mr. Smith was in excellent form and was thoroughly en rapport with his subject.”

EP; 8 Oct 1918; item: “The [Liberty bond] subscriptions received yesterday were: \$4000: Austrian-American Benevolent Society; \$2000: Rilovich & Sresovich Co; \$100: Paul Klimovich, Mitar Gredo, M. M. Derganc; \$50: Tony Avancina, Nikola Acernovich [Acimovich], Luke Arbanas, Simo Bukrich, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bilicich, Nick Cholovich, Frank Francisich [Franusich] and wife, Louis P. Miloslovich, Joseph Radonich, Sam Spremo, Peter Sambrailo, Simo Vukovich.

“Women: \$50: Nellie Puhiera.”

EP; 8 Oct 1918; item: “ERRORS IN NAMES CORRECTED...Nick Colendich, a \$50 subscriber, was given as Nick Cole. Nikola Acemovich [Acimovich], a \$50 subscriber, was given as Nikola Acernovich.”

EP; 8 Oct 1918; item: “JOVO ARKOVICH CHARGED WITH DISTURBING THE PEACE. Luke Scurich swore out a warrant this afternoon for Jovo Arkovich [Markovich] charging that he disturbed the peace in that he

abused and threatened a committee of Liberty Loan workers that called upon him with a request that he purchase bonds. The committee was composed of Luke Scurich, R. Chokovich [Chukovich] and E. B. Rilovich, and the altercation occurred at the Geo. Webber place.”

EP; 8 Oct 1918; card of thanks: “The undersigned [take] this method of returning their heartfelt and grateful thanks and acknowledgments to friends, acquaintances and the community in general for the sympathy, kindnesses, and many courtesies shown us in our recent bereavement, the death of Mrs. Nick Stolich; especially do we desire to acknowledge the many floral tributes sent, and return thanks for same to the donors, among whom were the two societies to whom deceased belonged, viz: the U.P.E.C. and the S.S.L. societies who both were very kind to us.

“MR. NICK STOLICH and children, MR. and MRS. JOHN BALOVICH, MR. and MRS. T. M. KISSICH.”

EP; 8 Oct 1918; item: “Tony Balarin and John Pausich vs. Peter Radonich—Summons.”

EP; 8 Oct 1918; item: “Andrew Balich to Steve Knego and Bozo Miljas—40.951 acres, Corralitos.”

EP; 9 Oct 1918; item: “[Liberty bond] Subscriptions by nationalities to date: Chinese, \$400; Japanese, \$1,650; Portuguese-American, \$13,450; Slavonian-American, \$79,250; British-American, \$8,550; Canadian-American, \$7,900; Danish-American, \$14,250; French-American, \$1,000; German-American, \$9,750; Holland-American, \$750; Mexican-American, \$150; Swedish-American, \$1,200; Spanish-American, \$1,250; Swiss-American, \$650; Grecian-American, \$1,550; Italian-American, \$4,500; Norwegian-American, \$250; American, \$345,700; Total, \$492,200.

“In the Slavonian total given above is not included the subscription turned in by the committee October 8, owing to the absence of the chairman of the committee. Same will be announced on his return.

“Yesterday’s subscriptions follow: \$250: Luke Pulich; \$150: P. Capitanich Company; \$50: John P. Borba.”

EP; 9 Oct 1918; item: “John Markovich plead guilty to disturbing the peace yesterday and was fined \$50 by Judge Hawkins, which he paid, and also subscribed for a \$200 Liberty Bond. Markovich was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Luke Scurich, of the Liberty Loan soliciting committee, for insulting the committee. We understand that Markovich’s conduct will be reported to the department of Justice.”

EP; 9 Oct 1918; item: “Miss Mamie Smith has received her call to the service as a nurse. She will be stationed at Camp Fremont for the present.”

EP; 9 Oct 1918; class. ad: "WANTED—Box makers. Highest price paid. 40,000 boxes to make. Apply to E. B. LETTUNICH, packing house on Third Street."

EP; 10 Oct 1918; article: "Vlaho Banovac was arrested by Constable Mann today on a charge of disturbing the peace of District Attorney Geo. W. Smith. The information was sworn to by Fred Howe, of the American Protective League. Banovac was brought before Judge Hawkins this afternoon...and refused to plead. Luke Scurich acted as interpreter and after much explaining made the prisoner realize his condition. His appearance bond was placed at \$200 cash or \$400 bail bond and he was remanded to the custody of Constable Mann until the bail was produced. After a long conversation in the Slavonic language with Luke Scurich, in which George Smith (says Mr. Scurich) gave him the best lecture on Americanism he ever heard, Banovac changed his mind and decided to plead guilty. The time for sentence was set for 3:30 and upon the consent of District Attorney Smith he was allowed to go on his own recognizance until that time.

"This was an especially flagrant case and Banovac had insulted other solicitors and refused to buy bonds although he was well able to do so. He seems to be the ring leader of a bunch of pro-Austrians who have been making things unpleasant in the community for some time past. The particular offense on which he was arrested was interference with Attorney Smith when he was selling bonds. Banovac's brother had agreed to sign up for some bonds with Mr. Smith when Banovac shouted to him in Slavonic not to sign for the bonds and added some insulting remarks. District Attorney Smith will ask for a penalty of not less than a \$300 fine."

EP; 10 Oct 1918; item: "Yesterday's [Liberty bond] Subscriptions: \$200: J. Markovich; \$100: Lazar Brubesco, Martin Knego, Antone Jercich, George I. Markovich, Mujo & Kukuliza; \$50: Nick M. Bokariza, Mike Chuckovich, John Dujomonich [Dujmovich], Peter Gurash, Bozo Kelak, Antone Kralj, Nick J. Lucich, Kosto Petkovich, J. J. Simunovich, Todor E. Skulich, John C. Thomasich."

EP; 10 Oct 1918; obit: "Peter Ugnania, a Serbian, who was at the county hospital, where he was sent from Watsonville, died yesterday. He was 38 years old."

EP; 10 Oct 1918; item: "SPANISH INFLUENZA. The medicos announce that the Spanish influenza is merely the old-fashioned, well-known 'grippe,' a little more ugly than ordinarily.

"The information is comforting, because mighty few of us haven't at one time or another, had a 'touch of the grippe' and become posted on how to handle it.

"The program for the prevention is simple—avoid crowds, beware of taking a cold, and don't get 'scared.'

"The 'grippe' becomes epidemic solely because part of the people don't live sensibly."

EP; 10 Oct 1918; item: "[Liberty bond] Subscriptions by Nationalities: Chinese, \$400; Japanese, \$2,050; Portuguese-American, \$13,550; Slavonian-American, \$80,550; British-American, \$8,800; Canadian-American, \$7,960; Danish-American, \$16,650; French-American, \$1,000; German-American, \$10,050; Holland-American, \$750; Mexican-American, \$150; Swedish-American, \$1,200; Spanish-American, \$1,250; Swiss-American, \$850; American, \$356,850."

EP; 10 Oct 1918; article: "When Luke Scurich returned from Oakland yesterday he made a statement concerning the Markovich incident, noted in this paper in the last two days.

"J. S. Martin, a worker in the Railroad district, was the first salesman to call on certain Slavs, in that district, and he found them anything but eager to help out the Liberty loan committee and it was decided to send a Jugo-Slav committee to call on them. Markovich being one of the parties indifferent.

"This committee, consisting of Jack Diklich, John Hrepich, and Antone Bukich, also attempted to get subscriptions from Markovich and a number of the Slavs but they found there was nothing doing.

"Then it was that Mr. Scurich, E. B. Rilovich and R. S. Chuckovich were detailed to go after them, they being among the most successful of the Liberty bond salesmen.

"When they reached the Webber place where Markovich was employed, they found him picking apples. Mr. Scurich introduced himself and the other members and asked Markovich how many bonds he was going to take.

"The man immediately became evasive. When asked to give his name as the instructions of the salesman provide, he refused to make any reply. Finally he said there were two [several illegible words here] he was going to town to make subscriptions through a bank. When asked which bank he told Mr. Scurich that it was none of his business.

"Here Mr. Webber told him that he knew he was not going to town, that he did not want to lose a day from picking apples and that he had better take a bond with the committee.

"I won't subscribe anything from that 'Austro-Hungarian.' Markovich said, in an insulting way as he started to walk away.

"I am not an Austrian, a Serbian or a Jugo-Slav.' Mr. Scurich said. 'Any man who calls me an Austrian, a Serbian or a Jugo-Slav is a liar. I am an American citizen.'

"Take your glasses off and I will fight you,' Markovich replied with profanity.

"Mr. Scurich took his glasses off and said; 'Come ahead, I won't take anything back I have said.'

"Markovich then started for Mr. Scurich, but Messrs.

Rilovich and Chucovich took hold of him saying to Mr. Scurich, ‘Don’t fight,’ but the latter replied, ‘Let him come ahead. If he wants to fight, I am ready for him.’

“‘I’ll see you in town,’ said Markovich with more profanity. ‘I won’t forget this and I will get you some day on Main street.’

“Markovich was still breathing his threats of vengeance when the committee left. On reaching town, after telling Mr. Gardner of what had happened, Mr. Scurich was advised to get out a warrant for Markovich’s arrest in order to make an example of him for other loan slackers.

“That the case was disposed of during his absence came as a big surprise to Mr. Scurich on his return here yesterday as he had advised the court that he would be out of town for the rest of the day.

“The Register this morning says:

“‘Mr. Markovich, it is reported, was bragging around town yesterday that he had paid his fine with regrets as he would have been glad to have spent a year in the county jail if he had only knocked Steve Scurich’s teeth out.’ [*Steve? further above it was Luke*]

“If Markovich has uttered such sentiments, the sooner he cuts out such conduct the better. The people won’t stand for it.”

EP; 11 Oct 1918; item: “Vlaho Banovac, who plead guilty yesterday to a charge of disturbing the peace by interfering with Liberty Loan bond salesmen, was fined \$150 by Justice A. B. Hawkins with the alternative of ninety days in jail. He paid the fine and was released, but that will not end the matter unless he goes pretty straight in the future. He was given a strong talk upon his offense by Justice Hawkins. That in obstructing the work of the bond salesmen he did something that was indefensible. That there was no reason for him holding a grudge against the committee or the bond salesmen as they were doing their duty under the law and that if he, Banovac, could not abide by the laws of the country the sooner he got out the better it would be. It took Banovac but a short time to decide to pay the fine.

“It is rumored that there is a bunch of pro-Austrians, in this community, who while they sympathize with and uphold Austria, none of them have so far offered to go across and fight for her. They uphold her in their language and think that in so doing they were getting by unobserved, but they are mistaken. The secret service men have been here and have been among them and listened to their talk. It was thought that they would have been hauled up for some of their disloyal utterances but it was decided to wait a while and see if they would not discover the error of their ways and appreciate the benefits of living under America’s free government enough to cut out the treasonable stuff. But recent developments tend to show that they are a dangerous bunch of enemy aliens and if they do not curb their enemy inclinations they will not remain long in the valley. An example should be made of them to discourage such actions.”

EP; 11 Oct 1918; item: “[Liberty loan subscriptions] \$2500: Martin Lettunich; \$1000: Scurich & Jerinich. \$500: N. R. Sasilo & Co., additional, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Pista; \$100: Andro Bendish, Steve Miloslavich; \$50: Bozo Boskovich, Ben Barovich, Andro Bronson [Bronzan], Joe Banovac & Co, J. D. Herceg, John Jurovich, John S. Kralj, Steve Lozincich, Peter Milat, Tony Milat, George Pekoch, Barney Radovich, Mike Scurich, George Spajich, Tony Subasich, Geo. Sorich, Ned J. Soljack, Yubo Urjevich, John Zeco.”

EP; 12 Oct 1918; item: “Needless alarm over an expected visit of Spanish influenza was decried yesterday by Dr. F. J. Koepke, the local health officer, who said that the proper measures to combat the disease would be taken as soon as they became necessary.

“Up to the present, no clearly established cases of the disease have been discovered here, Dr. Koepke said, although it is not to be expected that the city will entirely escape its visitation.

“At the same time, the worst thing that could happen would be for a great scare to grip the people. It would greatly increase the difficulties of properly handling the situation.

“Dr. Koepke stated that he had received from the State Board of Health some instructions to be issued to the people. The most important were:

“If you have a cold or are sneezing, you must stay at home. This is a measure of commonsense for yourself, your neighbors and your community.

“Don’t spread wild rumors about the influenza.

“If you think you have it or some one else has it, report it to a physician.

“Dr. Koepke said the City Health Board had discussed the matter of closing the schools, churches and theatres, but had decided that it was unnecessary for the present.”

EP; 12 Oct 1918; item: “The list of yesterday’s [Liberty loan] subscribers follows: \$1000: Peter M. Resetar, additional. \$500: Saulovich Bros; \$100: Mrs. Ned Gluhan, S. Hrepich, Anton Jono [Jano], Mr. and Mrs. Nick Matiasevich, Nick Vojvoda; \$50: N. P. Butriza, John Butriza, Tony Beljan, Louis Banovich, Tom Boskovich, Peter Cerncovich, John Gikovich, Peter Gera, Mitchell Ilcovich, Ivo Kalinich, Petar Kosovac, Spiro Krzich, Lorenzo N. Uutich [Lutich], John Lucich, Nick Mordjin, Peter Mordjin, Jack and John Mustanich, Elija Malatovich, Luka Moretich, Petar G. Oblizalo, Nick Pajitak [Paljetak], Steve Radich, Tony Radovich, Steve Relja, Nick Salatich, Paul Sacich, John Vukalovich [prob. Vukasovich].”

EP; 12 Oct 1918; disp. ad: “BUY A CARTON. The missus will be Pleased when she sees the brighter, whiter light of these SUNBEAM MAZDA LAMPS. National Quality For sale at CENTRAL ELECTRIC CO., P. V. Bank Block. Phone 209-J”

EP; 12 Oct 1918; born: "In Watsonville, Oct. 18, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. George Dragoo, a son." [*Slav?*]

EP; 14 Oct 1918; item: "The third fire, in the last three years, in the Cooper building, corner of Stoesser alley and West Third street, occurred last evening, about nine o'clock, and the alarm drew out an immense crowd. When the fire was discovered the cooking range in the kitchen of the Third Street Restaurant, which had been left by the employees for the night, with a big coal fire in it was red hot. The fire, however, did not start from the range. It caught from a gunny sack that had been used to wipe off the top of the range and had been carelessly thrown on a pile of coal against the middle wall. There evidently was some fire in this sack when it was thrown down and the fire started there, firing the pile of coal and eating into the wall which had no stops between the first and second floors and the fire went up it like it would a chimney..."

"The loss to the A. Stolich & Company, proprietors of the Third Street Restaurant will probably be between \$500 and \$700 and is covered by insurance written through the agency of McSherry & Hudson. Mr. Stolich will clean up and re-open their place of business as soon as possible."

EP; 14 Oct 1918; item: "Saturday's [Liberty loan] subscriptions were as follows: \$500: Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Scurich; \$100: Thomas Perarvich; \$50: Paul Arbanas [Arbanas], Billy Churich, Stephen Grizich, Geo. Ivancovich, J. L. Ivancovich, Luke Ivancovich, Luke Lucich, Stephen Nemanich, Andrew Povlovich [Pavlovich]."

EP; 15 Oct 1918; item: "[Liberty loan subscriptions] \$100: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kulich, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Knego; \$50: John Alaga, John Gageo, Tom Gasich, Jovo Gredo, Antony Kostovich, Joe Kalich, Nick Matulich, J. Marinovich."

EP; 16 Oct 1918; item: "...Yesterday's Subscriptions. Men: \$50: C. J. Lekavica, John Veger [Vegar]."

EP; 16 Oct 1918; item: "Miss Mamie Smith, the well known nurse, is under quarantine at Camp Fremont for Spanish influenza. She is getting along nicely however and does not appear to be in danger."

EP; 16 Oct 1918; mar. license: "Edward C. Vierra, aged 36, of Moss Landing, a native of California, and Florence V. Zar, aged 23, of Watsonville, a native of California."

EP; 16 Oct 1918; married: "In Santa Cruz, Oct. 15, 1918, by Justice C. C. Houck, Edward C. Vierra of Moss Landing and Florence V. Zar of Watsonville."

EP; 17 Oct 1918; item: "[Liberty loan] Honor Roll for

October 16, 1918. \$100: Vlaho Banovac, Martin Grizich."

EP; 17 Oct 1918; item: "John Strazicich, son of Mrs. N. Banicevich of this city, has joined the students' army training corps at St. Ignatius College in San Francisco."

EP; 17 Oct 1918; item: "Says last evening's Santa Cruz News:

"The local exemption board is much pleased at the receipt of a ruling from Adj. General Borree through which the board may now classify aliens who are Czechs or Jugo-Slavs as Americans are classified, thus permitting these patriotic allies of the fighters for democracy to be inducted into Uncle Sam's national army.

"There are already in this county forty of these selectives born in Austria and therefore classed as aliens who have waived all claims to deferred classification and have been patiently waiting for the ruling that would permit them a chance to fight the kaiser and his hordes.

"Mr. Borree's letter to the board on the point reads as follows:

"In every instance determine the race to which a registrant belongs and if he happens to be a Czech or Jugo-Slav give him a classification which he would be entitled to if he had not been so unfortunate as to have been born under the flag of Austria.["]

"The exemption board is now very busy mailing out cards to the registrants showing their classification and order of liability for military service."

EP; 18 Oct 1918; item: "The list of [Liberty loan] subscriptions reported yesterday include: Men: \$500: John Scurich; \$250: George Hrepich, Edward B. Lettunich, Jr., George A. Lettunich, John M. Lukrich; \$100: John Gospondnetich, George Kusanovich, Nick P. Stolich, John E. Stocko [Skocko]; \$50: Jno. Bozich, J. Budesa, Mato Buljan, Mike Bozdan, S. S. Dedo, George Gugulj, Tony Gospodnetich, J. Kusanovich, Ilija Lucich, Marjan Budera, William Mratovich, Charles Matkovich, T. Pocekaj, Mat Rabak, John Skobl, Pete Sprto, Crist Sopich, John C. Palovich.

"Women: \$250: Anna Estelle Lettunich; \$50: Mrs. Mary Skocko."

EP; 18 Oct 1918; item: "T. M. Kissich vs. George Goldendish [Colendich]—Undertaking on part of defendant, on arrest; summons; order for arrest."

EP; 19 Oct 1918; born: "In Watsonville, October 16, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Borina, a daughter." [*Mary Ann; +1991; married Radovich; see next Fig.*]

EP; 19 Oct 1918; item: "John N. Alaga, a Watsonville apple packer and shipper, Thursday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the Federal District Court. Debts are listed at \$7767.21 and assets at \$50—Chronicle."

Fig. 36. Mary Ann Borina.



EP; 19 Oct 1918; item: “[Liberty bond] Honor Roll for Oct. 18, 1918...

“Men: \$250: Martin J. and Peter Lettunich; \$150: Martin Grizich, additional; \$100: Tom P. Jakasovich, John Miljanich; \$50: John Dubreta, Louis Farland [Farlin], George Forenich [Forencich], John Goich, Jack Hrepich, George Hrepich, J. A. Irelich [Ivelich], John Ivancovich, Peter Inelich [Ivelich], Joe Kulish, Antone Lukrich, Frank Mohorovicich, Marko Mazan, Frank Matulich, Pete Novacovich, John Obradovich, John Previsich, Andro Rodich [Radich], Dan Saganovich, Paul Vedacich, Kasto Vidacich, Vlasich Brothers, Peter Zuvich.

“Women: \$50: Ladies of the Slavno Scre Isucovo Society.

“Additional subscriptions by the car department at Watsonville Junction: L. Ivanovich, A. P. Bakish [Bakich]: \$50.”

EP; 19 Oct 1918; UL: Nick Boscovich, Joe Dugandijich, John Grubisich.

EP; 19 Oct 1918; item: “George Copriviza et al. vs. John L. Alaga.”

EP; 21 Oct 1918; obit: “At Watsonville, Cal., Oct. 20, 1918, Mrs. Johanna Mary Balovich, beloved wife of John Balovich, and mother of Mrs. T. M. Kissich, a native of Australia, aged 49 years, 7 months and 3 days.

“(…[T]he funeral…will take place from the family residence, No. 113 West Lake Avenue…)”

EP; 21 Oct 1918; item: “(By United Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21—Restaurants and dining rooms throughout the country today went under strict food-saving regulations.

“Simultaneously the United States Food Administration announced that these regulations will be enforced to the letter.

“Following is the summary of new rules:

“Restaurants must NOT:

“Serve bread or other bakery products which does not contain at least 20 per cent flour substitutes.

“Serve bread or toast as garnishing or under meat.

“Put bread on the table until after the first course is served.

“Serve more than one kind of meat to one patron.

“Serve bacon as a garnisher.

“Serve more than ½ ounce of butter to one person at one meal.

“Serve more than ½ ounce of American cheese to one person at one meal.

“Serve sugar in a bowl or give any body more than a teaspoonful at one meal.

“Use more than two pounds of sugar for every 90 meals served.

“Burn any food.

“Display food where it may rot or deteriorate in quality.

“Serve double cream, or cream deluxe.”

EP; 21 Oct 1918; item: “[Liberty bond] Honor Roll for Oct. 19, 1918...

“MEN: \$500: M. N. Lettunich, additional; \$350: Mitchell Korich; \$250: Frank F. Farlin; \$150: Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Capitanich; \$100: Croatian B.S. Sloga, John J. Glegj, Bazo Glege, Louis Kusalich, Bozo Kosavac, George Staka, Paul Zivanovich; \$50: Mitchell Arbanas, Peter Beljan, Nick Copriviza, Anton Churich, Stephen Drmic, Milos Durakovich, Paul F. Hrepich, Mate Kolich, Mile Kirlish, John Kesovich [Kesovia] Maleta, Mike Knezovich, Page Nickpavlovich, Tony Radich, Franjo Vidakovic.

“WOMEN: \$100: Pauline V. Lettunich, Mary Elizabeth Stoesser.”

EP; 21 Oct 1918; article: “The Spanish influenza epidemic is touching Watsonville and the surrounding country very lightly, and while there are numerous cases of the disease here none have been reported dangerous so far and all are responding promptly to treatment. The people here have kept their heads and take precautionary measures which goes a long way in keeping out the epidemic. In many instances in the large cities fear is causing nine-tenths of the deaths. Where people stampede and let fear clutch their hearts the danger is much greater. In calling on the doctors today we found them all cheerful and optimistic. They all find the cases light here and none of them dangerous.

“Dr. E. Lee Burch says that he has called upon twenty-five or thirty cases, all of them light, and responding promptly to treatment where the patients follow instructions. He says that the mild climate here is ideal and eliminates a great deal of the danger. The greatest danger is from the patient getting out of bed too soon. He says they should stay in bed three days after they first feel well, so as to give the heart and lungs time to gain strength and resist a possible attack of pneumonia. They will thus avoid complications.

“Dr. Liles has four or five cases of influenza, and two cases of pneumonia. He states that none of them are dangerously ill and that they are progressing nicely. He has numerous cases of colds that taken in time prevents the development into influenza. He has no dangerous cases of any kind.

“Dr. S. C. Rogers has about twenty cases of influenza, a number of which are serious, but not necessarily dan-

gerous. He has one case of pneumonia. The greater part of his cases are across the river in the Pajaro section.

"Dr. Easterday has no cases of Spanish influenza. He has a number of colds, but none of them would come under the head of influenza."

EP; 21 Oct 1918; obit: "Mrs. Johanna Mary Balovich, a well-known and highly respected resident of this city, passed away at her home No. 113 West Lake avenue, yesterday.

"The announcement of Mrs. Balovich's death will occasion general surprise and regret, as it was not generally known that she was so ill. She was a very fine woman, and possessed scores of friends.

"Deceased was a native of South Island, New Zealand, and aged 49 years, 7 months and 3 days. She came to this country, with her husband some twenty-six years ago, and has been living here for about twenty-five years.

"She was the mother of the late Mrs. N. P. Stolich, who passed away a few weeks ago, and it is thought that the death of this loved daughter had much to do with her fatal illness from a stroke of paralysis, which she suffered last Tuesday noon. She never regained consciousness from the shock.

"She was a devoted Catholic and a loving wife and mother. She is survived by her husband, John Balovich; one daughter, Mrs. T. M. Kissich of this city, a brother, Mr. P. Kiely, of San Francisco, and her father in New Zealand..."

EP; 21 Oct 1918; item: "Andy Strazicich, the Walker street grocer, carries many tasty delicacies for your table. Read his ad on page two."

EP; 21 Oct 1918; disp. ad:

**Tasty Delicacies
for your table**

Pickles, ketchup, sauces, horseradish, cavier and all other spicy things that add to the pleasantness of your meals—we have them all. Build up your appetite, and you will build up your health. If you do not relish your food it will do you no good.

A. STRAZICICH

Cor. Walker and W. Lake Ave.
Phone 63

EP; 21 Oct 1918; item: "This forenoon a wagon loaded ten boxes of apples high, driven by John Sapro, capsized on the road coming into town from the Pista orchard. Mr. Sapro and his little son, who was occupying the wagon seat with him, were thrown violently to the ground. Sapro escaped with a few bruises, but the youngster got an ugly cut 'neath his chin."

EP; 21 Oct 1918; obit: "At Watsonville, Cal., Oct. 20, 1918, Mrs. Johanna Mary Balovich, beloved wife of John

Balovich and mother of Mrs. T. M. Kissich, a native of Australia, aged 49 years, 7 months and 3 days..."

EP; 23 Oct 1918; obit: "The funeral of the late Mrs. John Balovich was held this morning. After a requiem high mass at St. Patrick's church, the body was interred in the Catholic cemetery. A large concourse of friends and acquaintances attended the funeral. The pallbearers were John Hrepich, Frank Matulich, Kosmo Gospodnetich, George Balovich of San Mateo, Vincent Matulich of Hollister, and John Arnerich of Oakland."

EP; 23 Oct 1918; item: "A scrap on lower Main street, last evening, between Joe Matulich and Nick Guttinich [Gutunich], resulted in Matulich being arrested by Officer Harry Moon and he put up bail in the sum of \$25 to answer the charge of disturbing the peace this morning. What the row was about no one seemingly knows, but the police force is justly indignant that they dared to stage a scrap directly opposite police headquarters. Matulich forfeited his bail."

EP; 23 Oct 1918; item: "News has been received here of the death of Albert A. Larkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Larkin, of San Francisco, in San Francisco, last Tuesday, after a short illness of several weeks. His death was caused by pneumonia and kidney trouble.

"Deceased was born and raised in the Pajaro valley. He had been employed by the Southern Pacific Co., in San Francisco, for the past two years. He was a most estimable young man, and his death is greatly mourned, by his parents, brothers and sisters, and all who knew him. Besides his parents he leaves the following brothers: Thomas, James Jr., and Vincent, all of San Francisco, and Leo and Alfonso, who are now fighting in France. Also the following sisters: Miss Mary C., Sister Alex, of the Sisters of Charity, in Indiana; Helen, of Los Angeles; Bertha and Cecelia, Mrs. J. Mustanich, Mrs. P. Capatanich, and Mrs. L. G. Bachan of Watsonville.

"The funeral took place yesterday, at 5:00 p.m. from his late residence, No. 1324 Alabama street, San Francisco, and the interment took place at Holy Cross cemetery. The pallbearers were Dan Bennett, Thos. Grady, George Peterson, John Mustanich and George Belmont."

EP; 24 Oct 1918; item: "[Liberty bond] Honor roll for Oct. 20 to 23: MEN: \$100: Emile H. Strazicich; \$50: Joe Chondak, Anton Brantovich [prob. Brautovich]."

EP; 25 Oct 1918; obit: "In Watsonville, Oct. 24, 1918, Mitchell Obujen, aged 5 years and four months, beloved son of George and Anna Obujen.

"(...[T]he funeral...will be held from the family home at 32 Carr street, Saturday, October 26...)"

EP; 25 Oct 1918; card of thanks: "The undersigned takes

this method of returning their heartfelt thanks to friends, acquaintances, and the community in general, for the sympathy and many kindnesses and courtesies shown us in our recent bereavement, the death of our loved wife and mother, Mrs. John Balovich, and especially do we return thanks to the members of the U.P.P.E.C. for sympathy shown.

“JOHN BALOVICH, MR. AND MRS. T. M. KIS-SICH, N. P. STOLICH.”

EP; 26 Oct 1918; UL: John Joich.

EP; 26 Oct 1918; item: “A coroner’s jury summoned by Coroner G. S. Easterday, yesterday afternoon to hold an inquest over the remains of little Mitchell Obujen, who died Thursday as the result of being run over by the trailer of a fruit wagon driven by Mr. Gospodnetich, rendered a verdict that the child came to his death from accidental causes.

“According to the testimony Mitchell was playing with his sister, who was a few years older, and Alden Jeter who lives in the neighborhood, and when the wagon driven by Mr. Gospodnetich passed he ran and climbed on the trailer with the evident purpose of getting a ride. The other children were a little confused as to just what happened until they heard him cry out and saw the trailer wheels pass over him.

“The jury exonerated Mr. Gospodnetich of all blame in the matter as it was shown that he did not know of the accident until some time afterward, not having heard any outcry or noticed anything unusual.

“In addition to the two children, Messrs. Gospodnetich and Rooney, and the boy’s father were also witnesses...”

EP; 28 Oct 1918; obit: “Louis N. Rosovich, a native of Austria, but a resident of the Pajaro valley for a number of years, passed away at his home on the San Juan road Saturday evening about 10 o’clock as a result of an attack of pneumonia. He had been ill for only a few days.

“Mr. Rosovich was 47 years of age. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna Rosovich, and three children, Stella, aged 7; Pauline, aged 5; and Mary, aged 3. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Stella Borkovich and Mrs. Pauline Fiorvich of this city, and Mrs. Anna Jovica of Butte, Mont.

“He was a member of the Foresters of America and prominent in local Slavonian circles. The sympathy of many friends will be extended to the sorrowing family.

“The funeral of Louis Rosovich took place...this morning from the Catholic church. Interment was at Valley Cemetery. The pall-bearers were B. Bogisich, G. Copriviza, S. T. Marinovich, A. Stolich, L. P. Zukich, and Luke Scurich.”

EP; 28 Oct 1918; obit: “On the San Juan road, October 26, 1918, Louis N. Rosovich, beloved husband of Anna

Rosovich and affectionate father of Stella, Pauline, and Mary Rosovich, a native of Austria, aged 47 years.”

EP; 28 Oct 1918; text ad: “**Why George W. Smith should be elected to the Assembly.**

“First—He will support and urge every measure necessary for the winning of the war.

“Second—He will continue to fight the I.W.W. and other traitors with the same energy that he has as District Attorney of this County.

“Third—He believes in freedom of religion, and is opposed to bigotry in whatever form it may be.

“Fourth—He believes that the necessity for economy and efficiency in state and local governments never was more apparent than at this time. Will endeavor to ascertain why the cost of government in this state has increased from \$9,776,729.05 in 1902 to \$45,040,002.67 in 1917, and try to eliminate all non-essentials in the matter of government whether the same be commissions or individuals.

“Fifth—He believes that the Fish and Game of the state belong to the people and that the present Fish and Game laws need thorough revision to the end that the people may have that which is theirs.

“Sixth—He believes that a member of the legislature is a representative of the majority, and will carry out the will of the majority of his constituents whenever that constituency has expressed itself at the polls, in accordance with law. This applied to all amendments on the November ballot.

“Seventh—He has never shirked a duty as a public official, and is qualified to properly represent this county.

“ELECT HIM ON TUESDAY NOV. 5th”

EP; 28 Oct 1918; item: “**Observe These Instructions.** If you become ill, go to bed in a well ventilated room (open windows) and stay there, or the poison generated by the Influenza virus will weaken the body resistance and induce serious complications, chiefly pneumonia. Be sure that there is enough bed clothing to keep you warm. Partake of nourishing food such as milk, egg and milk, or egg and broth every four hours. Keep bowels open with Epsom Salts or Phosphate of Soda. Permit no one else to sleep in your room and see that your attendant observes strictly the rules for nurses and attendants. Call a physician and stay in bed until he tells you it is safe to get up.”

EP; 29 Oct 1918; item: “Describing the proposed health insurance amendment to be voted upon by the voters of the state at the general election next month as ‘another form of Prussianism,’ District Attorney George W. Smith, who is a candidate for the Assembly from this county, stated yesterday that he is opposed to it and every other unreasonable form of legislation that will tend to add one cent of expense to the State government.

“Mr. Smith made public his platform yesterday. It contains pledges to work hard in the interest of state econo-

my, reorganization of the state fish and game commission, compliance with the will of the majority in the district in connection with the amendments to be voted upon at the general election, and a promise to fight all the traitorous elements in our citizenship with the same vigor that he had shown as District Attorney.

“Mr. Smith has been a fearless prosecutor of those violating liquor laws in this county ever since holding office and has done more in that way than many of his critics.”

EP; 30 Oct 1918; item: “District Attorney Smith is in receipt of a communication from Professor M. I. Pupin, head of the department of physics and research of Columbia University and President of the New York Academy of Science and the foremost Jugo-Slav advocate in the United States thanking our district attorney for his efforts on behalf of the Jugo-Slav movement in California.

“Mr. Smith stated that this vital movement toward the proper ending of the world war virtually and effectively originated in Watsonville over fourteen years ago, and that this county has played more than a passive part in the commencement and ending of the war.

“The establishment of the Chzecho-Slovak and Jugo-Slav divisions is the end of Prussianism, according to Mr. Smith.”

EP; 31 Oct 1918; class. ad: “WANTED—Ladies to sort apples, highest prices paid. Apply to RESETAR BROS. Walker Street.”

EP; 31 Oct 1918; class. ad: “WANTED—Apple sorters; highest wages paid. Apply to E. B. LETTUNICH’S Packing House, W. Third.”

EP; 31 Oct 1918; class. ad: “WANTED TO BUY—Scraps of old gold and silver, wanted badly. This need permits me to pay highest prices. A. J. VISCOVICH, Jeweler, 261 Main St., opposite City Hall.”

EP; 2 Nov 1918; notice: “INFLUENZA NOTICE. The undersigned, County Health Officer of the County of Santa Cruz, hereby directs and requires that all persons within his jurisdiction, to-wit: All of the County of Santa Cruz outside of the incorporated cities of Watsonville and Santa Cruz, be and they are hereby required to wear the required influenza gauze mask.

“Failure to wear such mask will be the grounds for arrest and prosecution.

“Dated: November 1st, 1918.

“W. H. Keck, M.D., Health Officer of the County of Santa Cruz.

“Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sustain the Health Officer in his acts in the above premises.

“George W. Smith, District Attorney of the County of Santa Cruz.”

EP; 2 Nov 1918; letter: “We have arrived at the close of the campaign of 1918, and practically at the end of my administration as your District Attorney, and I would be ungrateful indeed if I did not take some means of showing my appreciation to you for the support that you have given me as your prosecutor and the kind consideration extended me in my aspirations to represent you in the Legislature of this State.

“To have been the District Attorney of this great county during the greatest war of all time, is an honor that has fallen to the lot of but few men, and as I look back over the strenuous and often tempestuous times since April, 1917, I do so with a full consciousness that I have done all that I possibly could do for the nation.

“I claim no consideration for my war work for it was done unselfishly, and was nothing more than I should have done and nothing as compared to the men ‘over there.’

“I became a candidate for the Assembly because I felt and sincerely believed that I could serve my country best there during the serious times that are ahead of us.

“You are familiar with my qualifications and my record in the enforcement of all laws in this county.

“I will compare my record in the enforcement of the Red Light law, the gambling laws and the liquor laws with any District Attorney in the state of California.

“My opponent has conducted an honest campaign and for him I have the highest personal regard.

“However, in political campaigns it is almost impossible for one to restrain his friends, and at the eleventh hour, in order to preclude the proper reply, D. M. Gandier of San Francisco, a non-resident, non-taxpayer and non-electoral of this county, has flooded the county with circulars endeavoring to dictate to the electoral of the district how it shall vote. The circular is misleading and indirectly impugns my loyalty by inferring that I am the candidate of certain interests.

“This is untrue in whole and in fact, and I am not now nor have I ever been or ever will be handled, run or controlled by anyone, be it individual or organization, and for proof of this I submit the records of the criminal courts during my term as district attorney.

“The circular is a direct affront to the electors of this county because the county of Santa Cruz is better able to select its representative in the legislature, knowing the candidates and their qualifications, and the needs of the county, than a non-resident outsider.

“Again thanking you for your support to me in my public life, and placing my cause in your hands confidentially believing that the county will stand for fair play as it always has, I am,

“Sincerely yours, GEORGE W. SMITH, District Attorney of the County of Santa Cruz and candidate for the Assembly.”

EP; 4 Nov 1918; article: “LOCAL CITIZENS ARE

GLAD TO ENDORSE GEORGE W. SMITH FOR THE ASSEMBLY...This county has a small army of citizens who have been doing valiant service in helping win the war by their work at home. Among all of those men not one has been more active in serving, more patriotic in purpose, more effective in results, than George W. Smith, District Attorney of Santa Cruz county. He has neither shifted nor shirked any call upon him to squelch sedition and prosecute the offenders. He has been tireless in upholding all the efforts of each branch of national service. In so doing he has not considered his professional future or probable political career; he has thought only of his stricken country and of the way in which he could serve it best. He has lived and acted up to the acid test of 100 per cent Americanism. And in so doing no official duty has been neglected, no violation of the law has gone unprosecuted, no ordinance of the Board of Supervisors has been allowed to become a valueless 'scrap of paper.'

"George W. Smith is one of our 'home boys,' one of them who has made good in the broadest acceptance of the term. We were proud of him when we elected him District Attorney. We are proud of the splendid record he has made in that office. We are prouder of the record which he has made, and which we expected him to make, as a true son of the United States—as a loyal, earnest, fearless, fighting American. His time, his thought, his effort, has been in the service of his country throughout the war, here at home and all over the State of California.

"His candidacy for Assembly deserves success next Tuesday. In voting for George W. Smith for Assemblyman you will ballot for a man who has been and is with and for this country and its cause.

"If your country and its cause has an appeal to you beyond all other questions; if you believe that this war should be settled and settled our way, before taking up other and distracting issues; if you believe that constant and devoted service to this country during each hour of its two years of peril is deserving of appreciation, you will vote on tomorrow for George W. Smith for Assemblyman from Santa Cruz county.

"We endorse the candidacy of George W. Smith for the Assembly: ...O. D. Stoesser...Mateo Lettunich... Luke Scurich...M. N. Lettunich, L. P. Cikuth, A. P. Zar, Paul Milladin, A. Balich...Nicholas Alaga...[of 96]"

EP; 4 Nov 1918; item: "Steve Knego and Bozo Mijas [Miljas], local fruit buyers, have purchased the Andy Balich fruit ranch. The property consists of forty acres of full bearing apple trees about twenty years of age, being just in their prime. The price paid was \$15,000, being a strictly cash sale."

EP; 4 Nov 1918; item: "It is reported about the streets today that the city board of aldermen intend to pass an ordinance tomorrow evening making it obligatory upon the people of Watsonville to wear gauze masks on the

streets. We hope that the report is an error and that it is not the intention of the city board to smother us with those dirty, filthy, disease breeding masks. We sincerely hope not."

EP; 4 Nov 1918; item: "The remains of Mr. Valle Frank Angelich and Andro Raditch, who died at the Red Cross Hospital, have been taken to the undertaking parlors of Aston & Neil. Up to time of going to press we have been unable to get any information in regard to funeral arrangements."

EP; 4 Nov 1918; item: "A REPLY TO THE FINAL STATEMENT OF GEO. W. SMITH. The article appearing in the Pajaronian under title, A Final Statement of Geo. W. Smith, calls for this eleventh hour reply. No exception can be taken to the references of faithful services rendered as a county official. Limited space forbids my saying all I would like to say on this subject. Objections to Mr. Smith's zeal in fulfilling the duties of his office must be confined to 'those who have felt the halter draw.'

"The voters will also bear in mind the excellent public service rendered the county by C. S. Price as superintendent of our public schools. Mr. Smith's untiring efforts to foster all war measures is also conceded, and if he stood alone in this matter he might urge that, too, as a claim for the office now sought; but it will be remembered that Mr. Price has also been untiring of his efforts along the same lines; giving of his time, energies and money unstintingly as called upon from time to time.

"We must correct one error, and a mischievous one, in Mr. Smith's statement. The issues that placed Mr. Price in nomination for assemblyman were neither made in San Francisco or Germany. The people responsible are taxpayers and electors of Santa Cruz county. D. M. Gandier, non-taxpayer and non-elect, never heard of the name of Mr. Price until fully four months after he consented to be considered as a candidate for the office and then to list up Santa Cruz County with the Anti-Saloon league throughout the state. Mr. Gandier wrote to two or three representatives of the dries inquiring into the habits of Mr. Price. Is he a sober man and can he be depended on to represent at Sacramento the majority vote of the county registered at the last election as fully 800? Mr. Grandier was informed that Santa Cruz Co. could care for its own interests.

"It required two or three conferences with Mr. Price on the part of taxpayers at this and the east end of the county before his final consent was given. Then only on condition that he had the hearty support of all the temperance forces. They are solidly back of Mr. Price and can be depended on to the last man and woman to deliver that support Nov. 5th. Any support any subsequent candidate can expect for the same office must necessarily come from the anti-prohibitionists. This Mr. Smith understands and has refused to put himself on record as entertaining

individual convictions in favor of the question of national amendment, nor has he even by word or pen as far as is known, pledged himself to support the measure.

"We estimate his words at 100% and are satisfied he is not qualified to deliver at the coming session of the legislature the majority vote of Santa Cruz County. We deeply deplore the entrance of Mr. Smith at a late hour in the campaign under these conditions. He must see, as the saloon men themselves see, the handwriting on the wall. Fully 14 of the necessary 36 states have ratified; the surprise being that a number of these 14 were considered wet. The forecast is made that at the spring sessions of the various states, enough states will ratify to carry the amendment, with several states and many years to spare.

"We wish it were in our power to remove the obstacle this venture in politics on the part of Mr. Smith may produce in the coming years. Aside from his views on the liquor question, Mr. Smith has many ardent friends among the temperance people of this county, and under favorable circumstances they would have stood behind him. The evidence is here presented in brief. The people must be the judges.

"(Signed) W. P. GRANT, (Resident taxpayer and elector.) Chairman of Dry Federation."

EP; 4 Nov 1918; UL: Marko Chuckovich, M. B. Lettunich.

EP; 4 Nov 1918; disp. ad:

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EP; 4 Nov 1918; obit: "In Watsonville, Nov. 4, 1918, Millan Angelich, aged 30 years, a native of Herzegovina."

EP; 5 Nov 1918; article: "That the influenza epidemic is not on the increase in Watsonville is plainly apparent to those who have been watching it closely. There are not so many cases now as has been heralded abroad and there is no great clamor in the city for an ordinance making the wearing of masks compulsory. We have been looking into this today and find a strong sentiment against any such arbitrary action. It is not requested by the physicians of the city, who are practically unanimous in the belief that the wearing of masks in the open air is folly, to say the least.

"Dr. Bixby, city health officer, gave us the figures today and will endeavor to give them daily hereafter in order to keep the public posted upon the actual condition. As the report stands we have had altogether in four weeks since the epidemic started here up to last Saturday night 382 cases. Of these sixty-two were reported during the first two weeks, and the remainder reported up to and including last Saturday of 320. Of those a great number, Dr. Bixby informs us, have recovered and are back at work and about their business. Sunday there were reported 23 new cases and on Monday 36 new cases.

"Dr. Bixby admitted that the board of health would probably ask the city board of aldermen for an ordinance compelling the use of masks. The doctor said that it was not because he believed that the mask was a preventative measure or that the wearing of masks on the streets was a good thing, but that other towns in this section of the state were enforcing the use of gauze masks and that they were beginning to throw rocks at Watsonville because we were not doing so now.

"Dr. Easterday, when approached today for an interview on the question of the gauze mask, said that the mask when worn upon entering a sick room was a protection for the individual and should be removed and sterilized immediately. But, the doctor continued, as fresh air and cleanliness are essential to health the wearing of the mask as it is being worn, without cleansing, only prepares the proper nidus for the propagation of the influenza germ, (the germs propagate under heat and moisture) and as they multiply extremely rapidly in a very short time, colonies are formed that necessarily endanger the wearer of the mask. The mask should be discarded entirely while in the open air.

"When asked if he were one of those who intended to ask for an ordinance making the wearing of masks upon the streets of this city compulsory, he replied 'No.' And on being asked his opinion of the move he said: 'The compulsory wearing of the gauze masks by the public has not proven beyond a doubt a protection to the public or a conservation of health. If the mask is always worn intelligently with some idea of its proper use it is a safeguard to a limited extent. But it may have some psychological influence on individuals. He may be more cautious in other respects and will not likely expose himself as do those who are careless and indifferent.'"

"We have talked with a majority of the physicians of the city and as a rule they are of the same opinion as Dr. Easterday in regard to the wearing of the gauze masks on the street. They realize that fresh air and cleanliness are very important in combating the influenza germ and they know that neither of these elements are present where the gauze mask is worn. We have found none among our local physicians who will admit that the compulsory wearing of masks—or any wearing of masks in the open air or upon the streets would be beneficial to the public health. And our physicians are the ones we should go by."

EP; 6 Nov 1918; item: “Funeral services for Andro Raditch, who died recently at the Red Cross hospital, were held from the undertaking parlors of Aston & Neal, this afternoon...Services at the Catholic church. Interment took place at the Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were: Steve Scurich, Louis Brajovich, Mike Scurich, Nick Banicevich, Chas. Arbanas and Louis Miller.”

EP; 6 Nov 1918; article: “(United Press Staff Correspondent) ROME, ITALY, Oct. 5—(By mail)—Forty thousand babies from Austria’s famine stricken provinces of Bohemia, Dalmatia, Herzegovina and Istria are being fed and cared for by the two more fortunate sister Slav provinces of Croatia and Slavonia.

“Details of this latest effort on the part of the Slav provinces of Austria to sustain each other until an allied victory can insure them a national independence have just been received by Dr. Anta Trumblo, who, representing the Slav provinces of Austria, signed at Corfu on July 20, 1917, the pact with Serbia providing for a single united Southern Slav nation following the war.

“Croatia and Slavonia rank as two of the most fertile provinces of Austria, and despite the ever increasing scarcity of food that exists throughout the dual monarchy, these two provinces continue to produce more than they need. Through their local diet they therefore proposed to the Austrian-Hungarian government that they be allowed to succor the other Slav provinces of Bohemia, Dalmatia, Herzegovina and Istria. The only condition they demanded was that in recognition of this they be exempted from military requisition of their food products.

“The proposition was turned down by the Austrian-Hungarian government, whereupon the two more fortunate provinces of Croatia and Slavonia began immediately gathering together all the babies and little children from the other Slav provinces. No distinction was made either on religious grounds or diverse branches of the Slav race. The children likewise were distributed amongst the families of Croatia and Slavonia without religious or other distinction. Catholic children often being taken into orthodox families and vice versa. All are now being fed and educated towards the common end of saving the greatest number possible of the Southern Slav race, which has had the most disproportionate losses in the present war, for the future independent Slav state.”
[The terms in this article of Croatia, Slavonia and Dalmatia are confusing because they are not as we know them today; see the maps in Appendix C.]

EP; 6 Nov 1918; item: “Every saloon and restaurant with table license in Santa Cruz has renewed the privilege of selling liquor for the ensuing three months, with the exception of the Capitol saloon, Andy Balich, who recently sold out his wholesale and retail stock, and Antone Suk, proprietor of Dabelich’s grill.

“There are now 21 saloons in Santa Cruz. Seven years

ago there were 36. The present annual city income from saloon licenses is \$12,600.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 6 Nov 1918; item: “We are indebted to the courtesy of Sheriff Howard Trafton for the following election returns in this county, Mr. Trafton having taken down the figures as fast as the returns came in from the precincts. These totals represent all the precincts in the county with the exception of six, viz: Castle Rock, Corralitos, Glenwood, Pajaro Nos. 1 and 4, San Lorenzo. The figure from the missing precincts are hardly expected to change the results set down below much...

“Assemblyman—Price, 3090; George W. Smith, 2827...”

EP; 6 Nov 1918; card of thanks: “I take this method of returning my sincere thanks to my home folks, the people of Watsonville and the Pajaro valley, for their kind and generous support of my candidacy and assure them that I shall ever gratefully remember the same. GEORGE W. SMITH.”

EP; 6 Nov 1918; item: “A COMING FEATURE. The Pajaronian will start an interesting feature early next week. It will be a series of reminiscences of District Attorney Geo. W. Smith on the part that Santa Cruz county has played in the present, world-war. It may not be known, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that steps toward the independence of the Jugo-Slavs were mooted and discussed in Watsonville a long time before the present great conflict. Mr. Smith is well qualified to talk on this subject, and has consented to write up his reminiscences in connection therewith. The series of articles will appear in the Pajaronian and Santa Cruz Surf.

EP; 7 Nov 1918; article: “SAYS PACKING HOUSES BREED ‘FLU’ GERMS. Ed. Pajaronian: A noted doctor who has done much in the interest of the pure food laws of this country, says, that ‘wearing a mask to keep the ‘flu’ germs from going in or out was like using chicken wire-fence, because the breath of the wearer of a mask soon makes it moist, furnishing ideal conditions for an adoption of millions of new germs as well as to preserve them for the future in case of the dying out of the disease that might happen if those germs were exposed to the dry fresh air for only fifteen minutes.’

“Now the question arises, are the aldermen in cahoots with the ‘flu’ disease, to keep it supplied with material to feed upon by making each citizen wear an incubator? I saw nothing in any recommendation from the board of health to the board justifying any such drastic measures as that new Ordinance No. 184, but since the deed is done, I suggest that the board add a new committee to the health department, whose duty it shall be to make conditions less conducive to the ‘flu’ by compelling the various packing-houses and other places where labor is

employed to give the help a warm, dry, clean place to work in, and thus lock up the stable door before the horse is stolen. In my rambles I found only one place where the health or comfort of the employees was considered at all, and that was at the Rodgers Bros.' packing-house and dryer. Their help gets a rest of ten minutes in mid-forenoon and afternoon, each; they are given ample opportunity to sit down when at work, and besides, are furnished with hot bricks for their feet when cold. All this is worth emulation by the other places; would be in harmony with state laws; should be enforced by our city health and police officers, and would be a great preventative of colds and nervous troubles that cold, damp, drafty conditions like most of our packing-houses afford, and which are prime causes for the 'flu.'

"Stop the conditions that cause much of the 'flu,' and thus stamp out the great germ-breeding centers by enforcing old and adequate laws that Ordinance No. 184 has not even a speaking acquaintance with.

"A. N. JUDD."

EP; 7 Nov 1918; item: "New evidence of the effectiveness of the gauze mask as a preventative of influenza has been discovered in the laboratories of the University of California, according to Health Officer Hassler. Experiments made by Dr. Carl Meyer of the medical research laboratory, he said, have demonstrated that the influenza bacillus dies within six minutes at the most unless it finds lodgment favorable to its growth. Such situations are the human mouth or nostrils only, or specially prepared culture media.

"Therefore, says the Health Officer, it is evident that the influenza bacillus that becomes entangled in the meshes of a mask dies almost at once. Other experiments have shown that bacilli cannot be blown through a properly made mask.

"According to the health officer, there are some indications that the wearing of the mask in San Francisco has also cut down the usual amount of diphtheria, whooping-cough, scarlet fever and general colds, all of which, he says, are most easily transmitted by the breath.—San Francisco Chronicle."

EP; 7 Nov 1918; item: "NEW CITIZEN SOLDIER RULE NOW USED IN ARMY (By United Press). PARIS, Oct. 5—(By mail)—Unnaturalized soldiers of the American expeditionary forces may become citizens of the United States by signing a document—thereby cutting short the usual process by five years.

"Under a general order from General Pershing the applicant merely signs a paper which combines all the complicated processes of naturalization. Even if he has lived in the United States but a few hours before enlisting, the applicant has the same privileges. Subjects of enemy nations, if considered loyal may renounce their allegiance and become American citizens by the same

process. Before allowing a soldier to take the step, commanding officers are instructed to ascertain that the alien understands his action and is sincere in his desire for citizenship."

EP; 7 Nov 1918; article: "PSYCHOLOGY OF THE SPANISH 'FLU' MASK. The psychology of the 'flu' mask is an interesting study. By using it, many timid people's nerves are set at rest. They receive a mental contentment that allays fear and fright of the epidemic, all of which adds to their strength of resistance to the disease. Thousands of people have not resorted to the mask. All the timid, nervous people began using it just as soon as they heard the doctors had recommended it. The over-cautious man grabbed it as soon as it came out. Of course, lots of others are using it who have no fear or alarm. They simply have taken it as an easy, preventative measure. The doctors themselves in all truth, have recommended it for the mental confidence it brings about as well as an obstruction of the germs' activities. In the crowded store, or office, its use is very sensible. On the outside, few have been wearing it. The grotesque appearances it has caused have been humorous to thousands on the streets. Some have made themselves ridiculous by their fright and alarm and by their extravagant use of the mask. The old cure of whisky for a cold has dropped from sight with the doctor's warning that liquor is a bad thing for a 'flu' attack. This warning has stopped much drinking, in fact has almost worked a reformation among the several well-known 'polite drunks.' Thus has the epidemic a bright side, at least in the opinion of the homes of the gay roisterers mentioned.—San Francisco correspondent of the Oakland Enquirer."

EP; 8 Nov 1918; item: "Following are the complete returns for the contested offices in Santa Cruz county: ...
"For Assembly—Price, 3320; Smith, 2989..."

EP; 8 Nov 1918; item: "The remains of John Skulich and Millan Angelich, who died recently at the Red Cross hospital, were shipped to San Francisco by Aston & Neal on the 12:40 train yesterday, where they were interred in the Serbian cemetery."

EP; 8 Nov 1918; item: "Julia A. Sargent to Nicholas Pulisevich—Lot on west side Hunt St., \$10."

EP; 9 Nov 1918; item: "The Farm & Forest Realty Company have just released the J. B. Lyons 62-acre place located in the Green Valley section to Frank Kusanovich, who takes it subject to sale up to March 15th."

EP; 9 Nov 1918; board of supervisors, payments: "...County Fund...Novicich [Novcich], Jack: \$58.50..."

EP; 9 Nov 1918; item: "Light and Fuel Controller C. A.

Palntag wishes all business men to remember that Mondays and Tuesdays are lightless nights and all display lights in business houses should be shut off on these nights. Failure to obey this ruling will be reported to the federal authorities.”

EP; 11 Nov 1918; headline: “Greatest War in History Came to End This Morning...”

EP; 11 Nov 1918; item: “Martin Vlasich decided yesterday that it was more important to him to smoke than to wear a gauze mask, and he went down the street with his mask on his chin enjoying a smoke. Officer Corr remonstrated with him and told him to get behind the mask according to the ordinance and upon his refusal to do so arrested him. He put up \$10 for his appearance in... court...and upon donning his mask was allowed to go. He failed to appear in court this morning and the deposit was assessed as a fine.”

EP; 12 Nov 1918; item: “As we go to press the condition of Miss Agnes Waite, who is suffering from influenza, is not so good as yesterday. Messrs. Skocko and Finley are holding their own, while Jack Ateridge is alive, with a possibility of pulling through.”

EP; 13 Nov 1918; item: “Says the Santa Cruz News: ‘District Attorney George W. Smith has made formal request of Food Administrator Hoover for position in Austria in connection with American plans for reconstruction work in the Slav empire.’”

EP; 14 Nov 1918; item: “Four packing houses, those operated by Resetar Bros., Blauntine, Nick Ducich and J. Sambriolo [Sambrailo], have closed on account of the influenza. They were unable to get workers to continue going, the epidemic having decimated the ranks of the workers until there were not enough left to operate the plants.

“P. P. Stolich has been taken with the influenza and is at home sick, but his plant is still in operation.”

EP; 14 Nov 1918; item: “L. G. and Chris Skocko are recent arrivals from Wheatland, owing to the critical illness of their brother, John, who is suffering from pneumonia. They expect to stay for a few days or until their brother is on the way to recovery.”

EP; 14 Nov 1918; item: “M. N. Lettunich has received word from his son Louis, who is now in Siberia, that he is well and hearty and enjoying the service. He says that the weather is fine over there but that they get about two rains a week.” [*Lewis was Mateo’s son, not M. N.’s*]

EP; 14 Nov 1918; item: “The enforcement of the gauze mask ordinance is becoming a real menace to those who

attempt to defy its provisions. Constable A. J. Devine today arrested John Pulich, S. Burson and Paul Delonga in the vicinity of Walker street for failing to wear their masks and they were haled before Judge Bridgewater who fined Pulich and Burson \$5 each and Delonga \$7. Delonga was a little hostile in his attitude, which accounts for the extra. The police are determined to see that the ordinance is enforced and you should be very careful to have your mask on properly when you appear upon the streets.”

EP; 14 Nov 1918; obit: “In Los Angeles, Nov. 10, 1918, Paul Skocko, aged 50 years, a native of Dalmatia, Austria.”

EP; 16 Nov 1918; item: “Cosmos Gosponetich has commenced suit in the district court to quiet title to land recently purchased from the estate of W. A. Sanborn. This suit is brought against H. S. Fletcher as executor of the W. A. Sanborn estate.”

EP; 16 Nov 1918; item: “Says the Santa Cruz News: ‘District Attorney George W. Smith has made formal request of Food Administrator Hoover for a position in Austria in connection with American plans for reconstruction work in the Slave empire.’

“There is no one whom we would rather see in such a responsible position than our friend Geo. Smith. He has done yeoman service for the nation during the late crisis in his talks throughout the state and in running enemy aliens to their internment. He is certainly deserving of the position.—Gilroy Advocate.”

EP; 16 Nov 1918; obit: “The funeral of the late Reuben Silva was held yesterday afternoon from the Burland undertaking parlors...and the services at the grave, at the I.O.O.F. cemetery, were conducted by Rev. E. B. Hays, of the Presbyterian church. A large number of friends attended the funeral and the pallbearers were schoolmates of the deceased, comprising George W. Smith, Rudolph Johnson, Gilmore Bonde, Edw. Kelly, Will Faul and Archie McEwing.”

EP; 16 Nov 1918; UL: Marino Chelich, Peter F. Vojvodich.

EP; 18 Nov 1918; obit: “In Watsonville, Nov. 17, 1918, Antone Knego, a native of Austria, aged 34 years.”

EP; 18 Nov 1918; item: “[part of a larger article concerning a murder]...**The Inquest This Forenoon.** The inquest over the remains of Mrs. Taiji Kamiyaka was held at Burland’s undertaking parlors. Coroner G. S. Easterday presiding. District Attorney George W. Smith was present to question the witnesses. The jury was composed of J. H. Jamison, O. Morse, R. Neill, J. Stanovich, F. W. Bierach and J. D. Herne...”

EP; 19 Nov 1918; item: "Estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased—Petition for letters of administration."

EP; 22 Nov 1918; article: "As considerable criticism has been directed against Constable W. B. Mann, who during the illness of Police Officer John Corr, has had charge of the enforcement of the mask ordinance on Main street[,] we interviewed him this morning and he states that he is doing all in his power to enforce the provisions of the ordinance. He states, however, that he is handicapped to a great extent by the attitude of doctors in regard to the law. Apparently some of them believe the gauze mask has but little merit as a preventative, and consequently they pay no attention to the compulsory masking law, thereby setting a very bad example which is quickly taken advantage of by others. This makes the enforcement of the law a hard proposition. Constable Mann says it is not a very pleasant thing for an officer to be criticized for arresting a man without a mask on lower Main street when the doctors are going without them on upper Main street.

"He states that he has spoken to some of the doctors at different times and that he accomplished nothing. They seem to take the mask as a joke, or as to apply only to the laymen, and some of them are open in their condemnation of the masking law as an egregious blunder and one that does more damage than good.

"He spoke to Dr. Bixby, our health officer, who without mask, was driving his car, and the doctor said that when one person, alone, was driving in an automobile that it was not necessary for the wearing of a mask, but that if more than one was in the car, masks should be worn.

"What does the ordinance say on this point?"

"However, the doctor did not say anything about the pushing down of the mask, and going up the street smoking. That is a violation of the law that is causing havoc. If a doctor can do this, why cannot a layman? The doctors have been doing just this thing. Even Dr. Bixby, our health officer, who is now endorsing the masking ordinance, has been seen on Main street, and crossing the plaza with his mask below his chin, and smoking a cigar..."

EP; 23 Nov 1918; UL: Nick Lakonich.

EP; 23 Nov 1918; obit: "In Watsonville, Nov. 21, 1918, Blas Lacich [Lasich], a native of Austria, aged 23 years, 10 months."

EP; 25 Nov 1918; item: "District Attorney-elect Ralph H. Smith has been formally sworn in as a deputy in District Attorney Smith's office, in order that he may have the time intervening between now and the first Monday in January to familiarize himself with many of the details of the office."

EP; 2 Dec 1918; item: "L. P. Rosovich, B. Kralj, M. Pulich, and P. N. Novich, fruit packers of Watsonville,

leased the Walter Dorn ranch located about six miles north of Watsonville, in the Green valley section. The lease was drawn for a term of three years, the lessees doing all the work such as pruning, spraying, plowing and paying close to \$15,000 for this orchard for three years. This is one of the largest leases drawn in the valley this year. Mr. Dorn, who is one of San Francisco's most prominent attorneys, will reserve the buildings for his summer home."

EP; 2 Dec 1918; item: "For labeling packed apples 'California Fancy,' which were not up to the standard, prescribed by the statutes, a complaint was sworn to in Justice Hawkins' court, this forenoon, against Martin Vukasovich, of the firm of Vukasovich Bros., local packers. Mr. Vukasovich, later on, appeared in court, plead guilty, and was fined \$100. The fine was immediately paid. This should be a warning to any others who are inclined to grow careless regarding the provisions of the law. It doesn't pay to monkey with a buzz saw."

EP; 3 Dec 1918; board of aldermen, payments: "...Central Electric Co., supplies: \$2.35...Central Elec. Co., street light repairs: \$39.80..."

EP; 3 Dec 1918; disp. ad.

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EP; 5 Dec 1918; obit: "At Camp Kearney, Dec. 3, 1918, Steven Joseph Zicovich, U.S.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Zicovich, brother of Mrs. Frances Komar of Santa Cruz, a native of San Jose, aged 28 years."

EP; 5 Dec 1918; article: "Chairman John E. Gardner of the Watsonville Chapter of the American Red Cross, who has had the active management and supervision of the Red Cross Hospital conducted in the auditorium during the influenza epidemic has given out a summary of the work done and the results accomplished by the workers who volunteered their services in this crisis.

"The report shows that approximately 14 per cent of the total reported cases of the flu in the city were cared for at the hospital and that while the death rate was so high compared to that outside the hospital (due to the fact that so many cases were in the advanced stages of pneumonia when brought in), the hospital was the direct means of saving the lives of from 75 to 100 people who but for this institution would have received no nursing or medical attention..."

“Chief credit for the opening and successful operation of the hospital is given to the women of Watsonville.

“While the men, in a limited number, worked faithfully, in the conduct of the hospital,’ the report says, ‘the credit for its organization and operation really belongs to the women of Watsonville and the Pajaro valley. In all branches of the work they were to the front. No service was too menial or disagreeable for cheerful performance by them.

“Some of them worked twelve hours per day for weeks. All were faithful and happy in the knowledge that they were serving the cause of humanity. It is doubtful if their accomplishment could be duplicated in any town of the size, anywhere.’

“The Japanese Association also comes in for a word of appreciation for its share in operating the hospital. On this point the report says:

“Fifty-five of the patients treated were Japanese. From the first[,] the Japanese Association assumed a just share of the burden of the work. Almost constantly there were three or sometimes four or five Japanese nurses’ aids on duty, while from one to three aided in the cooking and sterilization of the dishes. They were most willing and effective workers, at all times courteous and appreciative. At the close of the hospital the association employed two of the trained nurses to remain and care for the remaining patients.’

“The patients cared for were divided racially as follows: Japanese, 55; Slavonian, 46; American, 31; Portuguese, 6; Mexican, 5; Fillippino, 2; Italian, 1; Total, 146.

“The deaths were divided as follows: Japanese, 5; Slavonian, 6; American, 1; Portuguese, 1; Italian, 1; Total, 17.

“Following is the honor roll of volunteer nurses who served without pay: ...Untrained nurses: ...Nick Bosovich...”

EP; 6 Dec 1918; item: “Now that the Spanish influenza has disappeared from our midst, and the danger of any relapse seems past, we desire to thank all those who so generously contributed their time and their means toward giving our boys the proper care and attention.

“During the run of the disease here, 120 boys received treatment, of whom only two brothers succumbed to pneumonia, hopeless cases from the start on account of their weak and sickly physical condition. While most of the cases were light, we feel that only the able directions



Fig. 5-37. Katherine Katuran Strazicich Banicevich in her WWI Red Cross nurse uniform, in front of her home at 125 Maple Ave.

of our self-sacrificing doctors, and the work of the painstaking nurses and their assistants and the Sisters of Moreland Academy, as well as the splendid system inaugurated by our esteemed townspeople, namely of nipping the evil in the bud, were the cause of overcoming the disease in so short a time.

“Never before did we see such a hearty response from the people. It seemed as if Pajaro valley were one family...A list of those who tendered their personal services follows...Nurses aids: ...Miss May Farlin...

“Services and automobiles furnished by: ...Nicholas Lettunich...

“ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL, By Rev. Florian Zettel, Director.”

EP; 6 Dec 1918; item: “Tony Balarin and John Pausich vs. Peter Radonich—Stipulation.”

EP; 7 Dec 1918; item: “PRIVATE M. STOLICH WRITES FROM SIBERIA. C. G. Redman has received the following letter from Private M. Stolich, who is now with the American forces in Siberia: [see Fig. 5-46]

“Somewhere in Siberia, Nov. 2, 1918. Mr. C. Redman, Secretary L.O.O.M.

“Dear Sir and Brother: Just a few words to say that I am well and have arrived in Siberia safely. We landed on September 30, after twenty days at sea. I have been in Japan and have seen many interesting things there. I was also in Vladivostok a few days, which is one of the largest cities over here.

“It is much colder over here, although it hasn’t snowed yet. We expect it very soon, however. It is very nearly down to freezing every morning. Sometimes it stays like that for days. We don’t mind it because we have everything we need.

“Kindly extend my regards to the members of the lodge. I am sincerely and fraternally yours, PVT. M. STOLICH. Co. L, 31st Infantry, care Depot Quartermaster, Fort Mason, San Francisco, California.”

EP; 9 Dec 1918; obit: “In Santa Clara, Dec. 5, 1918, Martin Gospodnetich, a native of Dalmatia, aged 56 years, 3 months.”

EP; 9 Dec 1918; item: “The funeral of the late Martin Gospodnetich of Santa Clara, was held from Aston & Neal’s undertaking parlors this morning...After a requiem mass at St. Patrick’s church...the body was interred in the Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were Frank Elich, Peter Gospodnetich, Mike Matalich [Matulich], John J., John and Jerry Gospodnetich.

“Deceased was a native of Dalmatia, but had lived in this part of California for the past fifteen years. He was quite well known in the local Slavonian colony and it is with regret that his friends will hear of his death.

“He is survived by three brothers, Tom, of Salinas;

Kosmos, of Watsonville; and Jerry of Dalmatia, and four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Ostija [Ostoja], and Mrs. Adrian Matsolich, both of Dalmatia, and Mrs. Jennie Barisch of Buenos Ayres, South America.”

EP; 9 Dec 1918; item: “Martin Capitanich has leased the fifty acre orchard belonging to J. W. Stough, opposite the Aromas station. The consideration was \$4500 per year.”

EP; 9 Dec 1918; board of supervisors, payments: “...Novich [Novcich], J., insurance, \$46.80...”

EP; 13 Dec 1918; very large notice, covering most of one page: “**A Change In Our Terms of Credit!** As you know, war times have created new conditions and have changed business relations.

“Federal taxes and expenses are greater. More capital is required on account of the enormous increase in the cost of merchandise.

“Jobbers and manufacturers no longer give the retailer liberal terms and discounts as in the past.

“Banks do not, as formerly, freely extend credit to merchants, for the Government often has to call upon them for immense sums, temporarily, and the banks must stand ready at all times to lend the Government what it needs.

“The California State Council of Defense recognizing the prudence of keeping the business of the state in a solvent and sound condition, calls the attention of those having credit accounts to the importance of meeting all their obligations promptly, and requests that the retail merchants of the State and their customers co-operate to this end.

“THEREFORE EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 1919:

“All purchases made from the undersigned during any calendar month, when not paid for at time of purchase, shall be due and payable not later than the 15th day of the next calendar month. If said purchases are not paid for in cash on or before the 25th day of the next calendar month following the date of purchase, the charge account of the customer so purchasing shall be closed to further credit.

“All accounts open on the books of the undersigned at the close of business December 31st, 1918, must be settled in full by February 15th, 1919, and if not settled in full by February 25th, 1919, the charge account of the delinquent customer shall be closed to further credit.

“We feel confident that you will appreciate the necessity of our taking this action, and we look for your hearty co-operation, thereby avoiding any embarrassment in the enforcement of these terms.

“Lister, V....Stanovich, John...Strazicich, A....[of 72]”

EP; 13 Dec 1918; item: “Anne Pekoch to Andrew and E. B. Zar—Lots 7 and 8, block 1, Sub. 1, Watsonville.

“Watsonville Savings Bank to Andrew and E. B. Zar—Lots 7 and 8, block 1, sub 1, Watsonville.”

EP; 13 Dec 1918; item: “M. L. Kalich et al to Watsonville Savings Bank—Right of way, south west line of Walker street, Watsonville.

“Watsonville Savings Bank to M. L. Kalich et al—same property.”

EP; 14 Dec 1918; item: “For shipping a car of apples to San Francisco, the contents of which had been improperly branded according to the provisions of the State Standard Apple Pack Act, A. Stolich was fined \$200 by Justice of the Peace Hawkins in the Justice Court yesterday afternoon.

“The complaint against Mr. Stolich was filed by A. W. Tate, Jr., state apple inspector. Mr. Stolich entered a plea of guilty. The fine was paid, the defendant apparently believing that was the best way out of the matter.”

EP; 14 Dec 1918; UL: Miho Bazdan, Jozo Jasich, Mr. and Mrs. T. Visich, Peter Vojvodich.



EP; 17 Dec 1918; born: “In Watsonville Hospital, Dec. 15, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Lettunich, a son.”
[Mateo “Bud”]

Fig. 5-38. Mateo “Bud” Lettunich.

EP; 18 Dec 1918; notice: “...Notice is hereby given that the persons hereinafter named have applied to the Board of Aldermen of the City of Watsonville for Liquor Licenses of the City of Watsonville for the year commencing January 1st, 1919, for the place of business set opposite their respective names, to-wit:

“RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES:

“[Applicant—Place of Business]

“Central Grocery Company, a corporation, 240 Main Street...

George Forencich, 265 Main Street...Geo. Hrepich, 259 Main Street...Pete Knego, 463 Main Street...Mateo Lettunich, 310 Walker Street...Andrew Strazicich, 318 Walker Street, Anton Vukich, 300 Walker Street, John P. Zar, 300 Main Street.”

EP; 18 Dec 1918; class. ad: “FOR SALE—Young pigs from 20 to 50 lbs.; also young team of horses. Inquire M. N. KALICH & CO., Walker Street.”

EP; 19 Dec 1918; item: “Andy Balich of Santa Cruz, was in town today. We’ll bet that Andrew is after some more orchard property in this valley.”

EP; 19 Dec 1918; item: “District Attorney George W. Smith was in town from Santa Cruz this forenoon.

George is winding up all the business connected with his office preparatory to handing it over to his successor on the first of the year. He says he will put Amaral on trial again as quickly as possible, and expects to convict him this time.”

EP; 21 Dec 1918; item: “M. Moncovich & Co., local apple packers, desiring to show their appreciation of the apple standardization act announced their intention today of buying 50 memberships in the Red Cross and distributing the same amongst people who find themselves unable to purchase memberships in that great and deserving organization.

“The company has found it highly profitable to live up to the strict letter of the Standard apple packing law.”

EP; 21 Dec 1918; item: “The local exemption board will maintain a clerk for some time yet, at the request of Provost Marshal General Crowder.

“The records of the board show that 5354 men registered for service, a remarkable ratio to the total population of 26,000. Of this number 1892 never were mailed their questionnaires. These men comprised the group between 37 and 45 years of age who were not needed for service of any kind.

“Exclusive of the 1892 men referred to above, the balance of the registrants were classified as follows: Class 1, 1134; class 2, 244; class 3, 124; class 4, 753; class 5, 1207.

“The large percentage of class 5 includes the aliens, there being a great number of foreigners living in the country. Of the 1207 in that class which of course does not include any of class 5 in the 1892 men who did not receive questionnaires, 278 were enemy aliens and 472 friendly aliens, the [latter] comprising many Italians and Greeks living at the Santa Cruz end of the county. There were also 220 men listed in class 5 who were already voluntarily in some branch of the service.”

EP; 21 Dec 1918; item: “Tony Balarin and John Pausich vs. Peter Ralonich [Radonich]—Answer and cross-complaint.”

EP; 23 Dec 1918; item: “Sam Hrepich, who has lived in the Pajaro valley for the past twenty odd years, has just purchased the well-known Semas ranch, located on the San Juan road opposite the Porter holdings.”

EP; 23 Dec 1918; item: “Sydney Smith arrived yesterday from San Pedro for a visit. Last evening he helped out on this trombone, at the T. & D. theatre. Syd has become a fine musician on that instrument.” *[George’s brother]*

EP; 23 Dec 1918; item: “Recollect that A. J. Viscovich is getting ready to retire from business in this city, and at present is conducting a farewell sale at No. 261 Main street. Mr. Viscovich has a large stock of novelty goods

to select from, also watches, jewelry and hundreds of articles too numerous to mention. In order to close down as quickly as possible he is selling all his stock at cost, and many bargains can be picked up there by holiday buyers. See ad on page five.”

EP; 23 Dec 1918; disp. ad:

FAREWELL SALE!

After eight years of successful merchandising in Watsonville, I have bought and sold nothing but the world’s best known brands of high grade merchandise, and now on account of poor health I am forced to throw up my hands and quit business forever.

PEOPLE READ THIS:

Right now when you are making your Christmas selections I am selling my stock of high grade JEWELRY, STATIONERY, TOILET ARTICLES, NOVELTIES AND TOYS for what they will bring. Commencing tomorrow, everything will be thrown on the counters and priced so low that they will go fast. Nothing reserved.

FREE! To every customer making a purchase of 1c or more, I will give FREE a child’s story book.

Positively Nothing Reserved,
the Stock Must Go Fast.

Signed: **A. J. VISOVICH**

Opposite City Hall, Watsonville, California

EP; 24 Dec 1918; item: “The saloon at 463 Main street, operated at present day by John Sapro, was transferred to Pete Knego...”

EP; 26 Dec 1918; item: “John Strazich, who was discharged a few days ago from the S.A.T.C. at St. Ignatius college, in San Francisco, is here to spend the holidays with relatives.”

[George W. Smith authored a series of articles in the paper starting below and ending Jan. 29, 1919, regarding the Slav involvement in the recent war, the involvement of the Watsonville Slavs in pro-Yugoslavism, and the involvement of Santa Cruz County officials in combating pro-Germanism. We print here all of the 1st article and a small part of the 2nd article. The others are omitted because of lack of Slav information.]

EP; 26 Dec 1918; article: “**Santa Cruz in the War. A Short History of the Means, Methods and Accomplishments of Santa Cruz County in Combating the Enemy Here During the World Struggle.** By George W. Smith, District Attorney.

“This story is written so that the public may better appreciate the unselfish, self-sacrificing danger attendant and patriotic efforts of the judge of the superior court, the chief of police of the city of Santa Cruz, the sheriff of the county of Santa Cruz, the mayor of the city of Santa

Cruz, the local chief of the American Protective League, and the members of the local board of exemption, in the apprehension of enemy agents and disloyalists and the detection and suppression of treason and enemy propaganda in our midst and with whom it was the honor and great privilege of the writer to be associated during the troublesome times from April, 1917, to the memorable eleventh day of November last.

“Upon the officials above enumerated rested the very great burden and solemn duty of caring for the ‘Hun in our midst,’ and it is no idle boast to say that he was as well and effectively cared for here as he was by the boys ‘over there.’ In the few chapters that are to follow, I shall endeavor to relate to the best of my humble ability, fairly and without prejudice, how this was done.

“CHAPTER I:

“Santa Cruz County and Its Past in the Commencement of the World Conflict.

“That Germany and its vassal state, Austria, commenced the war for the purpose of conquering the Earth and imposing its ‘Kultur’ upon all the people of the globe, must now be accepted as a truism and can not be debated by any sane person; but in order to furnish a background for this chapter, it is necessary that the manner in which Germany hoped to accomplish the conquest of the world and the barriers that stood between it and its desires be briefly referred to and discussed.

“Two questions, therefore, present themselves, to-wit: How did Germany set out to attain her object? What stood in her way and had to be destroyed ere she could succeed?

“There was but one way that the enemy could rule the earth, and that was by the realization of the Mittle-European scheme, well started on its way by the road from Berlin to Baghdad; and standing in the way of it was one obstacle, the same obstacle that saved the world for Christianity and preserved civilization from the Turk—the Slavs of Serbia, morally supported by the oppressed Jugo-Slavs of Austria. The Slavs had to be destroyed at once because as time went on and with the advent of education and enlightenment by its exiled sons in the United States and South America, Jugo-Slavia was fast taking form, and the time for the falling to pieces of Austria, termed by Dr. Hinkovic, the great Slav patriot, the ‘ramshackle kingdom’ was in sight and not far distant.

“To win a military victory, Germany had to strike when it did. It was a military victory that its rulers desired, because in ten years more Germany would have ruled the world economically. The words ‘Made in Germany’ were in this country at the outset of the war virtually a hall-mark of quality and distinction in the marts of industry and trade; but let us hope that for another generation at least this mark shall serve only as a passport to the junk pile.

“Germany set out to destroy the Serbs by means of intrigue, at which her rulers have proven themselves to

be past masters, and at which they are still engaged, notwithstanding the armistice.

“The Balkan war with Turkey was ‘made in Germany,’ it being the aim of the chancellories of the central powers that the Turk, whose armies were officered and trained by German officers, crush the Slavs, and then Berlin could take care of the Turk in its own way; but out of the Balkan war rose a greater and victorious Serbia; with the attendant rise of the hopes of the Jugo-Slavs of Austria for the dawn of a new day and the realization of their dreams of ages—freedom.

“Since the war, I have read many publications of merit upon war topics, but in my opinion the greatest contributions to our cause and the cause of human liberty the world over have been the intelligent, impartial and fair articles by eminent authorities on European politics appearing in the *World’s Work*, and in the issue of this great periodical of April, 1918, Burton J. Hendrick, in his introductory article to Ambassador Morgenthau’s story, deals with the results of the Balkan war in the following words:

“‘The Treaty of Bucharest (the treaty of peace between the Turks and the Balkan states), which had divided nearly all the remaining territories of European Turkey among the Balkan states, had recently been signed, yet the indications were numerous that Austria and Germany would not submit to this division as the final solution of the Turkish problem (this was in 1913). Germany had already completely elaborated her plans for a great Oriental empire—a scheme that involved the restructure of Austria and Bulgaria to a state of vassalage, and the extinction of Serbia as a nation and even, as subsequent events have shown, as a people—and the incorporation with the enlarged German empire of Constantinople and the whole Turkish dominion in Asia, extending to the Persian Gulf.’

“The diplomacy of the United States has oft been criticized and still more frequently ridiculed, but even our enemies must admit that our interests were well cared for in at least Berlin and Constantinople, and the names of Gerard and Morgenthau will go down into history with a record of achievement of far more good for humanity than that of Talleyrand, who intrigued so well for the first Napoleon and whom European politicians have for over a century held up as a model statesman.

“Henry Morgenthau, who is of German birth by the way, being born in Baden [*sic* Mannheim], birthplace of a disloyal Santa Cruzan of whom I shall later treat, was appointed ambassador of the United States to Turkey by President Wilson in 1913, shortly after the signing of the Treaty of Bucharest.

“Italy at that time was a member of the Triple Alliance, and her ambassador to the Sublime Porte was Sig. Pallavicini, who, according to Morgenthau’s story, as published in the *World’s Work*, informed our ambassador of the intent on the part of the central powers to deal with Serbia and of their opposition to certain ‘nationalis-

tic societies' that she had permitted to exist in her own confines.

"A pretext had to be furnished, however, before the destruction of the Slavs could commence, so the next act in the carefully rehearsed drama took place on 29th June, 1914, by the sending of the Austrian Crown Prince Franz Ferdinand to the intensely Slav and anti-Austrian town of Sarajevo in Bosnia, on Vodov Dan, the national feast day of the Slavs, and his assassination by Franco Prilip [*sic* Gavrilo Princip]. I believe that the assassination was all arranged beforehand by the central powers, because the assassin was never punished [he got 20 years and died in prison in April 1918], and for the further reason that the Slavs could not have profited by the killing. As a matter of fact it was the worst thing that they could have done, especially since no aid could be expected from the Serbians as they had just gone through the Balkan war. Another significant fact is the holding of the maneuvers by the armies of Austria and Germany at that time and the presence of the Jugo-Slav troops of the Austrian army on the German and Galician fronts, far from their home land, thousands perishing in front of Liege, knowing not what they died for.

"What followed the assassination is familiar to everyone, and the reader no doubt ere this has begun to wonder what application this historical narrative has to the county of Santa Cruz and its part in this war; but it has, for this country for more than 15 years past has excited more than passing attention from the international buncomen of Vienna and Berlin.

"I hope that I have demonstrated that it was necessary to crush the Slavs to win.

"In Watsonville, in this county, is found the most important Slav colony in the United States, numbering among its members for many years past some of the most devoted patriots to the Jugo-Slav cause, men of education and refinement, forced from their native land because of their democratic tendencies and finding refuge in this land of liberty.

"No matter what position these patriots attained, they have never forgotten the sufferings of their oppressed brethren at home, and, further inspired by our traditions and institutions and freedom and liberty that is ours (of-times so little appreciated by some of our citizenship), launched from Watsonville 10 years ago a movement that was the beginning of the propaganda that is now world-wide and, at the time of the commencement of this war, was bearing fruit in the central powers themselves, and in a few years more would have brought on a revolt in Austria that would have dismembered the dual monarchy.

"To win a military victory, Germany had to strike when she did.

"Santa Cruz county, therefore, has played more than a passive part in the bringing on of the war, because it was the means of, in no small measure, hastening its commencement.

"It was fortunate for civilization that the war commenced when it did, for in ten years, as heretofore pointed out, the world would have succumbed to Teutonic rule by the trade route. As Caesar said of the Gauls, we would have been so 'effeminated by the merchants' that we would have yielded our honor for the mere asking.

"Do not get the impression that all the Slavs in Watsonville and the remainder of this country were Jugo-Slavs. On the contrary, until we got into the fight at least, for some unexplainable reason, a majority of the older members of the colony were in sympathy with Austria, and the alliance between the two factions were sharply drawn until quite recently.

"Because of the fact that I have been associated with these people intimately for 20 years, speaking their language, which I acquired from my mother, who was a native of Dalmatia, a province of the proposed new nation, and taking an active part in their efforts to obtain their freedom, I can safely say that I possess first hand knowledge whereof I speak upon these matters.

"When one considers that Austria was a crazy quilt kingdom composed of real Austrians (Germans), Hungarians, and the oppressed Slavs, Czechs, Poles, the Bohemians, and considerable Italians, and that German was the only official language recognized, the only conclusion that can be reached is that since the term Austrian was synonymous with German, every sympathizer with Austria must have been of necessity an adherent of the Kaiser, who was the real ruler of Austria.

"It is hard to understand how one could adhere to his oppressor, but German propoganda played upon the religious difference of the Slavs, some being Roman Catholics and others Greek Catholics, and this difference was utilized by the central powers in dividing the Slavs, and some of the earlier revolutionists made the fatal mistake of attacking the episcopacy and priesthood of Dalmatia and Croatia.

"The Slavs are intensely religious and love the faith of their fathers, and justly so because to the church more than to any other institution do they owe the preservation of their language and their traditions. The clergy of Croatia and Dalmatia has furnished some of the most illustrious martyrs to the cause, and naturally an attack upon religion was resented, and did much harm to the movement.

"There can be no other logical explanation for pro-Austrianism or anti-Jugo-Slavism, unless it be that the holders of these views were in the pay of the central powers. That some were, I have no doubt, and of at least one I am morally certain.

"It was singular that I should happen to be district attorney of this county during this war. I am supremely happy that I was, because I served my country where I could best serve it.

"I knew every sympathizer of the central powers among the Slavs, and they knew that I knew it, and this knowledge had a tendency to make them think twice

before starting anything, if any such inclination any of them had.

“Practically no trouble was had with them, however, but on the contrary their contributions to our country’s cause were most commendable and exceeded by no other race of people.”

“CHAPTER II:

“A Few Pre-War Reminiscences.

“In 1908 it was my good fortune to meet for the first time George J. Carstulovich, proprietor of the Saddle Rock restaurant, Santa Cruz. It was at one of the annual banquets and installations of the Slavonian Society in Watsonville, which that society used to hold each year in the old days, and an event looked forward to by every member of the colony in Watsonville, and an occasion that my mother always loved to attend.

“At the conclusion of the installation it was always customary to call on various persons present for addresses, and on this night Carstulovich, who had just come to this country, was called upon, and delivered one of the greatest orations that I have ever had the pleasure to hear.

“His subject was entitled the ‘Star of the East,’ meaning the rise of the Slav state, and his depiction of the trials and tribulations of his people as he left them was most eloquent.

“In the course of his speech he made the startling prediction that Germany was preparing for a world war, and the roast that he administered Francis Joseph was a classic.

“The reception that George received when he concluded was not of the same kind that he would receive were he to make such a speech at this time. Some of his hearers were severe in their criticism of one who had the temerity and audacity to even speak of their dearly beloved ‘Chelo’ (meaning ‘the baldheaded one’), as the old reprobate and rogue, Francis Joseph, was called by his fawning satellites.

“Yet it was because of men of Carstulovich’s views that Austrian subjects were dealt with so leniently since the war in this country, and not required to be finger printed and registered as the Germans were.

“The next day, at the residence of Steven Scurich, I had the pleasure of having a long talk with Carstulovich upon the relations between the Slavs and their rulers, and learned that he had just finished an enlistment in the Austrian army, having been attached to the marines on the von Waldersee expedition against the Boxers in China, and I remember that I was much impressed with his sincerity as a lover of democracy and his intense hatred of all things German and Austrian.

“In his recounting of the methods used to Germanize the Slavs, he was particularly bitter, and I suggested that perhaps he was exaggerating somewhat, and then he read the advice of the present kaiser (I used the word present advisedly) to his troops before their departure for China, and wanted to know if that wasn’t proof enough.

“Carstulovich is a man of considerable education in

his own language, is well versed in political economy and European politics, and no mean linguist, speaking German fluently, but, above all, is as loyal an American as breathes, and has been of invaluable assistance to the authorities in the detection of enemy agents, particularly in the Schulenberg and von Ludwig cases, of which I shall later treat.

“It was from Carstulovich that I obtained the first insight into the German scheme and its relationship to the Balkans (altho my mother had told me much about the attitude of the Germans toward the Slavs), and I thereafter became active in the movement, and the knowledge that I acquired up on these matters stood me in good stead in what little I did from the platform in fighting German propaganda for America during the war.

“A very effective, much maligned and little appreciated worker against the machinations of Germany in America is F. F. Akacich, editor of the Jugo-Slav Jadran (Adriatic) of San Francisco.

“Mr. Akacich lived in Watsonville during the early days of the movement, and with Steven Scurich, Lazar Jalovica, V. Lister, Antone Vukich, Nick Stolich, John Scurich, Rako [Rado] Chukovich, and many others whose names I can not now recall, really shaped the first concrete and practical effort in the laying of the foundation for the future state of Jugo-Slavia in so far as [the] same could be done by laying their case before the American people in the right light.

“Altho a profound scholar and able journalist, Akacich worked in Watsonville at the most ordinary labor until he had gathered together a few dollars and then went to San Francisco and founded his paper, which has been the pioneer journal of the Slavs in the West, and has been and is doing valiant service for their principles.

“This fighting editor deserves much credit. He and his paper have had a hard struggle, and he is a living [illustration] of the maxim that the reward of true patriotism comes only in one’s realization of a duty well performed.

“He entered the journalistic field against the rank pro-German Narodni-List, published in New York, and undoubtedly subsidized by the central powers. Every effort was made by Bopp and his crowd to bring him over to the German side.

“In fact so strong a fight was waged against him when he refused to betray his people or the United States which had given him a refuge, that a San Francisco wine company, one of whose members was related to the then Austrian consul, deRuiz, in San Francisco, withdrew its advertisement from his paper; but he stuck it out and is still loyal to Jugo-Slavia in this, its most critical hour.

“Speaking of consuls of Austria in San Francisco, my memory goes back to the first Apple Annual at Watsonville, held in the month of October, 1911 [*sic* 1910], and Dr. Josef Goricar, then consul for the dual monarchy at San Francisco.

“I was practicing law in Watsonville at that time and

had much business with the consul in the vising of powers of attorney of my Slav clients, and it was suggested by some of them, in view of the unfailing courtesy shown the clients by the consul in all our dealings with him, that it would be appropriate, in view of the presence of so many subjects of Austria in Watsonville, to invite Dr. Goricar to be present.

“The suggestion coming from Steven Scurich, a Jugo-Slav, was much of a surprise to me, but the invitation was extended and Dr. Goricar arrived the second day of the show, and we were all astounded to learn that instead of a German the consul was a Slav.

“He had served a long course in Austrian diplomacy, serving in practically all the great capitals of the old world.

“How he, a Slav, managed to rise to such heights in a government that hated his people, has never been explained.

“On the evening of Dr. Goricar’s visit Mr. Scurich arranged a dinner for him at the Morning Star restaurant, a rather unpresentable eating place, but at that time enjoying a statewide reputation for the excellence of the cuisine of its proprietor, the late Steve Strazicich, who prided himself on his resemblance to Francis Joseph.

“Present at the dinner [were] several of the leading Slavs of the town. I was present also. At this affair, Goricar, after careful inquiry as to the personnel of those gathered about him, guardedly let it out that he was of Jugo-Slavic sympathies.

“The makeup of the party naturally aroused the antipathy of the other side, and the next day I had numerous inquiries from members of the opposition as to what the consul had said at the dinner, and unquestionably this little dinner incident was reported to Dr. Goricar’s superiors.

“This is the same Dr. Goricar who so materially assisted John Rathom, editor of the Providence Journal, in his unearthing of German plots and the exposure of Bernstorff, Dumba, von Papen, Boy-Ed, and von Igel.

“Mr. Rathom, by means of the wireless plant of the Providence Journal and the interception of messages from Nauen via Sayville, accomplished more toward the exposure of German duplicity in America than any other man.

“In his first and only article, in *World’s Work* for February, 1918, entitled ‘Germany’s Plots Exposed,’ Mr. Rathom has this to say of the part played by the southern (south is ‘Jugo’ in Slav) Slavs in the exposure of German plotting and espionage:

“A question that has been repeatedly asked ever since we entered the war with Germany is, How was it possible, with the precautions naturally taken by the Teutonic governments and their agents, to get inside facts from the German embassy and from many of the offices of the German and Austrian consuls general throughout the U.S.?

“The answer, given here for the first time, is simple enough. While the entire story of the methods used in getting inside the Teutonic lines in this country can not be told at this moment, it is sufficient for present purposes to

say that from the beginning of the European war, and for some months prior to that time, the Journal was able to bring to its aid the services of many Bohemians and Southern Slavs from every part of the United States. It was largely thru the self-sacrificing activities and the remarkable mental equipment of many of these men that we were enabled from day to day to receive and tabulate information from the very heart of the German and Austrian propagandist system in the U.S., both the embassies and many of the Teutonic consular offices throughout the country.

“These men (and women as well) not only took grave risks in this work—for they were braving German vengeance—but gave up their time, and in many cases their own funds, without a dollar of compensation from the Journal or anybody else, in order to give us the facts which would prove to the American people the manner in which they were being tricked and fooled by Ambassador Bernstorff and his fellow diplomats.’

“Mr. Rathom publishes a photograph of Dr. Goricar in this article with the following caption:

“‘Dr. Joseph Goricar, one time Austrian consul general in San Francisco, who gave the Providence Journal valuable information in connection with the unearthing of German plots, especially by utilizing his wide acquaintance among the Jugo-Slavs residing in the United States.’ (To be continued)”

EP; 27 Dec 1918; article: “**Santa Cruz in the War.** By George W. Smith, District Attorney.

“CHAPTER III:

“I have often been severely criticized for taking part in this movement upon the theory that an American citizen should not concern himself in European affairs, but such criticisms can not stand the test of reason and logic.

“I took part in this great work primarily and solely because it was in aid and assistance to the United States.

“The war began in the Balkans and ended in the Balkans, and unless the Slav question is settled along the lines set forth by our president in his 14 points, and particularly along the lines of racial determination of peoples, then the war has been lost and Germany has won though she has been beaten in the field.

“To cure a disease you must eliminate the cause, and unless the Slavs are freed and have self-determination along racial lines the germ of another war will have been planted in soil most fertile for sprouting into another and more terrible conflagration, and our boys who entered this struggle to make the world safe for democracy and to end all wars will have died in vain fighting a fool’s game.

“Do not for a moment hypnotize yourself into the fallacious belief that Germany is done for. She is not, but on the contrary is more dangerous now than she ever was...”

EP; 27 Dec 1918; item: “The great European war flared up for an instant last night in Oakland when Nick Jurovich, an Austrian, was stabbed and dangerously wounded

by Mike Bachich, a Jugo Slav, at the Liberty Bar, Seventh and Campbell streets at 11:50 o'clock. The stabbing was done during the course of a fight which followed a heated argument as to the relative merits of the Austrian and Jugo-Slav causes, and before friends of the men could interfere it is alleged that Bachich drove a long keen dagger into the vitals of his antagonist, inflicting a deep gash in his abdomen.

"Jurovich was removed to the Receiving Hospital, where his condition is said to be serious.

"Bachich, who lives at 341 Henry street, made his escape, and going to his room, packed his effects and made for the Southern Pacific yards, where it is thought he boarded a train for Sacramento. He is said to have been accompanied by his uncle, Philip Lovich, who lives at 1481 Seventh street. Lovich could not be located by the police at an early hour today.

"Bachich was employed in the freight sheds of the Southern Pacific as a freight handler, and according to friends still has \$70 in wages due from the company.

"Inspectors Kyle and Gannaw have been detailed to investigate the case and the Sacramento authorities have been asked to look for Bachich.—Oakland Tribune."

EP; 30 Dec 1918; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, Dec. 28, 1918, to Joseph Secondo, 41, and Jennie C. Dubreta, 18, of Watsonville."

EP; 31 Dec 1918; article: "All is in readiness for the big Community Peace Celebration tonight. It promises to be the biggest affair of the kind ever held in Watsonville and from the time the doors open at 8 o'clock till midnight and after, there will be something doing.

"The program commences promptly at 8:30 o'clock, and early comers will find the big auditorium comfortably warmed, for the stoves are to be started this morning and kept going all day. The stage will also be heated by portable electric heaters; in fact, everything is being done that will add to the comfort and pleasure of the big throng that is sure to gather...

"Mrs. Lillian Higman has prepared an elaborate program of dances, that will introduce some of the very latest novelties. Besides, they will be very appropriate and are sure to please. Those taking part have been carefully trained for the past three weeks and something out of the ordinary may be expected. In the Dance of the War Spirits, followed by the Dance of Peace, the War Spirits are represented by flower dancers who encircle the stage and seem to consume everything. They soon die down into ashes, out of which the Dance of Dawn and Peace arises.

"Return of flower-time in France, is danced by eight tiny girls in soft colors, who give the Dance of the Flowers, and they become the charming background for the appearances of Miss Springtime, who is impersonated by Lorraine Murphy in a solo dance. The flowers are Louise Hudson, Beth Freiermuth, Florence Cikuth, Ruth Frier-

muth, Alice Skillicorn, Carmen Neis, Katherine Pista and Helen Kelly... [there was no "Florence Cikuth"]

"The French peasant girls give a stirring, rollicking dance in vivid colors and have been trained under the direction of Miss Helen Phelan. The girls giving the numbers are: Nell Rickard, Norrine Kane, Dolores Arano, Evelyn Eaton, Jeanette Kane, Ruth Scurich, Mary McSherry, Edmona Chapin, Helen Arano, Elizabeth Martin, Ruth Barritt, Helen Huxley, Sarah Oliver, Harriet DeLong, Georgia Rouse, Anna Jorgenson..."

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EP; 2 Jan 1919; item: "Miss May Smith was here Tuesday on a few hours leave from Camp Fremont where she is an army nurse." [George Smith's sister]

EP; 2 Jan 1919; obit: "At Watsonville, Jan. 1, 1919, Charles Gerbich, a native of Dalmatia, aged 31 years."

EP; 2 Jan 1919; obit: "At Watsonville, Dec 31, 1918, John Vukich, a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged 59 years and 2 days."

EP; 2 Jan 1919; disp. ad: "ATTENTION MEMBERS OF AUSTRIAN AMERICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. You are requested to be present at our lodge room, I.O.O.F. building on Saturday, Jan. 4, 1919, at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Charles Gerbich. ANDREW SETALO, Pres. LUKE SCURICH, Secy."

EP; 2 Jan 1919; mar. license: "Peter John Chumo, 33 years, of Oakland, and Mary J. Novakovich, 28 years, of Watsonville."

EP; 2 Jan 1919; item: "E. B. Lettunich and family left yesterday morning for Pasadena, where they will remain for some time."

EP; 2 Jan 1919; article: "John Vukich, a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged 50 years and 3 days passed away in this valley at 4 o'clock last Tuesday, after several years of illness. He came to this county from Austria in 1883 but had spent most of his time in mining. He arrived in this valley ten years ago. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. John Vukich, and four sons, Peter and Nick of this valley and Jack, now stationed at Camp Kearney, and Lawrence, who is in the navy, on board the U.S.S. Pittsburg, and 2 daughters, Marie Vukich and Mrs. N. C. Matiasevich, both of this valley and also by three grand children. See funeral notice in proper column on our third page." [he was 63 when he died]

EP; 2 Jan 1919; article: "Charles Gerbich, a native of Dalmatia, aged 31 years, died in this city yesterday, after

a short illness from lung trouble, brought about by a severe attack of the ‘flu’. Deceased was a resident of this valley for about 18 years, having [come] here with his friend Luke Scurich, when the latter visited his native place years ago. He was a hardworking, industrious man, and greatly liked and respected by all who knew him. The funeral will be held from Aston & Neal’s undertaking parlors, under the auspices of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society, of which deceased was a member...” *[Gerbich and many others accompanied Luke Scurich when Luke returned, in 1901, from his first visit back to the old country; he is listed as Vlaho Grbich in the ship’s manifest in Appendix G; he was 36 when he died]*

EP; 3 Jan 1919; obit: “The funeral of John Vucich [Vukich] took place this morning from his late residence on the San Juan Road...The following friends acted as pallbearers: Antone Vucich, Philip Marinovich, Mike Glavich, Nick Arbanison [Arbanasin], Louis Pulich and Peter Sambrallo [Sambrailo].”

EP; 3 Jan 1919; UL: M. R. Dolich, Mate Dzajic, Pete Lettunich, Mrs. Kate Oblizales [Oblizalo], M. Vukasovich.

EP; 3 Jan 1919; article: “H. K. Thurber, a roomer at the Valley House, on lower Main street, was beat up and robbed yesterday afternoon by Ben Espinzoza, a Mexican, aged about twenty years. Espinzoza, for some time past, has been hanging around the lower part of town and the police officers have had him under surveillance...”

“District Attorney Smith was notified of the arrest and is expected here this morning to prepare a charge against the prisoner...”

“The arraignment was fixed by Justice Hawkins at two o’clock, on next Tuesday afternoon. This time was fixed inasmuch as District Attorney Smith retires from office on next Monday, and the newly-elected official, Ralph Smith, will have charge of the case.

“At the hearing this morning Constable Devine, who is following up clues in the recent robbery of the Japanese woman on First street, was present, and thinking that, perhaps, Espinzoza might have committed that crime, proceeded with Chief Whitsitt down to the fellow’s room at the Valley House. On entering the room the officers discovered evidence that Espinzoza was the thief who stole a \$24 revolver, cartridges, etc., from young Nick Lettunich’s auto, which was parked near the Appleton Hotel, one evening. Devine recognized some of the missing cartridges in the room, and the landlord of the hotel, with whom Espinzoza had left the revolver, handed the weapon over to the officers...”

EP; 4 Jan 1919; item: “P. M. Resetar, B. Borovinich, P. P. Stolich, and M. Scurich are going to Stockton today to attend the funeral of Louis Borovinich.”

EP; 4 Jan 1919; article: “RED CROSS NAMES NEW DIRECTORS. The adoption of new by-laws, the election of directors and the reports of committees occupied the time of the annual meeting of Watsonville Chapter, Red Cross, held last evening in the high school.

“The Pacific division of the Red Cross submitted a uniform set of by-laws, requesting their adoption. After reading they were unanimously approved. They follow the old by-laws closely, differing only in a few details such as an increase in the board of directors from fifteen to twenty-one. O. D. Stoesser, chairman of the nominating committee, submitted the following names for directors: Mrs. L. D. O’Neal, Mrs. D. F. Maher, Mrs. James Sheehy, Mrs. W. H. Volck, Mrs. O. D. Stoesser, Miss Lottie Watters, Mrs. F. L. Selleck, Mrs. E. Steinhauser, Miss Myra Harris, Mrs. J. C. Phillips, Mrs. E. E. Seely, J. E. Gardner, W. R. Radcliff, C. J. Rodgers, T. S. MacQuiddy, C. M. Neal, C. A. Palmtag, Luke Scurich, J. Walter Smith, L. M. Way and S. Kuniyoshi. Those named were elected directors in accordance with the provision of the new by-laws, which provide that seven shall be elected for one year, seven for two years, and seven for three years. Successors will be elected for three-year terms...”

EP; 4 Jan 1919; obit: “The funeral of the late Charles Gerbich was held this morning from the undertaking parlors of Aston & Neal...and was attend by the Loyal Order of Moose and the Austrian-American Benevolent Society, of which deceased was a member...The pall-bearers were: Steven Vlasich, M. Popovich, G. Kolendich, J. G. Gospodnetich, L. Biskuf [Biskup], M. Mekish.”

EP; 4 Jan 1919, obit: “Friends here yesterday received word of the death in Stockton of Louis Borovinich, a former resident of Watsonville, who passed away Wednesday after an illness of just a week as he was taken sick on Christmas day. Influenza is supposed to have been the cause of his death. He is survived by his widow and four children, all living in Stockton.”

EP; 6 Jan 1919, disp. ad:
Everybody Is Cheerful After
a Cup of our Coffee in the Morning.
Our Teas Are of the
Finest Flavors
SUGAR, SPICES, VEGETABLES,
CHEESE, BUTTER AND EGGS.
Everything in the Grocery Line and
EVERYTHING OF THE BEST
A. STRAZICICH
Cor. Walker and W. Lake Ave.
PHONE 63

EP; 6 Jan 1919, item: “John Prochaska has purchased the Nick Mortizia apple orchard on the San Juan road. Mr. Prochaska is an orchestra conductor in New York city.”

EP; 6 Jan 1919, item: "...the Chesley Stow property on Second street in the Scurich subdivision, has been bought by K. Kospodnetich [Gospodnetich]."

EP; 7 Jan 1919, item: "...District Attorney Ralph H. Smith was practically all 'moved in' at noon to the pleasant second-floor offices occupied these last four years by George W. Smith..."

"Former District Attorney George W. Smith will remain in Santa Cruz and has opened offices in the Neary-Seighold building across the hall from Painless Parker's dental parlors..."

EP; 7 Jan 1919, item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and son, Prosper, of San Francisco, are registered at the Appleton."

EP; 7 Jan 1919, item: "Suit was instituted yesterday morning by Andrew Gullermovich [Gulermovich] against the California Packing company of San Francisco for the purpose of collecting money alleged to be due the plaintiff for pears delivered the defendants during last autumn. The suit consists of two counts, \$756.33 being asked on each count..."

EP; 9 Jan 1919, item: "Mr and Mrs A. Dragovich of Watsonville are visiting for a month at the A. Rustan home near Tracy."

EP; 10 Jan 1919, obit: "Geo. B. Chukovich died of pneumonia at Santa Barbara on January 8th, aged 36 years. He was a brother of Rado Chukovich and a native of Herzgovnia [Herzegovina], but had been a resident of this valley for 14 years, during which time he was engaged in the apple industry. The body was brought here for interment at the I.O.O.F. cemetery and funeral services will be held from the Burland undertaking parlors Saturday, January 11..."

EP; 10 Jan 1919, obit: "In Santa Barbara, January 8, 1919, Geo. B. Chukovich, a brother of Rado [Rado] Chukovich, aged 36 years. He was a native of Herzgovnia [Herzegovina]."

EP; 11 Jan 1919, item: "Mike Rilovich and Louis Jano killed a bob-cat down the river below the narrow gauge bridge this morning. Jano came in and told us all about it and we were duly impressed by the sportsmanship of the boys. They say it was about two feet high and about three feet long. Rilovich shot it with a 22-calibre rifle."

EP; 13 Jan 1919; UL: Nick Boscovich, Andro Guljermovich, L. Krunich.

EP; 13 Jan 1919; article: "Martin Fiarovich [maybe Fiorovich] was arrested by Officer Corr Saturday for parking his truck on the side of Main Street, and near a

fire hydrant. The loaded machine stood on the street for over an hour before the officer could find him. He put \$10 bail for his appearance in Judge Bridgewater's court this morning, which he forfeited by non-appearance. Officer Corr states that this was a particularly aggravating case and that Fiarovich left his machine where it would seriously interfere with the fire department should a fire have broken out at that time in the section near which the truck was standing. The non-observance of the parking laws of the city are becoming too frequent and the officers are determined to see that the continual violation of it is stopped, and they will make an example of all who fail to comply..."

EP; 13 Jan 1919; disp. ad:

FOR FINE BREAD

cleanly made
cleanly handled
— and —

PIES AND ALL KINDS OF PASTRY

— go to —

WATSONVILLE BAKERY

438 Main St. V. Lister & Co.

EP; 13 Jan 1919; article: "At the request of the Watsonville branch of the War History Committee, a tentative list of those who have joined the colors from this section of the county is printed below..."

"...Chris Mracevich, Michael P. Nirich, George J. Strazicich, Mitchell S. Stolich, Nicholas Violick [Violich]."

EP; 13 Jan 1919; honor roll: High 7th: Michel Maticevich; Low 7th: John Micovich; Low 6th: Martin Franich, John Novancovich [Novacovich]; High 4th: Nicholas Copriviza; Low 4th: Sam Boscovich, Mike Resetar; High 3rd: John Trinagstich; Low 3rd: George Krall, Steven Pecoek [Pekoch], George Gera, Anna Krall; Low 2nd: Nicholas Boscovich, Joe Pavlovich, Martin Franich, Tony Franich.

EP; 14 Jan 1919; article: **LETTUNICH CO. LOSE PACKING HOUSE BY FIRE.** The M. N. Lettunich & Company's packing house on West Third street, was completely destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss of between \$8,000 and \$9,000. Two automobiles, one belonging to Nick Lettunich and the other to Mateo Lettunich, were consumed in the flames and as the tanks of both machines were filled with gas, the explosion gave added impetus to the flames. The packing house also contained many empty apple boxes, several large fruit wagons, the old Mansion House bus, a gravel wagon, etc. The cookhouse, adjoining the packing house, across the alley, caught on fire from the heat, and was badly damaged. It contained upwards of one hundred bags of beans which were taken out and saved.

“The alarm was turned in by Ed Noriss at eleven o’clock and the department made a record run to the scene and had a stream of water playing on the blaze in short order. So rapidly did the flames spread, however, the whole front of the building was in flames when the fire fighters arrived and the matter looked serious for that part of the city for a time. But the wind did not come up, and the fire laddies, by a desperate effort, confined the fire to the one building, although it was burned to the ground.

“The heat in the vicinity of the fire was intense and the cook house roof, more than fifty feet away, caught fire persistently, and considerable damage was done there also. A steady stream of water on the office of the building made it possible for the firemen to enter and remove a roll top desk, which was practically the only thing of value saved from the main building.

“The fire seems to have caught just back of the office rooms which were located in the front end of the building and this probably accounts for the fire gaining such headway before it was discovered. The building was a very old one and built of redwood. That it was completely destroyed in spite of all the fire boys could do, was evidence that it had been burning for some time inside before its discovery. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained yet.

“The only insurance carried was \$1500 on the main packing house. The autos, wagons, etc. were not insured.”

EP; 15 Jan 1919; item: “...The following officers and directors were elected for the Pajaro Valley National Bank: President, Warren R. Porter; vice-presidents, C. F. Langley, and John E. Trafton: cashier, C. A. Palmtag: assistant cashier, L. H. Lopes: directors, W. R. Porter, C. F. Langley, J. E. Gardner, Frank Rodgers, Lyman Cox, Frank Mauk, F. P. Marinovich, and C. A. Palmtag...”

EP; 15 Jan 1919; item: “M.V. Pista, Mitchell Pista, and John Secondo leave today on a hunting trip to the Los Banos country.” [*Mitchell and M.V. are the same person*]

EP; 15 Jan 1919; item: “John Strazicich has returned to San Francisco to resume his duties with the Mission Savings Bank, after a three weeks’ visit at the home of his mother here.”

EP; 15 Jan 1919; item: “W. P. Stark of Neosho, Missouri, has been a guest at the Appleton Hotel, for several days past. Mr. Stark is one of the owners of the famous Stark Brothers Nurseries in Missouri, which has furnished a great many apple trees for the Pajaro Valley, ‘Stark’s Delicious’ being one of the favorites with some apple growers.”

EP; 18 Jan 1919; UL: Frank Bonavich, Vaso Rosich, Steve Cupich, Dragich & Gerbich.

EP; 20 Jan 1919; item: “Prosper Lettunich was here from Mare Island for an over-Sunday visit with relatives and friends.”

EP; 21 Jan 1919; item: “Estate of Milovan Aneghich [Angelich], deceased—Letters of administration issued to George S. Easterday: order directing to notice to creditors.”

EP; 22 Jan 1919; item: “Edward Cikuth et al vs. Martin Capitanich et al—action set for February 27th.”

EP; 24 Jan 1919; letter to editor: “In a recent issue of the Surf (Dec. 27, 1918) our then district attorney, Mr. George W. Smith, in his war articles deals with the alleged causes leading up to the resignation of W. J. MacDonald, former pastor of the Advent Christian church of Santa Cruz. The causes so alleged therein were that the patriotic sermons of the pastor were antagonistic to the pro-German element among the membership of the church.

“Your writer called up Mr. Smith and made an appointment with him, at which time our present pastor, Mr. George E. Walston, and E. W. Fields were present. At that time the real facts in the case were presented to Mr. Smith touching the reasons for the aforesaid ‘resignation’ of Pastor MacDonald and his dismissal from the conference. This reason is now known to Mr. Smith. At the same meeting we also submitted the following data to Mr. Smith, which may perhaps enlighten the citizens of Santa Cruz as to the loyalty of our church membership in behalf of our country:

“Names of members of our church and amounts of bonds purchased:

“Lew W. Collins, \$500; George M. Babcock, \$450; Ella Fase, \$600; I. N. Archibald, \$250; Homer Babcock, \$250; E. S. Biggard, \$150; Nettie Babcock, \$100; Arthur Babcock, \$100; Edith Fisher, \$100; E. W. Fields, \$50; May M. Biggard, \$50; Gertrude Sowder, \$50; P. P. Wettstein, \$50.

“In addition to the above there has been purchased by the membership and their families over \$700 in thrift stamps.

“Among the names in the list of bond purchasers there appears that of P. P. Wettstein of Garfield Park, Santa Cruz. It might possibly interest the people of Santa Cruz to know that this member of our church was born in Germany and had two brothers in the Germany army whom he had not heard from for over five years. A better citizen, a more loyal American, a more noble character than Mr. Wettstein does not live in this city at this time. Mr. Wettstein in addition to the money invested in bonds and stamps, was preparing his business interests here in order that he could enlist and fight for this adopted country.

“There is also hanging in our church a service flag with nine stars (and one more to insert) and one of those stars is in gold. Grayson Wilkinson, son of one of our

members, 'paid in full' with his life, being the first Santa Cruz boy to die in the service.

"Our boys and our money have been gladly and modestly given in this common cause and we regret that it has been necessary for the purpose of vindication to mention this service at all. Lew W. Collins, Church Clerk."

EP; 25 Jan 1919; item: "Mrs. Nick Lettunich is confined to her residence with a very severe cold."

EP; 25 Jan 1919; UL: Joe Mascovich, Mrs. Skow Vlacovich.

EP; 27 Jan 1919; item: "John Zar is enjoying a visit from his brother, Nick Zar, of Nevada, who arrived here yesterday. The brothers have not met for eight years."

EP; 27 Jan 1919; item: "W. A. Bush, local agent, has sold to Martin Kulich, a Fageol Truck and a Hudson super-six. Mr. Bush says that business is unusually good in the above lines."

EP; 27 Jan 1919; item: "Estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased—Printed copy of notice to creditors, accompanied with statement as to publication."

EP; 28 Jan 1919; obit: "In Santa Cruz, Jan. 27th, Mrs. Dorothy Podich, aged 34 years, a native of California."

EP; 28 Jan 1919; item: "Mrs. J. Alves de Silveira et vir to J. P. Zar—Lot on Brennan St., Watsonville."

EP; 28 Jan 1919; item: "J. P. Zar to J. T. Atteridge—Lot south side Brennan St., Watsonville."

EP; 29 Jan 1919; item: "The case of John C. Jercovich vs. Rachel Cricks came up in Judge Hawkins' court yesterday afternoon for trial. The principals presented their cases and the matter was taken under advisement by Judge Hawkins..."

"The case was the result of an alleged violation of a contract by the Cricks in the delivery of apples to Mr. Jurcovich."

EP; 29 Jan 1919; item: "A collision occurred this afternoon at the corner of Main street and Lake avenue, between the cars driven by Miss Lottie Watters and M. V. Pista. Mr. Pista's attention being distracted from his route he did not perceive Miss Watters' car which she had stopped upon seeing him approach. No bodily injuries were suffered; both cars were slightly damaged."

EP; 29 Jan 1919; obit: "After a lingering illness from tuberculosis, Mrs. Mary Vukasovich, of Eaton avenue, passed away this morning at 5 o'clock.

"Deceased was a native of Dalmatia, Austria, and

besides leaving her husband, William Vukasovich, also leaves three children the eldest aged five years. She has been a resident of this city for over six years, and many friends and acquaintances will deeply regret her passing away..."

EP; 29 Jan 1919; mar. license: "At Santa Cruz, Rob Fallea [Tallea], 25, and Katherine Rilovich, 23, both of Watsonville."

EP; 29 Jan 1919; obit: "At Watsonville, Jan. 29, 1919, Mrs. Mary Vukasovich, a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged 28 years and 6 days."

EP; 31 Jan 1919; item: "The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Vukasovich took place from the family residence on Eaton Avenue...this morning...The pallbearers were Nick Lucich, Luke Lucich, Peter Lucich, John Lucich, Nick Lucich, and Antone Voguodo, all cousins of Mrs. Vukasovich."

EP; 31 Jan 1919; item: "Mrs. Nick Lettunich, who has been seriously ill at her home on Kearney street, was reported some better last evening."

EP; 1 Feb 1919; item: "Mrs. Nick M. Lettunich, who has been critically ill for some days past is still alive but very low."

EP; 1 Feb 1919; item: "A Watsonville case, Dragich vs. the Central Grocery Co., was set yesterday for trial. The case went over, as one of the principal witnesses was ill with the smallpox. Another witness was detained as he was caring for a smallpox patient.—Sentinel."

EP; 3 Feb 1919; obit: "After a week's illness with the 'flu' Mrs. Peter Battinich of this city, entered the Great Beyond yesterday. The sudden and unexpected termination of her illness was a great shock to her many friends and acquaintances. She was a most estimable woman.

"Deceased has been a resident of this city for about 18 years. Besides her husband she leaves four children, three boys and one girl (all down, at present, with the 'flu'); three brothers; Martin Pecarovich of Fresno; Maririn Pecarovich of Los Angeles; Nick Pecarovich of Seattle, Wash.; and a brother in the old country. She was the aunt of Mesdames P. M. Resetar and Peter Stolich..."

EP; 3 Feb 1919; obit: "After an illness of a little over a week, Mrs. Pauline Virginia Lettunich, wife of Nicholas Lettunich, passed away, from double pneumonia, last Saturday evening, at her residence in this city.

"The death of this young woman will bring deep sorrow to all who knew her. She was born in this city on October 8, 1898, her maiden name being Strazicich. She was educated in the Moreland Notre Dame Academy, of

this city, and after graduating from that school took a business course in the commercial department of the high school. After her graduation, she was employed by F. W. Ruppert at his bookstore, until her marriage to Mr. Nick Lettunich, which took place in St. Patrick's church in Reno, January 15, 1917, just a little over two years ago.

"In addition to the husband, the deceased is survived by her mother, Mrs. N. Banicevich, two sisters, Helen and Kathryn Strazicich, John A. Strazicich, and a little six-weeks' old baby that will never feel a mother's caressing hand.

"The death of Mrs. Lettunich brings keen regret and sorrow to a wide circle of friends. The writer knew her as a little girl, and watched her grow into charming womanhood. Of a sunshiny frank disposition she readily endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact.

"The funeral was held this morning. After the celebration of a requiem mass at St. Patrick's church, the body was interred in the Valley cemetery. A large number of friends attended the obsequies.

"The pallbearers were: M. J. Lettunich, Peter Lettunich, P. J. Lettunich, E. B. Lettunich, N. Z. [V.] Lettunich and M. B. Lettunich."

EP; 3 Feb 1919; obit: "At Watsonville, Feb 2, 1919, Mrs. Matea Battinich, a native of Dalmatia, aged 42 years, beloved wife of Peter Battinich..."

EP; 3 Feb 1919; obit: "Funeral services for Mrs. Peter Battinich, who died Sunday, were held from the undertaking parlors of Aston & Neal this morning... Interment was made at the Valley cemetery. The pallbearers were: Luke Scurich, Steve Lappolo [Laptalo], Geo. Lappolo, Geo. Battinich, Luke Dilitich and F. P. Marinovich."

EP; 5 Feb 1919; item: "Peter P. Capitanich, of the Aromas country, was driving with some friends over to Watsonville junction this morning when his auto skidded near Porter place and turned turtle. The machine was righted again and the party went on over to the junction. No one was hurt and the machine was uninjured."

EP; 5 Feb 1919; disp. ad. "GOING OUT OF BUSINESS! Having decided to close our stock and retire from the business we have decided to Cut Prices to Cost and Below In order to move the goods rapidly and get the stock cleaned out. The price on everything has been reduced and marked in plain figures. Goods delivered free to any part of the city. CENTRAL GROCERY COMPANY, Corner Central Avenue and Main Sts. Watsonville, Calif. Notice to persons indebted to Central Grocery Co. This Company is selling off its stock of goods and going out of business. Its creditors must be paid. We are therefore compelled to require that all persons indebted to us pay up, or give satisfactory security, before February 15, 1919. Otherwise the bills will be

placed in the hands of attorneys for collection. By order of the Board of Directors, Central Grocery Company."

EP; 7 Feb 1919; item: "Plans for the Community Tea to be given in the clubhouse of the Watsonville Woman's Club tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock indicate that this event will attract a large number of women who wish to have a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon together..."

"Among the numbers on the program are: Piano Solo, Miss Anna Scurich; trio selection, Mrs. O. D. Stoesser, Mrs. G. P. Jennings and Mrs. W. H. Volek..."

EP; 8 Feb 1919; item: "There will be a Jugo-Slav meeting Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Forester's Hall. All Jugo-Slavs are invited to attend. By order of the Committee."

EP; 10 Feb 1919; obit: "E. B. Lettunich received a telegram this morning from Martin N. Lettunich hearing the sad news of the death in Los Angeles yesterday of Miss Lucille Lettunich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Lettunich, at the age of 23 [*sic* 25] years.

"Mr. Lettunich received a wire last Wednesday announcing the serious illness of his daughter and immediately went to Los Angeles where she in company with her mother, was visiting. He reported back that she was very ill and that there was very little hope of her recovery. That was all until the message came announcing her death.

"The death of Miss Lettunich will profoundly touch all who knew her. She was born and raised in Watsonville and her charming personality endeared her to all with whom she came in contact and the people of the entire community, including the Pajaronian, extends sympathy and condolences to the bereaved members of the family. The family moved from here to San Francisco in 1908, where Miss Lucille graduated from the Notre Dame Sisters' school in that city. Besides her father and mother she leaves one brother, Prosper Lettunich, to mourn for her.

"The remains will be taken to San Francisco tonight on the Lark, where the funeral and interment will take place."

EP; 10 Feb 1919; honor roll: Low 2nd: Martin Franich, Tony Franich; High 3rd: John Trinajstich; High 4th: Nicholas Copriviza; Low 6th: Martin Franich, John Novacovich; High 6th: John Miljanich; Low 7th: Thomas Arbanas, John Milcovich; High 7th: Michel Matecovich; Low 4th: Stephen Scurich; Low 4th: Sam Boscovich, Peter Stolich; Low 2nd: Nicholas Boscovich; Low 3rd: Mitchell Kralj, George Krall, Steve Pekoch, George Gera, George Kralj.

EP; 10 Feb 1919; married: "In Watsonville, Feb 9, 1919, Ed Talijo [Robert Tallea] and Miss Katherine Rilovich, both of Watsonville."

EP; 10 Feb 1919; obit: "In Los Angeles, Cal., February 9, 1919, Miss Lucille Lettunich, aged 23 [*sic* 25] years, a native of Watsonville."

EP; 10 Feb 1919; UL: George Jelinich, Mrs. Catherine Malladin [Milladin], Ivan Mioceovich.

EP; 11 Feb 1919; item: "The inventory and appraisement has been filed in several estates...estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased, \$2015.17..."

EP; 11 Feb 1919; item: "Tony Dragich vs. Central Grocery Co.—Case reset to March 5."

EP; 11 Feb 1919; item: "Estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased—Inventory and appraisement."

EP; 12 Feb 1919; item: "Funeral services will be held on tomorrow, Thursday, at Halsted's undertaking parlors on Sutter street, San Francisco, for Miss Lucille Lettunich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lettunich, who died Sunday in Los Angeles."

EP; 14 Feb 1919; item: "Steve Scurich is a business visitor in San Francisco today."

EP; 15 Feb 1919; obit: "A. J. Viscovich, who has been conducting a jewelry store on Lower Main street, died at this home at 56 Elm street, this morning...He was a native of Austria and aged about 36 years..."

EP; 15 Feb 1919; obit: "In Watsonville, February 15, 1919, A. J. Viscovich, aged about 58 years, a native of Austria." [*he was 35 years old*]

EP; 15 Feb 1919; item: "Andrew Guliermovich vs. California Packing Co.—request for dismissal."

EP; 17 Feb 1919; obit: "Funeral services for the late A. J. Viscovic were held from the family home at 56 Elm street this morning...The pallbearers were: Nick Arbanisin [Arbanasin], John Arbanisan, N. Jivovich, Martin Milcovich, J. N. Munkovich [Monkovich], L. Pulich."

EP; 17 Feb 1919; item: "Application of Martin Papac for decree adjudging death of Nellie Liston—Petition: order to show cause and fixing time of hearing."

EP; 18 Feb 1919; card of thanks: "To those who were so kind and thoughtful to us in our hour of bereavement, the death of our beloved husband and father, we return our sincere and grateful thanks. Their many kindnesses, sympathy and courtesies we shall never forget. Mrs. A. J. Viscovich and Family."

EP; 18 Feb 1919; item: "Estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased—Public administrator's semiannual report."

EP; 19 Feb 1919; item: "Joseph Secondo et ux. to Mitchell Secondo—Lots 1, 2, and 11, George W. Peckham's sub. to Watsonville, and 50 foot strip.

"Mitchell Secondo et ux. to Joseph Secondo—Property on northeast side Rodriguez St., Watsonville."

EP; 20 Feb 1919; obit: "Watsonville, Feb. 19, 1919, Matthew Grizich, a native of Dalmatia, Austria, aged 56 years..." [*he was 49 years old*]

EP; 20 Feb 1919; obit: "Matthew Grizich, one of the best known members of the local Slavonian colony, passed away at his home on Tuttle avenue yesterday after an illness of three months.

"Several weeks ago he was stricken with a severe form of heart ailment and gradually he became worse despite everything the attending physician could do for him. For some days, he had been hovering between life and death and at 5 o'clock last evening, the end came.

"Mr. Grizich was a native of Dalmatia and was 56 years of age. The greater part of his life, however, had been spent in America as he came to this country when 18 years of age.

"After residing in other parts of California for several years, he came to Watsonville 24 years ago and had since made this place his home.

"For many years he engaged in the apple packing business, but finally purchased an orchard of his own and had since been engaged in operating it. He was highly regarded by a wide circle of friends and associates and his death will be widely mourned. The deepest sympathy will be extended to the sorrowing loved ones.

"He is survived by his wife and three sons, Martin, Joseph, and Antone Grizich, and one daughter, Emma Grizich. One sister is also a school teacher in Dalmatia..."

EP; 20 Feb 1919; disp. ad: "BUTTER FROM BEST LOCAL DAIRIES. Butter is not butter unless it is made by a process that preserves all the oils of the milk. When you lose part of these nourishing (oil) qualities you lose part of your butter. The butter we handle is made so as to preserve every nourishing and necessary quality. A. STRAZICICH, Corner Walker and W. Lake Ave., Phone 63"

EP; 21 Feb 1919; item: "Mitchell Korich to John Scurich—Property beginning at N.E. corner of Lewis Pierce farm, near Watsonville, 35 acres; also lot 39, James Waters' sub. Pajaro Valley Nursery Tract, \$10."

EP; 21 Feb 1919; article: "FIRST MEETING OF AMERICANIZATION MOVEMENT HERE. A meeting to forward the Americanization movement was held in the Watsonville High School building last evening, which was well attended and a lively interest was shown in this important educational project. Professor T. S. MacQuiddy, as chairman of the committee on American-

ization for Santa Cruz county named W. R. Radcliff, chairman; Miss O. E. Flaughner, secretary; S. T. Menasco, Mrs. Mary Piratsky, Mrs. H. M. Tenney, S. J. Duckworth, J. Walter Smith, M. Kimyoshi, L. M. Way and Luke Scurich as members of the Americanization committee for southern part of the county...

"The Americanization movement is nation-wide and has made rapid progress in the most populous sections of the eastern states. It was brought into existence during the war by the National Council of Defense. Since the declaration of the armistice, direction of the work in California has been assumed by the State Commission on Immigration and Housing.

"This movement, as the name suggests, means Americanization for both the native-born and foreign-born citizens and other residents of the country and is closely associated with the larger problem of after-the-war reconstruction and through which it is hoped all Americans will gain a better understanding of the meaning of American citizenship and the ideals of American democracy.

"The local committee, through a system of questionnaires, expects to secure definite information regarding the local foreign population, its nationality and education and more particularly the need for further education.

"In time, housing, health, and sanitation conditions will be investigated through committees to be selected to take up those subjects and to recommend constructive programs.

"The entire work, according to those in touch with the movement, has for its purpose the improvement of the individual and the development of the community along lines which will perpetuate here at home the principals of right and justice for which the American people engaged in the European war. The work is intended to give each citizen a broader and more intelligent knowledge of the duties and obligations of American citizenship.

"The teachers of the Watsonville public schools have tendered their services in connection with the educational branch of the work, which is under the direction of Professor J. A. Daly. Professor Daly outlined the program at last night's meeting as follows:

"The school will be open to all people of the community who are 16 years of age or over, and to any one over 15 years of age who has completed the work of the seventh grade of the grammar school.

"For the present there will be two sessions of the school each week, to be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. School will start at 7 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. The classes are to meet in the old high school building, with the exception of the class in music, which will meet in the auditorium of the new building.

"The first session of the school will be held Tuesday, March 4.

"The program of exercises is so arranged that it will be possible for all students to attend the classes in citizenship and music and...one of the other classes which is best suited to his needs.

"The classes in which instruction will be given are as follows:

"1. Classes for the instruction of men and women who can neither read nor write in English or a foreign language. Both American and foreign-born residents of the community can take advantage of this instruction. Those presenting themselves for instruction in this work will be arranged in groups on the basis of their ability to speak and understand English. An attempt will be made to so classify students for instruction that they will be spending their time to the best advantage.

"2. Classes for the instruction of men and women who are educated in a foreign language and who desire to learn to read, write, and speak English. Students who enroll for this work will be classified to the basis of previous educational advantages.

"3. Classes in citizenship. Students will be taught the fundamental principals of good citizenship in the United States. Foreign-born residents of the community who wish to become American citizens would do well to take advantage of this course. However, the instruction will not be limited to such a field of information as would enable a man to qualify for citizenship on the basis of the examination set by the naturalization bureau; but an effort will be made to bring the student to a full appreciation of the duties and privileges of an American citizen.

"4. Music: The singing of national and patriotic songs. Thirty or forty minutes will be devoted to this work each week.

"5. Coaching class in grammar school subjects. A class for the instruction of people who left school before completing the work of the grammar school course. The purpose of this course is to prepare the student to qualify for the grammar school diploma by passing an examination set by the County Board of Education. These examinations are given twice a year. The instruction will be largely individual and pupils will be given help in all subjects in which they are deficient.

"The work will begin as announced on Tuesday evening, March 4. The committee requests that all citizens, whether native or foreign born, give this course their active assistance by urging their friends, who can be benefited by the proposed instruction, to attend the school sessions.

"This work, it is pointed out, is for their benefit. It will give them a better knowledge of the English language, of American history, of the principles of the American government, and the duties and privileges of American citizenship. It will make them better Americans.

"Do not let timidity keep you away,' said Mr. Radcliff last evening. 'This instruction will be of positive value. It will not cost you a cent. It will not take an hour from your employment.

"And it will fit you to become and to live up to all the obligations of citizenship or residence in the best country in the world, the United States of America."

EP; 21 Feb 1919; notice: "Notice is hereby given that the undersigned N. M. Lettunich and George Bubresko, doing business under the firm names and styles of 'Lettunich and Bubresko' and of 'N. M. Lettunich Co.' have this day dissolved partnership, and all business conducted under said firm names has been discontinued. Dated, February 21, 1919, N. M. LETTUNICH, GEORGE BUBRESKO."

EP; 21 Feb 1919; disp. ad: "FARMERS. Now is the time to get in touch with us regarding future requirements. For quality and reliability get a WESTINGHOUSE MOTOR We are their agents in this territory and always at your service. Central Electric Company, P.V. Bank Block, Phone 209J"

EP; 22 Feb 1919; obit: "Funeral services for Matthew Grizich were held from the residence on Tuttle avenue this morning...The pallbearers were: Mark Dethlefsen, Chris Sandholdt, C. R. Taylor, F. W. Johnson, John Ken- naugh and Peter Anderson."

EP; 22 Feb 1919; item: "County Health Officer Dr. A. N. Nittler, gives interesting birth and death statistics.

"The deaths for 1918 were 200; for 1917, 175; for 1916, 189.

"Births for 1918, 163; for 1917, 164; for 1916, 146.

"The influenza cases to January 1, 1919, were 939, with 17 deaths. Of the 17 deaths, six were of people brought in ill from outside the city. The total number of influenza cases reported to date are 1308. The pneumonia cases to date are 59, with 17 deaths.

"The death rate per 1000 is 13.3, which is a good average compared with other places.—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 22 Feb 1919; UL: Mr. and Mrs. Antone Novacovich, Joe Novacovich, M. Rabak, Burt Vlastilica [Vlastelica].

EP; 24 Feb 1919; item: "The men at the Pulisevich dryer on Santa Cruz St., have been busy shipping dried apples to England. A carload went out from here on Friday, and another carload Saturday. The shipment comprises 2400 boxes all packed here. They are strongly packed and the boxes are bound with wire.—Santa Cruz Sentinel."

EP; 25 Feb 1919; item: "M. V. Pista has filed an application for letters of administration in the estate of A. J. Vis- covich, deceased. The deceased had \$1000 on deposit in the Pajaro Valley bank: goods, wagons, etc., \$500, and Liberty bonds, \$150."

EP; 26 Feb 1919; article: "A home service conference of Red Cross chapter officials and members of the Home Service will be held in the clubhouse of the Watsonville Woman's Club tomorrow...

"The Watsonville, Gilroy, Hollister, King City, Sali-

nas, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel and Santa Cruz chapters will be represented...

"The following members of the Home Service Section will represent the Watsonville Chapter: Miss Belle Radcliff, chairman; Mrs. George Freiermuth, Mrs. Roy T. Eaton, Mrs. H. G. Watters, Mrs. Hugh W. Judd, Mrs. P. A. Arano, W. N. Cumming, Carrol J. Rodgers, R. T. Eaton, L. Marsh, W. R. Radcliff, Frank Rodgers, Luke Scurich, and S. Whitsitt."

EP; 26 Feb 1919; notice: "ATTENTION MEMBERS OF AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. You are requested to be present at your lodge-room, I.O.O.F. building on Saturday, March 1, 1919 at 8:00 p.m. Business of importance will come before the soci- ety. Fines will be enforced on members not attending. By order of L. G. BACHAN, Pres. LUKE SCURICH, Secy."

EP; 27 Feb 1919; article: "Says last evening's Salinas Index: N. C. Matiasevich this morning commenced suit against John G. Kincannon to recover \$500, which he al- leges is due him under the terms of an agreement entered into by the plaintiff and defendant in December, 1917. Under the terms of this agreement, the complaint alleges, Matiasevich leased from Kincannon for the [term] of three years a certain tract of land in Pajaro district, and Kincanon promised to pay him \$500 if the land should be sold before the expiration of the lease. Matiasevich was to assist in the sale of the land and show prospective pur- chasers about. The complaint further alleges that Mati- asevich kept his part of the agreement, and that although the land was sold March 1, 1918, before the lease expir- ed, to E. Jacobs, Kincannon has not paid Matiasevich the \$500 or any part of it. He therefore asks the court to award him a judgment for that amount, with interest at 7 per cent from the date of the sale."

EP; 27 Feb 1919; item: "Louis Biskup et al. to Herbert R. Merrill—20.007 acres of Salsipudes Ro."

EP; 28 Feb 1919; article: "Watsonville Council No. 958, Knights of Columbus initiated a class of 15 members last evening, exemplifying the first degree to them. The cere- monies were very impressive and made a lasting impres- sion upon the novitiates. Those composing the class were F. P. Marinovich, Wm. F. Marinovich, Luke G. Bachan, Frank J. Scrivani, R. D. King, Michael Luke Kalich, Fran- cis A. Silva, Paul Miladin, John Franich, Antone Luke Scurich, John Walter Smith, Nicholas Alaga, Francis Martin Ronsse, Luke P. Cikuth and Manuel C. Rodgers.

"This is the first quota of Watsonville in the drive for 'A million men in 1919,' that is being made in this coun- try for the Knights of Columbus, and the local council will keep up the good work until it goes over the top as Watsonville has always done. The degree team who exemplified the work was composed of Geo. B. Kenne-

dy, Eugene McSherry, John Harkins, Laurence Denny and Dennis J. Daly. The following doughboys formed a guard of honor for the class: John Fahey, Geo. Freiermuth, and Arthur Prindeville.

“At the conclusion of the initiatory ceremonies a banquet was served at which appropriate speeches were made. Cigars and cigarettes were also served and the occasion made a most enjoyable one. One of the delights of the evening was to see those doughboys eat. All present declare that the evening was a most enjoyable one as well as beneficial and uplifting.”

EP; 28 Feb 1919; item: “A horse belonging to Frannusich Bros., was killed on lower Main street shortly after noon yesterday. It was struck by one of the trucks that have been hauling spray from San Jose to this city.”

EP; 28 Feb 1919; UL: Luke Arbanas.

EP; 28 Feb 1919; notice: “IN BANKRUPTCY...In the Southern Division of the United States District Court, Northern District of California.

“In the matter of George Colendick [Colendich], bankrupt.

“No. 11423. In bankruptcy.

“Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.

“To the creditors of George Colendick, of the County of Santa Cruz and District aforesaid, a bankrupt:

“Notice is hereby given that on February 14, 1919, the said George Colendick was duly adjudged bankrupt and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held on March 3, 1919, at the hour of two o’clock p.m. of said day, at the court-room of the Referee in Bankruptcy in and for said district, at room 7 in the Leonard Building, at No. 20 Cooper Street, Santa Cruz, California, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, consider whether such trustee shall be authorized to sell the property of the estate, if any, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

“Claims must be prepared in form required by the bankruptcy act and properly sworn to.

“Dated February 17, 1919. HARRY J. BLAS, Referee in Bankruptcy.”

EP; 3 Mar 1919; obit: “At Watsonville, March 3, 1919, Mitchell Ucovich, a native of Austria, aged 50 years.”

EP; 3 Mar 1919; item: “Mitchell Ucovich, of this city, died this morning...

“Deceased was an unmarried man, a cousin of Mr. Pulich, of this city. He had lived here for some time. He was a native of Austria, aged 50 years, and a man greatly respected by all who knew him.”

EP; 4 Mar 1919; item: “Estate of A. E. Pincevich, de-

ceased—Moratorium affidavit; decree assigning entire estate to widow.”

EP; 4 Mar 1919; born: “In Watsonville, March 2, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mustanich, a son.” [William]

EP; 4 Mar 1919; notice: “ATTENTION, MOOSE. You are hereby requested to attend the funeral of your late Brother, Mitchell Ucovich, which will take place from Aston & Neal’s undertaking parlors, Wednesday, March 5th, at 2:15 p.m. By request of F. G. Burland, Dictator.”

EP; 5 Mar 1919; obit: “Funeral services for the late Mitchell Ucovich were held from the undertaking parlors of Aston & Neal...today...The pallbearers were Luke Alaga, Paul Shacich, Peter Sambrailo, Antone Salatich, Nich Salatich and Martin Salatich.”

EP; 5 Mar 1919; article: “CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL WAS WELL ATTENDED. Registration for the Americanization classes to be held in the high school a couple of evenings each week was held in the old building last evening and the response was very satisfactory to Professor Daly and those associated with him in the work.

“Forty students indicated their intention to take the work. They were divided into three classes, those who have no knowledge of English or any other language, those who have been educated in a foreign language but wish to learn English and those to be coached in grammar school subjects.

“The indications are that one of the most popular classes will be the class in citizenship, which will prepare the students to take the naturalization examinations.

“The attendance promises to be so large that it was decided to hold the classes in the new building hereafter...

“Of the forty responding last evening, 13 were Japanese and the other 37 Slavonians.”

EP; 5 Mar 1919; disp. ad: “BY THE WAY. When Having Your Rooms Done Over. Remember to replace that old CHANDELIER with one of our up-to-date Indirect Bowls or fixtures. CENTRAL ELECTRIC CO., P.V. Bank Block, Phone 209-J”

EP; 5 Mar 1919; item: “James L. Douglass, guardian of Jesse Douglass, a minor, to E. B. Lettunich—Property leading from Green Valley road to College road.”

EP; 6 Mar 1919; article: “LUKE SCURICH MEETS WITH BAD ACCIDENT AND IS PARALYZED. As the result of an auto accident this morning on San Juan road, opposite the Sheehy place, Luke Scurich is in the Watsonville hospital in an unconscious condition and two Japanese women were badly bruised, but not seriously injured. Mr. Scurich was coming into town in his automobile with two Japanese women in the rear seat. He

came up with Owen Tuttle, who was driving toward town with a load of potatoes in a low truck, drawn by two horses. In an attempt to pass Tuttle's wagon, Mr. Scurich either did not turn out far enough or his machine skidded and the right front wheel and fender struck the rear wheel of the wagon, throwing the two women out of the machine backwards, and crushing Mr. Scurich against the steering-wheel of the auto.

"The force of the impact threw Owen Tuttle into the air a considerable distance and he alighted on the soft dirt at the side of the road, and the team ran away, a short distance down the road, scattering potatoes along the thoroughfare. Tuttle was shaken up and bruised some but received no serious injuries.

"Mr. Scurich and the Japanese woman were brought to the Watsonville hospital where medical attention was given them. It was then discovered that Mr. Scurich was totally paralyzed on his right side. As we go to press he is still unable to talk, and his condition is critical.

"Whether the collision was the result of a stroke of paralysis just as Mr. Scurich attempted to cross behind Mr. Tuttle's wagon, or whether the stroke was the result of the impact against the steering-wheel is a question. He was always known as a very careful driver.

"The news of the accident spread rapidly, and the greatest concern was shown as to Mr. Scurich's condition. A very fine man, prominent in the Slavonian colony here, he is highly respected, and all are hoping that he will pull through the night."

EP; 7 Mar 1919; item: "John Scurich et ux. to William E. E. Atchison et ux.—Lot 39, James Waters sub. of Pajaro Valley Nursery tract, \$10."

EP; 7 Mar 1919; item: "Estate and guardianship of Pauline Colendich et al. minors—First account of minors."

EP; 7 Mar 1919; item: "Tony Dragich vs. Central Grocery Company—Defendant given judgment as prayed for."

EP; 8 Mar 1919; item: "Someone stole the new Dodge Car belonging to Andrew P. Zar, which was standing in front of J. P. Zar's saloon at the corner of Main and Maple avenue...The theft was reported to Chief Whitsitt, who told Mr. Zar to watch around town for his car while he notified the other towns around, before the thief could get away with the machine. Shortly after eleven o'clock Mr. Zar found his car on West Third street, where it had been abandoned.

"No clue to the identity of the party or parties taking the machine have been found yet, but when he is located an example will be made of him that will deter others from such actions. Mr. Zar is just recovering from a severe illness and the shock of losing the car was very hard on him. If it was a so-called practical joke it may cost the joker something as such jokes will not be permitted by the police."

EP; 8 Mar 1919; item: "A conference of the priests in this portion of the diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles, with Rt. Rev. Bishop John Cantwell, presiding, was held here at St. Patrick's church..."

"The committee having charge of the dinner, comprised Mesdames Piratsky, Daly, Cikuth and the Misses Margaret Driscoll, Ann Kelly and Anna McSherry..."

EP; 10 Mar 1919; article: "The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Diklich, which mysteriously disappeared while down town with its mother and sister, Saturday afternoon, was found Saturday evening wandering out past the residence of M. S. Machado. The child was crying and could tell neither its name nor where it lived. Mrs. Machado took it in, gave it some supper and when Mr. Machado came home told him to notify the police when he went back down town. He fully intended to do so, but became engrossed in some business matters that demanded his instant attention when he came back down town and it slipped his mind. Mrs. Machado put the little one to bed and when the report reached there yesterday morning of the missing child she at once called up Chief Whitsitt and notified him, and he came and returned the child to its grieving mother.

"The police had worked practically the whole night, searching in every possible place the child might stray to, and found no clue whatever, and the parents of the child were almost frantic. Their joy was unbounded when the little one was returned to them unhurt."

EP; 11 Mar 1919; item: "M. V. Pista has been appointed administrator of the estate of A. J. Viscovich, deceased. His bond was fixed at \$3,000."

EP; 11 Mar 1919; item: "Estate of A. J. Viscovich, deceased—Petition of M. V. Pista; bond."

EP; 11 Mar 1919; item: "RED CROSS CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR..."

"The following is the organization and committees appointed for the coming year:

"Board of directors: ...Mrs. O. D. Stoesser..."

"Officers: ...secretary, Anna M. F. Stoesser..."

"Executive committee: ...Anna M. F. Stoesser..."

EP; 12 Mar 1919; class. ad: "DOG LOST—March 7, 1919, Scotch Shepard dog; 19 mos. old, tan color, running to gray, dark head and shoulders. Answers to name of 'Pedro.' Reward, if returned to ALAGA BROS., Valencia or Watsonville."

EP; 13 Mar 1919; item: "It is rumored that Mr. Milcovich, the fruit-packer, has bought the residence property of E. W. Hanson on Second street."

EP; 14 Mar 1919; honorary promotions: From Low 1st to

High 1st: Pauline Sambriolo [Sambrailo], Nick Perovich; High 1st to Low 2nd: Mary Trinajstich, Mitchell Dubreta; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Nicholas Boscovich, Tony Franich, Martin Franich; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Annie Hrepich; Low 3rd to High 3rd: George Krall; High 3rd to Low 4th: John Trinajstich, Pete Knego, George Novacovich; Low 4th to High 4th: Sam Boscovich, Stephen Scurich; High 4th to Low 5th: Nicholas Copriviza; Low 5th to High 5th: Peter Knego; Low 6th to High 6th: Martin Franich, John Novacovich.

EP; 14 Mar 1919; other promotions (by exam): From Low 1st to High 1st: Mary Lubick, Lucy Zar; High 1st to Low 2nd: Steve Sambrailo, Tony Pavlovich, Chris Lubich; Low 2nd to High 2nd: Joe Pavlovich, Nick Bilicich, Geo. Copriviza; High 2nd to Low 3rd: Pearl Jelinich, Rose Jelinich; Low 3rd to High 3rd: Mary Obuljan, Steve Pecoch [Pekoch], George Kralj, Mitchell Kralj, George Gera; Low 4th to High 4th: Pauline Wanich, John Sambrailo; Low 5th to High 5th: Paul Hatulich [Matulich], Niva Hilcovich [Milcovich], John Novacovich; High 5th to Low 6th: Peter Copriviza; Low 6th to High 6th: Louis Kalich; High 6th to Low 7th: John Miljanich, Nick Dubreta; Low 7th to High 7th: Thomas Arbanas, Peter Matulich, John Milcovich, Tony Scurich, Ned Gluhan; High 7th to Low 7th: Mitchell Maticivich; Low 8th to High 8th: William Sambrailo.

EP; 15 Mar 1919; item: “Tony Dragich vs. Central Grocery Co.—Notice of intention to move for new trial.”

EP; 18 Mar 1919; article: “Work was commenced yesterday on a large packing house for the Garcia-Maginni Company to be located adjacent to the dryer and packing house now operated by this company on the Kearney street extension.

“According to Nick Papac, who is handling the fresh fruit interests of the company here, the packing house will measure 76 by 251 feet, making it one of the largest in the packing house district.

“The Garcia-Maginni Company only came into the valley a couple of seasons back but have been so successful here and have such a faith in the future of the apple industry that this much larger investment has been decided on.

“The old packing-house, according to Mr. Papac, will be used as a storage house. The company has already contracted for a large amount of fruit and expects to use every bit of it in handling its part of the 1919 crop.”

EP; 19 Mar 1919; item: “Court Pajaro Valley Rose, No. 44, Foresters of America, received an official visit from Frank Mitchell, Jr., senior grand woodward, last evening. Mr. Mitchell made a fine talk on the good of the order to the members of the lodge present in Foresters’ Hall. Talks were also made by J. S. Martin, Dr. S. C. Rodgers,

James E. Cox and M. L. Kalich, members of the local lodge.”

EP; 19 Mar 1919; item: “The Loma Fruit Company has decided to build a large up-to-date drier on the lot at the corner of Locust and West Third street, opposite the packing house now occupied by the company. This lot, formerly owned by Frank Radovan, was purchased some time ago for this purpose. Plans for the new building were finally approved at a meeting of the directors of the company yesterday...”

EP; 20 Mar 1919; item: “The American Red Cross drive for 10,000 tons of used clothing to be distributed among all liberated countries of Europe, with the exception of the Central Powers, will be inaugurated Monday, in the 166 chapters of the Pacific Division and will continue until the following Monday. This division quota is 700 tons and indications are that, as usual, the campaign will be carried to a successful conclusion. Practically every fraternal organization, church, school, women’s club and labor union in the states of California, Nevada and Arizona has pledged its co-operation to make the drive a success...”

“Sub-chairmen and assistants have been appointed for the several school districts, and for the city of Watsonville as follows: ...

“City of Watsonville...Mrs. M. L. Kalich...”

EP; 20 Mar 1919; item: “Guardianship of Pauline Colendich, minor—Decree settling account.”

EP; 20 Mar 1919; item: “Estate of A. J. Viscovich, deceased—Order appointing sole appraiser.”

EP; 20 Mar 1919; item: “M. Stipovich vs. Marion R. Lucas, et al.—Request for dismissal of action.”

EP; 21 Mar 1919; disp. ad.: “WE Buy, Sell, Exchange, Repair and Inspect Motors. REWINDING OUR SPECIALTY. Central Electric Co., 318 Main Street, P.V. Bank Block, Phone 209-J”

EP; 21 Mar 1919; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, March 20, 1919, Geo. E. Lesich, 38, of Watsonville and Emma J. Danver, 38, of Stockton.”

EP; 22 Mar 1919; item: “Charles Weslotorn vs. John Hrepich and Nick Moncovich—Complaint.”

EP; 22 Mar 1919; item: “A chimney fire at the home of John Hrepich, at 352 Sudden street yesterday afternoon about five o’clock, called out the fire department on a quick run. Through a mistake in catching the telephone call, Chief Sandberg started with his auto and a fire extinguisher for Second street, and was followed by the engine and firemen. About that time someone pulled the

fire alarm at the box nearest the Hrepich home and the alarm told where the fire was.

“There was no damage done by the fire as it was merely a chimney burning and was extinguished when the fire department arrived.”

EP; 24 Mar 1919; married: “In Santa Cruz, March 20, 1919, Geo. E. Lesich of Watsonville and Miss Emma J. Danvers of Stockton.”

EP; 24 Mar 1919; item: “George J. Carstulovich, the Santa Cruz restaurant man, was a visitor here Saturday from Santa Cruz.”

EP; 25 Mar 1919; item: “E. Karnes, of Corralitos, has sold his place to Peter Mengol, of Watsonville.”

EP; 26 Mar 1919; item: “Tony Dragich vs. Central Grocery Co.—Notice of entry of judgement; memorandum of costs and disbursements.”

EP; 26 Mar 1919; item: “Peter Stolich has arrived home from an auto trip to Fresno and other interior points.”

EP; 27 Mar 1919; item: “M. L. Kalich and son have returned from San Francisco, where they purchased a new Stephens car.”

EP; 29 Mar 1919; article: “NICK LETTUNICH HELD IN SAN BERNARDINO. Constable W. B. Mann received a telegram yesterday afternoon at 4:30 stating that Nick Lettunich had been arrested in San Bernardino. Lettunich was wanted on a warrant sworn out by George Hrepich, of the California restaurant, charging him with uttering a worthless check in the amount of \$500, which Hrepich cashed for him.

“According to Mr. Hrepich, Nick Lettunich came into his restaurant a short time before leaving here and asked him if he would cash a check for him. There being nothing unusual in this, Mr. Hrepich did so and also agreed not to present it for collection at the bank for a day or two. When he did present the check there were no funds to meet it. A search was immediately taken up for Lettunich and he was located at San Bernardino yesterday.

“It is stated that when caught Lettunich made appeals to relatives here to square up the matter, but they declined to interfere.

“Constable W. B. Mann left last evening for San Bernardino and is expected to arrive home with his prisoner tomorrow morning.

“Nick’s recklessness and wild behavior recently has brought sorrow upon his relatives, and especially to his estimable father who has done everything for the lad that a father could possibly do, and who sorrows greatly over the boy’s misconduct. Nick is not a bad vicious boy—but irresponsible, wild and reckless. We hope this sudden

‘jerk-up’ in his career will be a lesson that will cause him to ‘Stop! Look! and Listen!’”

EP; 31 Mar 1919; article: “NICK LETTUNICH WAS MARRIED TO MILDRED BROWN MARCH 12TH. Constable W. R. Mann arrived home Sunday morning with Nick Lettunich, who was brought back from San Bernardino, on a warrant sworn out by George Hrepich, charging him with issuing a check when he had no funds in the bank.

“Lettunich was found at San Bernardino, where he and Mrs. Lettunich had rented a furnished house and taken up housekeeping. His marriage to Miss Mildred Brown followed their departure from this city some time ago. They were married in Orange county on March 12 by Rev. F. T. Porter, and the ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. F. T. Porter. Something came up that caused the Rev. Porter to doubt the legality of the marriage and he went to San Bernardino and remarried them with A. B. Lettunich as a witness.

“Constable Mann says they were very pleasantly situated and seemed to be happy. Mrs. Lettunich remained in the home there, but will come to Watsonville if her husband wishes to. He was to wire her today.

“Nick told the officer that he was going to work today for the Santa Fe railroad, in the machine shop, at \$7 per day, and he believed that he would have made it all right down there as he is a first-class machinist and likes the work.

“His hearing was set for 10 o’clock this morning before Justice A. B. Hawkins, but was put over until Wednesday by request of the district attorney’s office.

“When seen this morning Mr. Lettunich declined to talk and referred us to his attorney, R. H. Hudson. Mr. Hudson stated that he had nothing much to say. That there was no criminal intent on the part of Lettunich in passing the check. That he wanted the money for a definite purpose—to pay some hospital and other bills that were then due. That he told Mr. Hrepich that he had no money in the bank and asked him to hold the check a while until he had a settlement with his partner, George Bubresko. In fact, he had dated the check ahead several days with the view of meeting it with the money secured out of the adjustment of the partnership. That when the partnership deal was concluded there was only about three hundred dollars to his credit and that did not cover the amount of the check. Mr. Hudson said he was not giving us Lettunich’s statement alone, but that the story he received from Mr. Hrepich was practically the same, and said that as there was no intent on the part of his client to deceive or defraud that it would be hard to prove criminal intent.”

EP; 31 Mar 1919; item: “Tony Dragicich [Dragich] vs. Central Grocery Co.—Notice of intention to move for a new trial.”

EP; 31 Mar 1919; married: “In San Bernardino, March 12, 1919, Nicholas Lettunich and Miss Mildred Brown, both of Watsonville.”

EP; 1 Apr 1919; item: “Several Japanese, yesterday, were looking over the large lot on Stoesser Alley, belonging to the Marinovich-Lettunich-Scurich Co. They stated, in answer to interrogatories, that they understood the lot was for sale, and were giving it a look-over. What they would do with the property, if they purchased it, they did not divulge.”

EP; 1 Apr 1919; item: “The annual convention of the San Francisco District, California Federation of Women’s Clubs, will be held at Watsonville, April 10 to 12, inclusive, Dr. Mariana Bertola, president, in charge.

“Here is a portion of the convention program:

“...Entertainment features will include vocal solos [by] Mrs. O. D. Stoesser...”

EP; 2 Apr 1919; item: “The case of Nick M. Lettunich came up for arraignment in Judge Hawkins’ court at ten o’clock this morning. Mr. Lettunich appeared and through his attorney, R. H. Hudson, entered a plea of not guilty and asked that the hearing be set for ten o’clock tomorrow morning. His request was granted by the court.”

EP; 2 Apr 1919; item: “Edward Cikuth vs. Martin Capitanich—reset for May 2.”

EP; 2 Apr 1919; item: “Tony Dragich vs. Central Grocery Co.—Hearing on motion for a new trial denied.”

EP; 3 Apr 1919; article: “MRS. A. B. LETTUNICH KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT...Last Monday’s Sacramento Bee contained the following account of a dreadful auto accident that occurred near Natomas, last Sunday. A. B. Lettunich was a former resident of this city, and engaged in the fruit business. When the accident occurred he was away in Los Angeles on business. His many friends here will deplore his great bereavement, for he lost a helpmate of sterling qualities and characteristics:

“Mrs. A. B. Lettunich, formerly Miss Amelia Zarick, is dead and Miss Grace Zarick, a sister, is at the Sisters’ Hospital with a broken collar bone, as the result of an automobile accident which occurred about 5:45 o’clock yesterday afternoon near Natomas on the Folsom road.

“The automobile, which was driven by John Setincich, turned turtle pinning the sisters underneath the wreckage when the driver turned the machine too far off the roadway to allow another automobile to pass.

“Others in the automobile were Miss Bertha Radovich and A. C. Angelich of San Francisco and Miss Katherine Nicovich and John E. Popovich of this city. They received only minor bruises.

“The party was returning to Sacramento from Folsom and, according to Setincich, the automobile was traveling about 25 miles an hour when the accident occurred.

“Mrs. Lettunich had been employed at the State Motor Vehicle Department and was well known to a wide circle of friends in this city, where she had resided all her life. She was a graduate of the local schools and the Chico State Normal School, and resided at 916½ N Street.

“Surviving is her husband, A. B. Lettunich, and 9-year-old son Anthony, a father, Marco S. Zarick, and four brothers and sisters, Marco Jr., local attorney; Joseph, Grace, Robbie and Sarah Zarick.”

EP; 3 Apr 1919; article: “The hearing of Nick M. Lettunich on the charge of issuing a check without funds in the bank, on a warrant sworn out by George Hrepich, came on this morning before Justice A. B. Hawkins. The prosecution is being handled by Deputy District Attorney C. R. Taylor. George W. Smith is representing George Hrepich, while Sans & Hudson appear for the defendant. Attorney Adam Barber is acting as court reporter.

“The case is being fought bitterly, the defense taking advantage of every technical point possible and interposing objection to almost all questions. The prosecution has to dig hard for every point.

“The first witness on the stands was George Hrepich, whose testimony was that he had cashed a check for \$500 for Nick Lettunich, and that after Lettunich had received the money he asked Hrepich not to present the check for payment for several days as there was no money there to meet it, but he would have money to cover it in the bank as soon as his partnership affairs had been adjusted.

“The witness was given a grueling cross-examination by the counsel for the defense and remained on the stand from 10 o’clock this morning until noon and for some little time after court reconvened at 2 o’clock. The trial is still in progress as we go to press, and may not be completed today.”

EP; 3 Apr 1919; obit: “At Sacramento, March 30, 1919, Amelia, wife of A. B. Lettunich, daughter of Marco Zarick, sister of Marko, Joseph, Elsie and Robert Zarick, a native of Sacramento, aged 28 years.”

EP; 3 Apr 1919; item: “Attorney George W. Smith was here from Santa Cruz today on legal business. He is representing George Hrepich in the case against Nick Lettunich.”

EP; 4 Apr 1919; article: “The hearing of Nick Lettunich was re-opened this morning to allow some additional testimony on the part of the prosecution which was highly important, but failed to get into the record yesterday.

“Mr. Lettunich also took the stand in his own behalf

and testified that he had gone to the California Restaurant on February 12th to see George Hrepich. That he was told that he had not got up yet and he went to his room and woke him up and asked him if he would help him out. He says he told Hrepich that he had some bills to pay and if he would let him have some money he would give him either a check or a note. That Hrepich asked him 'How much do you want, \$500?' He replied that he did, and asked him if he could get it then. The witness said that Hrepich told him he could and he waited until he had dressed and went down stairs with him.

"Lettunich states that he made out the check in the bar-room and that Hrepich went in to the desk and got the money and brought it out to him. He said that he and Hrepich and another man whom he thinks was the bartender, had a drink together.

"He said that it was about twelve o'clock, not fifteen minutes either way, when he went to the California Restaurant, and that he was there twenty or twenty-five minutes. That he then went to the bank and deposited the money. That he had his machine and may not have gone straight to the bank, but around a block or two. That he was at the bank not later than 2 or 2:30. That he told Hrepich before he made out the check that he wanted him to hold the check a few days and that he would pay him when he had a settlement with his partner. He said that he did not tell Hrepich that he would have any certain amount of money when he had his partnership business adjusted. That he expected to get \$1200 or \$1300 out of the adjustment, but that he did not get what he expected to get when the affairs of the partnership were wound up.

"Mr. Lettunich was still on the stand at 2:30 this afternoon."

EP; 4 Apr 1919; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Kalich and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gluhan visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Mengol at their home in Corralitos. Music and refreshments were features of the evening."

EP; 4 Apr 1919; item: "Pete Chumovich, S. Chumovich and wife, Mr. Brantovich, Sylvester Granich, S. Vicoseh and Antone Vickalo, prominent Jugo-Slavs, of San Francisco, visited their countrymen in Watsonville and Santa Cruz in the interest of the American Jugo-Slav Relief society, of which Mrs. E. H. Harriman of New York city is president, yesterday. They gave instructions as to the size of boxes in which clothing is to be packed, which will be sent to their country."

EP; 5 Apr 1919; article: "NICK LETTUNICH HELD TO SUPERIOR COURT. At the conclusion of his hearing yesterday afternoon in Judge Hawkins' court, Nick M. Lettunich was held to answer in the superior court to the charge of passing a check for \$500 on George Hrepich of the California Restaurant, when he had no funds in the bank to cover it.

"Arguments were made by the attorneys for the prosecution and defense following the completion of the taking of evidence late yesterday afternoon, after which the court rendered its decision holding Lettunich in \$1,000 bonds to appear in the superior court.

"It is rumored that Attorney R. H. Hudson, for the defense, will make a move to secure the liberty of his client through habeas corpus proceedings on the grounds that the prosecution failed to show that Mr. Lettunich had committed a crime. C. R. Taylor, deputy district attorney, handled the prosecution and feels confident that the case will hold."

EP; 5 Apr 1919; born: "In Watsonville, April 4, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Secondo, a daughter, (Anita Louise.)" [Anita; married Foote; 1st time a new-born's name was printed in the paper]



Fig. 5-39. Anita Secondo.

EP; 8 Apr 1919; item: "The annual convention of the San Francisco District, California Federation of Women's Clubs, will be held at Watsonville, April 10 to 12, inclusive, Dr. Mariana Bertola, president, in charge..."

"Following is the official program:

"...Thursday Evening, 8:15..."

"Vocal solo, Mrs. O. D. Stoesser..."

"Reports of District Chairmen...Piano solo, Miss Anna Scurich..."

"Committees...Hotels—Mrs. O. D. Stoesser..."

EP; 8 Apr 1919; born: "In Watsonville, April 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Malata [Maleta], a son." [John; +1995]

EP; 9 Apr 1919; item: "Lorenz Dethlefsen to Ned Gluhan—Lot on West Lake ave., Watsonville"

EP; 9 Apr 1919; item: "Estate of A. J. Viscovich, deceased—Certificate of inheritance tax appraiser; inventory and appraiser."

EP; 10 Apr 1919; item: "A 300-acre orchard ranch in the Pajaro valley has been purchased by A. Balich. He bid it in at a commissioner's sale at Salinas. The price was between \$28,000 and \$30,000. There are 75 acres in fruit and 40 acres in eucalyptus; the balance is farming land. The property is the orchard on the San Juan road, formerly known as the R. W. Eaton place, and now owned by Mr. Jacobs."

EP; 11 Apr 1919; item: "WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING...Mrs. O. D. Stoesser rendered a beautiful vocal

solo, ‘An Open Secret,’ by Woodman, in an artistic manner and responded to an [encore], with ‘The Nightingale Has A Lyre of Gold,’ by Whippley.”

EP; 11 Apr 1919; honor roll: High 4th: Stephen Scurich, Polly Franich; Low 5th: Lewis Jano; High 5th: Paul Matulich, John Novacovich; High 5th: Marie Rilovich, Mary Castropelli; Low 6th: Peter Copriviza; High 6th: Martin Franich, John Novacovich; High 7th: Thomas Arbanas; Low 2nd: Joe Pavlovich, Cris Labich; Low 2nd: Mitchell Dubreta; High 2nd: Nick Bilicich, Martin Franich, Tony Franich; High 3rd: Mitchell Kralj, George Krall, Steve Pekoch, George Gera, George Kralj; High 4th: Sam Boscovich, Peter Stolich.

EP; 12 Apr 1919; UL: Martin Rossovich.

EP; 12 Apr 1919; board of supervisors, payments: “...Jack Novicich [Novcich]; \$52.65...”

EP; 12 Apr 1919; item: “P. J. Lettunich, of the commission firm of G. Berti & Co., San Francisco, was in town today. Mr. Lettunich is badly shaken up over the fatal result of the auto collision recently in Sacramento, in which his sister-in-law, Mrs. A. B. Lettunich, was killed.”

EP; 14 Apr 1919; item: “Ben Guterrez, Steve Scurich and John Nemanich made a fishing trip to Elkhorn slough yesterday. They had excellent luck and brought back a barley sack full of various kinds of perch.”

EP; 14 Apr 1919; item: “The Central Grocery Company’s store will be closed next Monday and Tuesday, April 14 and 15, for the purpose of marking down goods, and will re-open Wednesday, April 16. The public is invited to call and secure the bargains offered in goods, as the company [closes] business by May 1...”

EP; 15 Apr 1919; born: “In Watsonville, April 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Alaga, a son.” [Lloyd; +1997]



Fig. 5-40. Lloyd Alaga.

EP; 15 Apr 1919; born: “In Watsonville, April 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lucich, a daughter.” [Ann; married Ghidinelli]

EP; 17 Apr 1919; married: “In Watsonville, April 15, 1919, Mike Mekis and Katie Korach, both of Watsonville.” [they were married April 20; this announcement is a mistake; see 28 Apr 1919 for other announcement]

EP; 19 Apr 1919; article: “EXPLANATION OF VICTORY LOAN NOTES AND TERMS OF PAYMENTS. The total amount of the loan, \$4,500,000,000.

“Quota for Pajaro Valley, \$405,225.

“The notes will be in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and upward.

“They will be dated May 20, 1919, and will bear interest at the rate of 4¾ per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on December 15 and June 15 of each year.

“They will run for four years—on May 20, 1923, the government will pay them off in full. It may pay them off a year earlier if it so desires.

“They are exempt from all state and local taxes, except the inheritance tax, and are also exempt from the normal federal income tax. To the average purchaser for all practical purposes they are tax free...”

“**Is the Liberty Note a good investment?** Best in the world. Pays 4¾ per cent interest. Is tax free, unless you have a net income of over \$5,000, and is then subject only to the income tax...”

“**The war is ended; why does the government need this money?** When the armistice was signed the war was costing fifty million dollars per day. We had two million men in France. We were building ships, guns, airplanes, tanks, and a thousand other things in huge quantities. Preparations were being made so that we could fight for ten years if necessary. Contracts were let for more than fifteen billion dollars’ worth of supplies, of one kind and another. At that time the money received from previous loans had been spent. The boys in France, and in the camps here, had to be paid, clothed, and fed. An army of occupation had to be maintained to make good our victory. Soldiers had to be brought home. Bonuses, insurance and allowances had to be paid. Equipment manufactured for our use had to be paid for. Contracts were cancelled, but just settlements had to be made with manufacturers. The government is honor bound to keep its promises, just as much as any individual. The result is that war expenses have kept up at the rate of about two billion per month. These must be paid, either with money loaned or with money raised by taxation. It is being raised both ways. To raise it all by taxation would be intolerable. So a part of it is raised by a loan, which the government will pay back, with interest. A bond or note is better than a tax receipt.

“**Why should I buy Liberty notes when my bonds are selling below par?** Because a lot of people could not afford to hold their bonds and had to sell, and because a lot more have sold or traded in their bonds when they could and should have held them. The market price has gone down. But the value of the bonds has not decreased one cent. Interest on the full amount is paid regularly. They are secured by property worth at least ten times as much as all the bonds issued. They will be paid in full at maturity. In the end, no man who holds his bonds will lose a red cent.

“As soon as the war is really over and things settle down, the market price of these bonds—all of them—will unquestionably go above par. It has always been true. At the end of the Civil war the war bonds were selling much lower than Liberty bonds. Yet in a very short time after the close of the war, their market price went up above par and stayed there...”

“Is it my duty, as a patriotic citizen, to subscribe? You never rested under a more solemn obligation. Your government, for the protection of your liberty and property and to sustain our boys at the front, has contracted these obligations. They are your debts and my debts. They must be paid. To refuse to subscribe or to take less than your share, is simply to become a shirker—a ‘dead beat’—one who will incur an honest debt and refuse to pay it.

“What would you think of a farmer who would let a contract for the picking of his fruit, who would allow his men go on and finish the job, and then to say to them, ‘Harvest is now over—my fruit is all picked—there is no reason why I should pay you anything’? He would be a ‘dead beat’. The man who refuses to pay his share of the war cost, ‘because the war is over,’ is certainly no better...”

“What will happen if I do not subscribe? In the first place you will have your own conscience to deal with. Next, you will lose the esteem of your neighbors and friends and earn the contempt of the men who have been fighting for you. If the bonds are not subscribed, bills will not be paid. Men will be thrown out of work. The I.W.W. and Bolsheviks will increase in number and influence. Eventually you will be taxed for your share—and the money you pay for taxes you will have to kiss goodbye—no interest payments on it—no repayment in four years...”

“SUBSCRIPTIONS BY NATIONALITIES.

“Fourth Liberty Loan.

[Nationality— Amount— # of Subscribers]

“Slavonian—\$102,400— 413...”

“WOMAN’S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE...”

“Ward Four—Mrs. Luke Scurich...”

“Slavonian Committee—Luke Scurich, manager; E. B. Lettunich, L. G. Bachan, Paul Miladin, E. B. Rilovich, M. L. Kalich, R. S. Chucovich, Jack Diklich, Anton Vukich, Andrew Strazicich, Antone Jerinich, John Hrepich, Geo. Baule, Geo. Capriviza [Copriviza].”

EP; 19 Apr 1919; item: “Nick Matulich and family have returned from a visit with friends in Paso Robles.”

EP; 21 Apr 1919; item: “Estate of A. J. Viscovich, deceased—Petition to set aside property.”

EP; 21 Apr 1919; item: “J. Grenich went to Oakland last Saturday.”

EP; 22 Apr 1919; item: “As will be perceived by refer-

ence to the ad on page three today, announcement is made that the Central Grocery Co. will positively close its doors and go out of business on May 1. Mr. Stephen Scurich, its manager, is desirous of selling the remainder of the stock before that time, and calls attention to a fine stock of imported olive oil and various leading brands of flour that he is selling, in conjunction with the rest of the goods, at less than the original cost. There are lots of goods on sale there yet. Great bargains are offered.”

EP; 22 Apr 1919; item: “LIST OF VOLUNTEER SUBSCRIBERS TO THE VICTORY LOAN...”

“Report by Nationalities...”

“Austrian; \$1,750...”

“MEN...”

“\$1,000 Subscriptions...L. P. Cikuth...”

“\$500 Subscriptions...M. Stolich...”

\$100 Subscriptions...Jack Novcich...”

“WOMEN...”

“\$100 Subscriptions...Mrs. Katherine Cikuth...”

EP; 23 Apr 1919; item: “The books at Victory Loan headquarters are closed at 2 o’clock in the afternoon each day in order that the funds received may be deposited in the banks. The publishing of the lists of names subscribing after that hour go over and are included in the list of the following day, which accounts for the non-appearance of the names of those subscribing after 2 o’clock in the papers the following day. They will appear in due course, as it is the intention to publish the names of all subscribers, unless they especially request that their names be not published, in which event the subscriptions will be published anonymous.”

EP; 23 Apr 1919; disp. ad:

THE CENTRAL GROCERY CO.

Will Positively

Close its Doors on

MAY FIRST

IS NOW SELLING THE REMAINDER OF ITS STOCK BELOW THE ORIGINAL COST.

We have on hand some fine imported OLIVE OIL—it will be sold cheap.

FINE FLOUR FOR SALE CHEAP.

No charges made for delivering goods.

EP; 23 Apr 1919; item: “The following is the complete list of Victory Loan subscriptions up to 2 o’clock yesterday afternoon...”

“Subscriptions by Nationalities.

[Nationality—Today—Total to date]

“Slavonian; \$4,100; \$5,850...”

“\$2,000 Subscriptions...E. B. Lettunich...”

“\$1,000 Subscriptions...Mateo Lettunich...”

“\$500 Subscriptions...F. P. Marinovich...”

EP; 24 Apr 1919; "...SUBSCRIBERS TO THE VICTORY LOAN...The following is the list of subscribers in the 24 hours ending yesterday afternoon...

"Subscriptions by Nationalities.

[Nationality—Today—Total to Date]

"Slavonian: \$6,500, \$12,350...

"WOMEN.

"...\$250 Subscriptions: Mrs. E. B. Lettunich...

"\$50 Subscriptions: Anna E. Lettunich...

"MEN.

"...\$2,500 Subscriptions: Austrian-American Benevolent Society...

"\$1,000 Subscriptions: Mr. and Mrs. Rado S. Chukovich...

"\$500 Subscriptions: Antone Balich...Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alaga.

"\$450 Subscriptions: Paul Milladin...

"\$300 Subscriptions: N. R. Sassilo & Co....

"\$200 Subscriptions: Antone Vukich, Peter F. Vojvodich...

"\$150 Subscriptions: Louis Kusalich...

"\$100 Subscriptions: John P. Braycovich, Jack Dicklich, N. R. Sassilo...

"\$50 Subscriptions: George A. Lettunich, E. B. Lettunich..."

EP; 25 Apr 1919; obit: "Nick Bokariza, a native of Austria, aged 25 years, died in this city last evening, after a lingering illness. He was a member of the local lodge of Moose. Funeral tomorrow, from Aston & Neal's parlors..."

EP; 25 Apr 1919; item: "...SUBSCRIBERS TO THE VICTORY LOAN..."

"MEN..."

"\$3,000 Subscriptions: Otto D. Stoesser and family..."

"\$1,000 Subscriptions: Rilovich & Sresovich... Strazicich & Sercen [Sersen]..."

"\$500 Subscriptions: Stephen Scurich, Anton Stolich..."

"\$300 Subscriptions: Kosmos Gospodnitich..."

"\$100 Subscriptions: John Biskup...George Paulovich.

"\$50 Subscriptions: Vaso S. Basich...George Ivanovich...Peter G. Oblizato [Oblizalo]...John Prochsaka...Antone Radovich..."

"Subscriptions by Nationalities.

[Nationality—Today—Total to Date]

"Slavonian: \$3,850, \$16,200..."

EP; 25 Apr 1919; item: "The pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of Moreland Notre Dame Academy, this city, were entertained by the Sister Superior on the Academy Grounds last Wednesday afternoon. It was a most enjoyable event for the students. Games, music and refreshments were features of the affair. Those who participated in the party were: ...Rachel Cikuth, Ruth Scurich, Mamie Gera...Annie Hrepich...[of 24]"

EP; 25 Apr 1919; obit: "At Watsonville, April 24, 1919, Nick Bokariza, a native of Austria, aged 25 years."

EP; 26 Apr 1919; item: "NICK LETTUNICH INDICTED. Nick Lettunich was indicted yesterday by the grand jury on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. It is on the matter of the check issued to George Hrepich, on which he was held by Justice Hawkins at his trial here."

EP; 26 Apr 1919; item: "Funeral services for Nick Bokariza were held from the undertaking parlors of Aston & Neal this morning...The pallbearers were: Jacob Bokariza, Luke Bokariza, Luke Radonich, Bazo Milicich, Nick Nujo [Mujo] and John Zar, all relatives of the deceased."

EP; 26 Apr 1919; UL: Bertha Macostich.

EP; 26 Apr 1919; item: "According to the real estate transfers Effie M. Heins, et vir., and Eloise Marie Duckworth, et vir., have sold the Duckworth ranch in this valley to Mike Resetar. This ranch includes one of the largest and best orchards in the valley, and is the same property that was reported sold to Mr. Pista, some time ago."

EP; 26 Apr 1919; article: "...SUBSCRIBERS TO THE VICTORY LOAN..."

"Subscriptions by Nationalities:

[Nationality—Yesterday—Total to Date]

"Slavonian: \$12,350, \$28,550..."

"The following subscriptions had been reported at loan headquarters up to 2 o'clock yesterday:

"MEN:

"\$2,000 Subscriptions: F. P. Marinovich and family, additional...Resetar Bros.

"\$1,000 Subscriptions: Franich Brothers...Martin N. Lettunich...Luke Scurich..."

"\$500 Subscriptions: George Baule...Blaz Pista...Peter M. Resetar, A. L. Scurich, Peter P. Stolich..."

"\$300 Subscriptions: Biskup & Ivanovich, Nick Ducich...Mitchell Zupan..."

"\$250 Subscriptions: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alaga..."

"\$200 Subscriptions: Mitchell V. Pista..."

"\$100 Subscriptions: George Hrepich...John S. Kralj...J. J. Mihlinich, Frank Mohorovicich...John Pekoeh...Peter Vlacich [Vlasich]..."

"\$50 Subscriptions: Miho Boskovich, Bozo Boskovich...Nick Prokurica, J. J. Simunovich..."

"WOMEN:

"\$500 Subscriptions: Mrs. Mary Scurich..."

"\$100 Subscriptions: Mrs. Lucy J. Franich, Mrs. Lucy M. Franich..."

EP; 26 Apr 1919; item: "J. C. Dolan, foreman of the Motive Power Department, Southern Pacific, at Watson-

ville Junction, yesterday reported to loan headquarters a total subscription of \$3,250 among the employees of the department to the Victory Loan as follows: ...

“\$50: ...P. M. Vucich...E. H. Strazicich...”

“From the Car Department the following subscriptions

“\$50: ...A. P. Bakich...”

EP; 26 Apr 1919; item: “A complaint has been filed in the superior court at Santa Cruz, in the case of F. P. Marinovich against Thomas Zeger.

“The plaintiff alleges that on April 27, 1914, a judgment was given in favor of the plaintiff for \$473.30. He further alleges that no part of the judgment has been paid, and he now prays judgment for \$473.30, together with interest at 7 per cent from the date that the entry of judgment was filed, on April 27, 1914.”

EP; 28 Apr 1919; item: “Dan Savich, charged with forcing unwelcome attentions upon Miss Carmen Guichard at her place of residence, 39 Church street, Santa Cruz, last Wednesday, changed his plea from not guilty to guilty Saturday morning upon the advice of his attorney, George W. Smith, and was fined \$50 and given a sentence of ninety days by Justice of the Peace Houck. The jail sentence was suspended for six months on a proviso that Savich shake the dust of Santa Cruz from his feet.”

EP; 28 Apr 1919; item: “VETERANS WHO WERE GUESTS OF THE CITY ON VETERANS’ DAY. The following veterans answered ‘Here’ to their names when the [roll] was called by Chairman W. R. Radcliff of the exemption board Saturday afternoon: ...Serg. Opusich... Nick Violich...Frank Kosko...Thomas Zeco...Mitchell A. Marinovich...John Kralj...” [see photo of Marinovich in Extra Photos section in back of this book]

EP; 28 Apr 1919; item: “People vs. Nicholas Lettunich—Indictment for felony: obtaining money under false pretenses; admitted to bail in sum of \$1,000.”

EP; 28 Apr 1919; item: “Nick Alaga vs. E. B. Lettunich—set for May 6th.”

EP; 28 Apr 1919; married: “In Watsonville, by Rev. P. Brady, April 20th, Mike Mekis and Katie Korach, both of Watsonville.”



Fig. 5-41.
Kate Korach (1890-1971),
Marko Mekis (1882-1961).

EP; 28 Apr 1919; item: “Following is the list of sub-

scribers to the Victory Loan up to the time headquarters closed Saturday evening:

“WOMEN:

“\$50: ...Mrs. Theresa Farlin...Angela Strazieich, Lena Strazicich...”

“MEN:

“\$1,000: ...M. L. Kalich & Co....

“\$700: L. F. Lettis...”

“\$500: ...John N. Moncovich...Scurich & Jerinich, Peter Stolich...Zar Bros....

“\$300: ...Katusich, Butier & Madesko...”

“\$250: ...John Scurich, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Scurich, Nick Stolich...”

“\$200: ...Louis Bachan...”

“\$100: ...Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dragich...John Kusanovich, Vitt Lister...John Vukasovich...M. Buich...John J. Stanovich...”

“\$50: ...Charles Matkovich, Nick Pejovich...Frank Arnerich...L. Dorcich...Tomo Gasich...Peter Gurash, Peter Gukan...John Hrepich, Paul Hrepich...Steve Kostovich...Paul G. Milladin...Michael Milladin, John A. Macil...Frank Saveria...”

EP; 28 Apr 1919; item: “F. P. Marinovich vs Thomas Zieger—Complaint.”

EP; 28 Apr 1919; item: “Effie M. Heins et vir. to Mike Resetar—78.13 acres and 624-100 [sic] acre, Rancho Corralitos.

“Eloise Marie Duckworth et vir. to Mike Resetar—Same property.”

EP; 28 Apr 1919; item: “In our issue of last Saturday we had an item regarding the transfer of the Duckworth orchard and ranch property by Mr. and Mrs. Heins and Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth to Mike Resetar. Rumor has it that there is likely to be a big lawsuit over that transaction. Some time ago Mr. Pista, the fruit grower and packer, paid down a substantial deposit on the purchase of that property. Now he proposes to ask the courts to adjudicate his rights in the matter...”

EP; 29 Apr 1919; item: “SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE STILL COMING IN...\$250: T. M. Kissich and family...”

EP; 29 Apr 1919; item: “The pupils of the high school and commercial department of Moreland Notre Dame Academy entertained their teachers and fellow students last Friday...by presenting in a most creditable manner the beautiful play entitled ‘The Last of the Vestals’...

“Following is the program:

“...Vestals: Terentia: A. Copriviza...”

“Priests of Temple of Vesta: ...Alexas: L. Lettunich...”

“Numidian slaves of Temple: ...Menas: C. Lettunich...”

“ACT II:

“Scene: The Temple of Vesta...Violins: ...R. Scurich...”

“Scene: Throne room in the palace of the Empress:
 “‘Prayer’ from the opera ‘The Jewels of the Madon-
 na’: Wolf Ferrari, Ruth Scurich.”

EP; 29 Apr 1919; born: “In Watsonville, April 29, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Blas Pokovich, a daughter.” [*Louise*; +2002]

EP; 29 Apr 1919; mar. license: “At Santa Cruz, April 29, 1919, Peter Novakovich, aged 26 and Minnie Chargin, aged 26, both of Watsonville, and both natives of Austria.”

EP; 30 Apr 1919; item: “The bond subscriptions in the Watsonville district continue to mount up and the banks are reporting new sales of Victory notes every day...

“\$200: F. J. Fuerich...”

EP; 30 Apr 1919; item: “MERCHANTS’ NEW CLOSING HOURS. We, the undersigned, hereby agree to close our places of business at the hour of 8 o’clock p.m. each Saturday night from May 1st to September 1st and at the hour of 9 o’clock p.m. from September 1st to January 1st, and from January 1st to April 1st at the hour of 6 o’clock p.m.:

“...Central Grocery Co., Geo. N. Castropelli, Central Electric Co...”

EP; 2 May 1919; born: “In Watsonville, May 1, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. John Zvorne [*Zvone*], a daughter.” [*Helen*; +2010; married *Litten*]



Fig. 5-42. Helen Zvone.

EP; 2 May 1919; item: “B. Pista and family, Mrs. A. Stolich and family, L. P. Cikuth and family and Miss Lucile Scurich motored to Salinas and Monterey yesterday.”

EP; 3 May 1919; article: “District Attorney Ralph Smith has started proceedings to close certain resorts in Watsonville. Acting on evidence secured in Watsonville recently by a special officer from his office, District Attorney Ralph Smith filed petitions for temporary injunctions in the Superior Court yesterday afternoon at Santa Cruz, against Mrs. Annie Rossie, proprietor of the Del Monte rooming house, and George Hrepich, manager of the California Restaurant in Watsonville.

“Hearings on the petition will be held in the Superior Court early next week. Mr. Smith said last night that he had no idea whether or not the petitions would be opposed by the defendants, but he indicated that such opposition would be futile as he has convincing evidence that both properties have been used for immoral purposes.

“The action is based on the Redlight Injunction Act, under which the properties, by injunction, may be sealed up for one year or the owners required to furnish a bond of \$1,000 that they will not be used again for purposes defined as illegal in the act during that period.

“Strong corroborative evidence was found in the affidavit of Edwin E. Grant, mentioned in the Pajaronian yesterday, in which Mr. Grant and another operative for the State Law Enforcement League had found the Del Monte rooming house being used for immoral purposes on the nights of April 28 and April 29, and the Law Enforcement League officials will co-operate in the clean-up campaign which the District Attorney’s office will proceed with in Watsonville.

“This announcement was made by District Attorney Smith following the filing of the temporary injunction suits yesterday afternoon.

“Mr. Smith also stated that he had written letters to Mayor W. A. Trafton and City Attorney A. W. Sans of Watsonville, calling their attention to the fact that liquor had been sold to minors at the California Restaurant in violation of the law, and suggesting that the city officials take action to cancel the liquor license held by the restaurant.

“He said that he included the names of the witnesses who were prepared to testify that they had been served intoxicants at the California Restaurant.

“I intend to close up these resorts in Watsonville immediately,” Mr. Smith said. “They have already been operating altogether too long in violation of the Redlight Abatement Act and the anti-liquor laws.”

“Mr. Smith indicated there were some other places against which proceedings might be commenced, but said that it would be plenty of time to give them publicity when they are mentioned in the court proceedings.”

EP; 6 May 1919; article: “The Central Grocery Company has closed its door and Mr. Stephen Scurich, who has been manager of the concern for the past three years, is winding up its affairs. He will be there working on the books all of this week, and anyone wishing to see him on business connected with the firm can call at the store.

“In the latter part of 1915 the Central Grocery Company was deeply in debt and facing bankruptcy. It could not pay one cent on the dollar when Mr. Scurich stepped in and took the management. After three years hard work and careful management the company is now paying all of its obligations in full, and Mr. Scurich certainly deserves great credit for this result.

“We understand that Mr. Scurich is going back to his old office in the concrete building adjoining Oliver’s barber shop, which he occupied before he took management of the Central Grocery Company, and will look after his own personal property as well as handle packers’ supplies, box-shook, paper and nails.

“There is a rumor going around that Mr. Scurich will

open a wholesale paper house in Watsonville soon and will handle all kinds of paper. Such a house here would be of great benefit not only to Watsonville, but to the counties of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey and San Luis Obispo, as well.”

EP; 6 May 1919; board of aldermen, payments: “...Central Electric Co., \$12.15...Central Electric Co., supplies, \$2.35...Central Electric Co., street light, \$27.64...”

EP; 6 May 1919; item: “The Central Grocery has closed for business, but the managers will be working on the books at the store all of this week until Saturday evening, May 10th, and anyone wishing to pay bills or having claims against the firm will kindly present them at the store any day this week. Mr. Stephen Scurich, who has been manager for the Central Grocery Company for the past three years, wishes to thank the public as well as the employes who...loyally stood by him and assisted in bringing the company to a position where it could meet all of its obligations. STEPHEN SCURICH...”

EP; 6 May 1919; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Gremich departed this morning for Oakland and Sacramento where they will visit with relatives and friends.”

EP; 6 May 1919; item: “...VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN...Following is a list of those who subscribed to the loan yesterday: ...Stephen Grizich: \$50...”

“The committee wishes to impress strongly upon the people of the city and valley that Santa Cruz county is still behind considerable with its quota and that there are a large number of people in Watsonville and Pajaro valley who have not taken any of the Victory notes and who are abundantly able to do so. They should respond to this last call of the government and buy to the limit of their ability...”

EP; 7 May 1919; item: “Estate of A. J. Viscovich, deceased—Continued to May 12.”



EP; 7 May 1919; born: “In Watsonville, May 7, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Papas [Papac], a son. [*Nicholas* “Bud”]; +2001]

Fig. 5-43.
Nick “Bud” Papac

EP; 8 May 1919; item: “Many of the late songs and dancing hits are to be presented in ‘A Little of This and a Little of That,’ which will be a feature of the program at the Floral Show and Ball at the auditorium Saturday evening.

“Those who are to take part are...Anna Scurich...”

EP; 9 May 1919; item: “Plans for the Floral Show to be given by the Watsonville Woman’s Club at the auditorium tomorrow have been completed...”

“The program in detail follows: ...‘Fleur de Lis Dance’...Lucille Strazicich...

“‘Dance of the Dewdrops’...Katherine Pista...

“‘Dance of Red Roses’...Music by the music section of the Woman’s Club, including: ...Mrs. O. D. Stoesser...

“Fashion Show with latest fashions and June wedding scene, presented by...Anna Scurich...

“Merrill Kerrick will also give popular numbers with the following girl chorus: ...Anna Scurich...[of 11]”

EP; 10 May 1919; honor roll: 2nd grade: Mitchell Dubreta, Chris Lubick, Joe Pavlovich; high 2nd: Nick Bilicich, Martin Franich, Tony Franich; low 3rd: Anna Hrepich; high 3rd: George Krall, George Kralj, Mitchell Kralj, Peter Larich [Lasich], Steve Pekoch, George Gera, Mary Obuljan, Minnie Salamunovich; high 4th: Sam Boscovich, Steven Scurich; low 5th: Lewis Jano; high 5th: Paul Matulich; low 6th: Mary Castropelli, Marie Rilovich, Peter Knego; high 6th: Martin Franich, Mary Matson, John Novacovich; high 7th: Thomas Arbanas.

EP; 12 May 1919; item: “Watsonville and Pajaro Valley maintained their reputation of doing things big in the Victory Liberty Loan campaign just closed, in which it exceeded its quota...”

“Subscriptions totaling \$17,800 were taken at the banks the last day, the subscribers being as follows: ...

“\$100: ...John L. Qusanovich [Kusanovich]...”

EP; 12 May 1919; item: “Miss Emma Milcovich is here from San Francisco for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Milcovich.”

EP; 12 May 1919; item: “Peter Stolich vs. George S. Easterday—Complaint.”

EP; 12 May 1919; item: “BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED up to 10 o’clock a.m. Saturday, May 19, 1919, for the 1919 apple crop of the undersigned on the James H. Rowe and the Charles W. Rowe places, situate in the Vega school district, county of Monterey. All bids shall be left at the office of Sans & Hudson, in the Lettunich building, and the owners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. VLASICH BROS. (By Martin Vlasich.)”

EP; 13 May 1919; item: “Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and Prosper Lettunich are stopping at the Casa Del Rey, in Santa Cruz.”

EP; 13 May 1919; born: “In Watsonville, May 13, 1919 to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kenego [Knego], a daughter.” [*Eleanor*; +2008; see next Fig.]



Fig. 5-44. Eleanor Knego. See text on previous page.

EP; 13 May 1919; item: “Kathrina Bancevich [Banicevich] et vir. to Nick Lucich—Lot on Kearny street, Watsonville.”

EP; 14 May 1919; item: “Ed B. Lettunich has completed negotiations for the purchase of the W. W. Ford block on upper Main street. This is one of the finest business buildings in the city and Mr. Lettunich is to be congratulated upon his purchase.

“Mr. Lettunich is one of our most enterprising citizens and has become identified with many of the progressive enterprises, especially in the apple business, in the city and valley, which have brought him good returns, and there is no reason to doubt that his investment in the Ford building will be a paying one in every sense of the word, as it is always occupied by desirable tenants.”

EP; 14 May 1919; item: “Estate A. J. Viscovich, deceased—Receipt for \$223.65 for funeral expenses.”

EP; 16 May 1919; born: “In Watsonville, May 16, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Latulich [Matulich], a son.” [Michael; +1983]

EP; 17 May 1919; item: “Estate of Nick Bokoriza [Bokariza], deceased—Petition for letters of administration: order fixing date for hearing application for letters of administration.”

EP; 17 May 1919; item: “M. J. Lettunich has petitioned for letters of administration in the estate of Nick Bokoriza [Bokariza], deceased—The estate consists of about \$300 in cash.”

EP; 19 May 1919; item: “Attorney George W. Smith, accompanied by his wife, arrived last Saturday for a week-end visit at their home after spending the past week at Fairfield, Solano county, where Mr. Smith is defending Fred G. Anthony in the superior court against the charges of improprieties alleged to have been committed at the Vallejo Good Templars’ Home. George says that the Anthony trial will last probably another two weeks.—Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 19 May 1919; board of aldermen meeting: “...The application of Alaga Bros. for building permits for a packing house on Walker street and bungalow on West Third street was granted...”

“Attorney George W. Smith appeared before the board and asked a continuance of the hearing in the case

against George Hrepich until next week. He is representing Hrepich as his attorney and will be unable to be present this week on account of another case in which he is appearing as attorney. It was the sense of the board that he should be granted the extension of time, and it will probably be granted at the meeting Wednesday evening.”

EP; 20 May 1919; item: “In the case against Elizabeth Dondero, the defendant was represented by J. E. Gardner, and George Hrepich, the other defendant in the case by George W. Smith.”

EP; 21 May 1919; item: “Estate of Melovan Angelich, deceased—Claim of E. W. Hanson, \$1.35; Aston & Neal, \$201.45; G. S. Easterday, \$10.”

EP; 21 May 1919; notice: “The notice of the sale of stock of the Central Grocery at Watsonville has been filed with County Recorder Belle Lindsay. The vendees are N. K. Vilovich of San Francisco and N. P. Cicibrk, L. Groverovich, P. Muhoberac and M. Mish of Watsonville.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 22 May 1919; article: “The Central Grocery Co. has sold the balance of its unsold grocery stock to Nick J. Violich, who will immediately start in to replenish the stock and re-open up at the old stand, Central Hotel, on or about June 2d.

“Nick was one of the employees of the Central Grocery Co., until he was drafted into the service. Having ‘done his bit,’ and then released, he is now going to start into business for himself, and will conduct the store under the name of the ‘Central Grocery Store.’

“As an employee, Violich made many friends by his accommodating and courteous ways, and we bespeak for him a share of the public’s patronage. He informs us that he proposes to put in a fine stock of staple and fancy groceries, and that everything carried will be fresh and up to date.

“Give Nick a trial order. You’ll find him all right!”

EP; 23 May 1919; item: “E. B. Lettunich vs. MacDonald & Sons—Writ of attachment; summons.”

EP; 23 May 1919; item: “Estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased—Order to county treasurer for payment of debts of deceased and expense of administration; application to withdraw money from county treasurer for payment of claims.”

EP; 24 May 1919; item: “PURCHASE PACKING HOUSES. Nick Borino [Borina] has purchased the MacDonald packing house on West Third street and will use it in packing his apples this season.

“Rilovich and Sresovich have purchased the warehouse of the Charles Ford Company on Walker street and

will convert it into a packing house. The bean-cleaning apparatus was included in the purchase.”



EP; 24 May 1919; born: “In Watsonville, May 23, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. V. Lister, a daughter.” [*Katherine; married Hanacek*]

Fig. 5-45. Katherine Lister.

EP; 24 May 1919; disp. ad:

**Royal Electric
Cleaners**

—for sale at—

Central Electric Co.

Phone 209-J P. V. Bank Block

EP; 24 May 1919; item: “The tenth birthday of Lucille Kalich was celebrated yesterday afternoon when a number of her little friends met as her guests at a party. Games were played during the afternoon and delicious refreshments were served. Among those who helped celebrate were: Isabel Sheehy, Elizabeth Freiermuth, Clementine Nunes, Gertrude Nunes, Charlotte Joy, Helen Kelly, Lucille Cikuth, Katie Scurich, Nellie Scurich, Pauline Novacovich, Alice Morsi and Mary Kalich.”

EP; 26 May 1919; item: “Estate of Nick Bokoviza [Bokariza], deceased—Order fixing day for hearing application for letters of administration.”

EP; 27 May 1919; item: “At St. Patrick’s hall, this afternoon, the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the Moreland Notre Dame Academy gave a very pleasing entertainment...”

“The feature of the entertainment was a play called, ‘The Patriot’s Daughter,’ with the following cast of characters: ...R. Scurich, R. Cikuth, M. Gera, A. Hrepich...”

EP; 27 May 1919; item: “The Orchard Realty Company has sold the A. D. Richards ranch of 14 acres in the Valencia district to Sam Margaretich, who will take possession at once. This firm also sold Mr. Richards a residence property on Watsonville Heights.”

EP; 27 May 1919; item: “A suit over apples has been transferred from San Francisco to the Superior Court of Santa Cruz county.

“It is the case of John DeMartini, incorporated, against E. B. Lettunich, of Watsonville. In the complaint the plaintiff alleges that he contracted on August 27, 1918, with E. B. Lettunich for 7,000 boxes of yellow Newtown pippins, of which 90 per cent were to be four-tier boxes,

at \$1.25 a box. They were to be from the J. B. Holohan orchard, in Whiskey Hill district.

“The plaintiff alleges that only 5,011 boxes were delivered, leaving 1,989 boxes undelivered, by which the plaintiff was damaged to the amount of \$3,480.75. He asks for this amount, interest and costs.”

EP; 27 May 1919; item: “A very interesting angle of the apple game has developed in this valley in the past week or so.

“Packers are selling their orchards, or orchards that they have bought, to the apple-evaporating companies in this city.

“We understand that they justify their action in letting go their orchards on the ground that they could not afford to refuse the price offered, and take chances on something unlooked-for happening to the green fruit market.

“Quite a number of packers have sold. Amongst those mentioned are Louis Cikuth, Martin Milcovich, and several other prominent packers.

“The dried apple market is very strong, with an upward tendency. The evaporators are now contracting at 13c to 17c per pound for dried fruit. A few contracts were entered into recently at 17c...”

EP; 28 May 1919; item: “Samuel L. T. Balovich, who has just received his discharge from the marines, was the guest of honor given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Secondo last evening. Mr. Secondo just recently purchased a player piano and selections on it were a feature.

“Dancing and singing were also indulged in and refreshments were served at a late hour. Mr. Balovich received many congratulations on his safe return home.

“Those present were: The Misses Etheleen Trafton, Virginia Nicolas, Katherine Arbanas, Ella Maroli, Mrs. Hrepich, Mrs. Pauline Arbanas, Mrs. Katherine Secondo, and Messrs. Samuel A. T. Balovich, Mitchell Arbanas, Chas. Arbanas, John Maroli, John Gurovich, Nick Lamat, Rudolph Johnston, Gilmore Bonde, Louis Arbanas and Andrew Brosemer.”

EP; 28 May 1919; item: “John De Martini Co., Inc., vs. E. B. Lettunich—Complaint on breach of contract transferred from San Francisco.”

EP; 28 May 1919; item: “People vs. Nicholas Lettunich—Reset for June 5th.”

EP; 2 Jun 1919; item: “The Ferndale school closed last Thursday afternoon, May 29, with a very patriotic program. The room was decorated in red, white, and blue. The motto was ‘Loyalty.’ The program consisted of the following: ...

“Poem: ‘The Flag Above the Schoolhouse Door,’ Mary Lutich...”

EP; 2 Jun 1919; item: "W. Porter, of Oakland; Jose Silveria, of San Jose; M. J. Lettunich, M. B. Lettunich, F. Brianchi and J. A. White, of Watsonville, were rounded up yesterday by Motorcop Win Lemon for exceeding the speed limit. They will adjust matters with Judge Hawkins."

EP; 2 Jun 1919; article: "John Ivancovich, a farmer of Green valley, was seriously hurt; Luke Skero, one of his employees, had his collar-bone broken; and a lad named Tominich, and Nick Battinich were slightly injured when Ivancovich's Ford machine turned over, near Salinas, yesterday evening..."

"Ivancovich was taken to the Jim Bardin Hospital, where it was found that his ribs were badly crushed. The attending physician says that there are also internal injuries and that he cannot tell yet just what the outcome of the accident will be. Skero was also taken to the Jim Bardin Hospital with his left collar-bone broken. The other two were badly bruised and scratched up.

"Ivancovich went to Salinas on business; Tomisich was driving the car and the others were taken along for company. The Ford machine in which they were riding was completely wrecked. The accident happened at the curve between Salinas and Castroville, a short distance outside of Salinas, the machine turning over twice.

"Mr. Jos. Secondo, of this city, and four others, in a Hupmobile, had just passed the Ivancovich party, and after passing them, a short distance, on turning around, saw the Ford tip over. Mr. Secondo immediately returned and his party gave what assistance they could. They found Ivancovich under the machine, but the others were out of it. They helped in righting the machine and getting Mr. Ivancovich to the hospital. Mr. Secondo also notified Ivancovich's son, George, of the accident, and he went at once to his father's bedside.

"The news of this accident gives great concern to Mr. Ivancovich's many friends, and it is hoped that the outcome of the accident will not be fatal."

EP; 2 Jun 1919; item: "A team belonging to John Ivancovich, which was left standing loose at the railroad crossing on Third street Saturday afternoon, ran away when the 4:20 train pulled in and started up toward Main street. Constable Devine tried to head them off, but they rushed past him and he caught the wagon as it went by and crawled over the seat and picked up the lines, which had fallen by the wagon tongue, and stopped the team before any damage was done.

"It was a lucky stop, as the team was running wild and Third street from Rodriguez to Main was congested with automobiles, and there would undoubtedly have been some serious damage done had the team [run] through them."

EP; 3 Jun 1919; article: "HEARING OF HREPICH

CASE TAKEN UP BY...ALDERMEN. The hearing of George Hrepich on the charge of selling intoxicating liquors to minors at the California Restaurant came on for hearing before the city board of aldermen last evening. Some delay was experienced in getting the meeting going as some of the aldermen were absent. Upon the arrival of Alderman Lewis, who had been attending the county supervisors' meeting at Santa Cruz, it was decided to proceed with the hearing before the six aldermen, Callaghan, Cornell, King, Lewis, Tuttle and Uren, who were present.

"City Attorney A. W. Sans acted for the city in prosecuting the case, and Attorneys Geo. W. Smith and Adam Barber conducted the defense. The council room was fairly well filled with spectators and a number of the members of the Christian Business Men's Association were present.

"The first witness called was a young man named Ray Johnson. Upon being sworn he stated that he would be 19 years of age on the 5th of this month, June. He was born in Watsonville and had lived here all his life. He knew where the California Restaurant was and had bought liquor there. He had bought whiskey there on two or three occasions. He testified that he had bought liquor of George Hrepich, but could not remember the exact date. He bought liquor also from the night bartender. He told the jury at Santa Cruz in the Bender case that he had bought liquor at the California Restaurant. He bought one flask before he went to the dance at Soquel. He went to the dance with Ben O'Brien, Chas. Bobby, Earl Moore and Wm. Trevathan. He bought the liquor to take to the dance in Soquel. He purchased liquor at the California Restaurant four or five times during the past eight or ten months. He remembered buying some liquor of George Hrepich some time last year. He paid 90 cents or \$1 for the flask. They went to the dance at Soquel in Bill Finley's machine. Chas. Bobby drove the car. He paid for the liquor when he got it. Johnson denied that he had ever been put out of the California Restaurant by either George Hrepich or Officer Moon.

"Martha Riley was then called and sworn. She stated that she was 15 years old and had resided in Watsonville the past year. She was in Watsonville January and February of this year and was stopping with her sister, Frances Sweeney, on Central avenue. She knew where the California Restaurant was and was served with liquor in January or February. It was whiskey. Annie Buck was with her. A man named George, a waiter in the California Restaurant, served the whiskey. She stated that he was in Santa Cruz now. The liquor was served in a box at the California Restaurant. They went in to get something to eat at the time the whiskey was served. She stated that her sister had received whiskey there also. Her sister is 17 years old. Annie Buck ordered the whiskey and the witness and she both had a drink. This was the first time she had tasted whiskey. Had been drinking soda water

before that. Being questioned by Attorney Geo. W. Smith, she stated that the judge at Santa Cruz told her she would be sent to the reform school. She said District Attorney Ralph Smith was present. She said that Annie Buck bought the liquor and took a drink and told her to take a drink also. One drink apiece was all they had. Did not remember the date, but it was after New Year's. It was two weeks afterward when she told District Attorney Smith of being served the whiskey. She was on the witness stand in the Bender case. She said that the man who sold them the whiskey was a tall, smooth-faced man with dark hair and brown eyes. It was not Mr. Hrepich. She said that no one had ever asked her to stay out of the California Restaurant. She had attended the dance at Rappe's hall with Annie Buck. That her parents did not object to her going to dances, but gave her permission to do so. She went to the show at T. & D. Theatre with Annie Buck after they had drunk the whiskey, and then went home. She was only in the third grade at school because she had never [gone] to school much. Her mother has been sick and she stayed at home.

"Viola Riley was then sworn. She stated that she was 17 years old and resided in Watsonville in January and February of this year. She knew where the California Restaurant was and was served with whiskey at that place twice during the months of January and February last. She was with Freda Buck on both occasions. Freda Buck was 18 years of age. Witness had been in the California Restaurant five or six times. Freda Buck invited her to go there for something to eat. The first time was four months ago. It was in the daytime. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon. She had known Freda Buck about six months. It was the first time she had been served liquor. Ray Sheppard ordered the drinks. He bought drinks twice, Manuel Gulart was with them. She told District Attorney Smith about two months ago. He had asked her a few questions. She was a witness in the Bender case. She was now in the detention home.

"The prosecution rested its case.

"Attorney Geo. W. Smith, for the defense, then called F. J. Bettencourt. Being duly sworn, Mr. Bettencourt stated that Ray Johnson had tried to buy liquor of him and stated that he was 22 years of age. But he told him to get out, that there was nothing doing. Ray Johnson interrupted him here and said that it was a different Johnson that he had told to get out. Bettencourt replied that he was the boy. That he knew all the Johnsons and had ordered Ray Johnson out of his place.

"George Hrepich was then put on the stand and stated that he had been operating the California Restaurant for the past ten years and that he had never served Ray Johnson with liquor and had never seen him served liquor in his place. He said that Ray Johnson came in one evening with Bennie O'Brien. He had seen the Riley girls in his place. Said that they had been coming there for months. He told the chief of police to keep them out of his place.

They bought sandwiches and a cup of coffee. He never served them liquor or saw them served. He said that he instructed his men that if young men or women came into his place to ask their ages, and if they said they were over 21 years to serve them liquor, as they were entitled to a drink if they were 21. He said that he did not know of any minors being served with liquor in his place.

"Chas. Sibole was called and sworn. He stated that he visited the California Restaurant twice a day on business. That he collected the laundry and that he was there fifteen or twenty minutes each morning and evening gathering up the laundry upstairs and down. That he had never seen any minors served with liquor in the California Restaurant.

"Officer John H. Corr was called and sworn. He stated that he visited the California Restaurant. He stated that he was a member of the Watsonville police force. That he had visited the California Restaurant on different occasions and had never seen anything different there than in other saloons. That he had roomed there for a time once when he was sick. That he saw two young girls go in there once and that the chief of police had asked him to go and see what they were doing. That he went into the restaurant and saw them in a box. There were eatables on the table before them but he saw no drinks. That no drinks were served them while he was in there.

"Ed Marks was called and sworn. He stated that he had gone into the California restaurant about 10:30 on the evening of the 28th or 29th of April to get something to eat. He was in the main dining room. While he was eating, some young people—perhaps 18 or 19 years of age—were playing on the piano and some were singing and some were dancing. He asked George Hrepich if it was not a rather lively crowd he had in there. Hrepich replied that they could dance and sing all they wanted to, and eat all they paid for, but that he would not sell them any liquor.

"Tony Merilovich was sworn and stated that he was chef in the California Restaurant. That he had never served liquor to minors or saw it served to them. That he was not a bartender nor a waiter, but the chef, and his duties were in the kitchen.

"The last witness was Tony Clay, who testified that he was a waiter in the California Restaurant. He worked nights and had never sold any liquor to minors. He did not know the Riley girls and never heard Hrepich ask the girls to go out of the restaurant.

"George W. Smith, attorney for George Hrepich, then stated that three important witnesses had developed during the testimony that he had known nothing about and whose testimony might clear up the matter. These were the man accused of serving the liquor, the man who bought the liquor and the girl, Freda Buck, who was with Viola Riley when she was served liquor, and he asked a continuation of the case to this evening in order to have these witnesses appear and testify.

“City Attorney Sans opposed the continuance on the ground that it would call for more witnesses in rebuttal and would be running around in a circle and get nowhere. Officer Harry Moon was called and testified that he was a member of the police force and knew Ray Johnson. That he saw him go into the California Restaurant with young O’Brien and that he went in and ordered them out. It was the first time he had seen them in the restaurant. It was about 11:30 at night.

“After some discussion it was decided to adjourn the hearing until this evening at 9:30, when the witnesses asked for would be present.”

EP; 3 Jun 1919; article: “We had a pleasant call, this forenoon, from Fred Baker, of New Monterey, who was over here on a business trip.

“Mr. Baker, who, it will be remembered, was foreman, for years, for the Geo. Hooke Co., of this city, is now connected with the big packing firm of the K. Hovden Co., who has big packing plants at Monterey and San Diego. Fred has charge of the department handling the fruit and vegetable packing, also the smoked fish.

“The Hovden Co. is now taking up the packing of berries and apricots, and Baker came over here, last evening, to look into the conditions prevailing in those markets. Incidentally he picked up several good contracts. The Hovden Co. proposes, in the future, to engage quite extensively in the berry packing business.

“Mr. Braycovich, the local packer, will represent Mr. Baker in this market, for berries and apricots. At present, Mr. Baker has a roving commission from his employers to make contracts for several products that they propose to pack.”

EP; 3 Jun 1919; article: “Says this morning’s Santa Cruz Sentinel:

“Thomas Vucinich, of Watsonville, was placed in jail last night, and will probably have to answer to a charge of forgery.

“On May 21st a man appeared at the Seaside Toggery. He purchased a shirt, valued at \$1, and gave a \$10 check and received \$9 in change.

“The purchase was made from Tom Quadros, who asked Mr. Rittenhouse if a check signed by M. N. Lettunich was good. Mr. Rittenhouse replied that it sure was, as Lettunich owned half of Watsonville.

“The check was made out on the Peoples bank, and when presented for payment it was found that no account was carried at the bank in that name.

“From the description given by Quadros, Sheriff Trafton suspected Vucinich, who several years ago served two terms on petty larceny charges.

“The sheriff got some of Vucinich’s handwriting and on comparing it with that on the check was convinced.

“Quadros on Saturday at the jail was shown a picture of the prisoner and identified it as that of the man who passed the check.

“Last night Sheriff Trafton saw the man whom he wanted, near the court house. He had just arrived from Sunnyvale, but he was soon in the county jail.”

EP; 3 Jun 1919; item: “The crop of apples on the late Ella Martin orchard in the Railroad district was sold yesterday afternoon to Brajkovich & Co. for \$25,000 cash. It is estimated that this orchard this season will produce about 60,000 boxes of apples.

“The apple industry here is assuming vast proportions and the returns from the various orchards indicate that the apple growers are coming into their own, and those who have held to the growing of apples for the market are now receiving the reward for their efforts. There is no indication that the demand for apples will ever go back and the future of the industry is very bright. Pajaro Valley apples are world-beaters and there is no better investment going than apple land in this valley.”

EP; 3 Jun 1919; item: “Andrew Zarr [Zar] met with a most unfortunate accident this morning while working on the new dryer on Walker street. He started to walk across the floor sills and fell through between them, breaking several ribs. Fire Chief Sandberg, who was there at the time, took him to the hospital in his automobile, where his injuries were dressed, and he is now resting easy.”

EP; 4 Jun 1919; board of aldermen: “Routine business occupied the attention of the board of aldermen...

“Two building permits were granted, one to the Zar brothers for a packing house on Locust street to cost \$700 and the other to the Resetar Brothers for a dryer on Walker street to cost \$9000...

“The following claims were ordered paid: ...Central Electric Co., street light repairs, \$42.90...Central Electric Co., supplies, \$5.90...”

EP; 4 Jun 1919; item: “Mrs. J. Sapro and Mr. and Mrs. S. Knego left today for Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 4 Jun 1919; item: “A. Balich of Santa Cruz, was in Watsonville before eight o’clock this morning. An early riser is Andy.”

EP; 5 Jun 1919; article: “The annual commencement exercises of Moreland Notre Dame Academy were held this forenoon in the spacious grounds of the institution...

“The following awards were made:

“...Literacy and Commercial Course Diplomas conferred on...Lucille Lettunich...”

“Certificate for having completed the course in piano, conferred on Anna Scurich...”

“Certificate of Graduation from the Eighth Grade... Rachel Cikuth, Ruth Scurich...Mamie Gera...Anna Hrepich...”

“The American Penman Certificate of Proficiency con-

ferred on Rachael Cikuth, Ruth Scurich...Mamie Gera...

"The Palmer Method Diploma conferred on...Lucille Lettunich...

"Following was on the program: ...

"Polonaise, Op. 7, No. 9 (H. Bodenoff)...Second pianos, R. Scurich...

"Recitation: 'Lafayette, We Are Here!' T. Lister...T. Resetar, C. Scurich...

"Recitation, 'We Are Ready,' L. Kalich, J. Novacovich [Novacovich], P. Matulich...

"Spanish Dance, Op. 26, No. 8 (Sarasite)...Piano accompanist, A. Scurich...

"Concerto in G. Minor, Op. 25 (Mendelssohn)...First pianos, A. Scurich..."

EP; 5 Jun 1919; disp. ad:

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EP; 5 Jun 1919; honor roll: "High 3rd: Minnie Salamunovich [Salamunovich]; High 3rd: George Gera, Chris Pavisha, George Krall, Mitchell Kralj, George Kralj, Steve Pekoch; Low 4th: George Narcocavich [Novacovich]; High 4th: Polly Franich, Stephen Scurich; High 4th: Sam Boscovich; High 5th: Paul Matulich; High 5th: Peter Knego; Low 6th: Marie Rilovich; High 6th: Martin Franich, John Novacovich; High 7th: Thomas Arbanas; Low 2nd: Joe Pavlovich, Chris Lubrich [Lubich]; High 2nd: Martin Franich, Tony Franich, Nick Bilicich.

EP; 5 Jun 1919; item: "STEPHEN SCURICH PUTTING UP AN APARTMENT HOUSE. Stephen Scurich is moving the Central Hotel Annex to his lots on Central avenue and will remodel it into an up-to-date apartment house. Mr. Scurich is keeping up his end of the development on lower Main street, and if all of the other property owners in that section would follow his example lower Main street would soon be an inviting section of the city. There are a number of unsightly buildings along the street there that should be remodeled or removed."

EP; 6 Jun 1919; article: "INDICTMENT...IS CHALLENGED. Says last evening's Santa Cruz News:

"Judge Hudner, of San Benito county, sitting for Judge Knight, this morning, granted the motion of Attorney C. M. Cassin to withdraw the plea of not guilty made by Nicholas Lettunich, of Watsonville, who is charged under a grand jury indictment with obtaining money under false pretenses from George Hrepich, of the apple city, in order that a demurrer might be interposed to the

information. The arguments on the sufficiency of the indictment, which will be the basis on which the demurrer will be made, will be heard before Judge Knight next Monday.

"Lettunich is represented by Sans and Hudson and Mr. Cassin. The grand jury indictment grew out of the alleged act of the defendant in drawing a check for \$500 in favor of Hrepich, for which he was given the cash, and which, when it was presented at the bank, funds were not found to meet it. The defendant has claimed from the day of his arrest that his motives were good and that he had asked that the check be presented for collection at a certain later day, when funds would have been available meet it."

"As we understand it, the point involved is that Lettunich did not obtain the money under false pretenses and that Hrepich's only recourse is to recover by means of a civil suit.—Ed. Pajaronian."

EP; 6 Jun 1919; item: "Assignment of leases and agreements—Nick Katusich to John Scurich—Assigns leases and fruit contracts, und. [*sic*] third interest in seven contracts made by Katusich, Butler, and Madesko."

EP; 7 Jun 1919; item: "Tom Vucinich, charged with passing a fictitious check on Rittenhouse Bros., of the Seaside Toggery, was up before Justice H. J. Bias at Santa Cruz, yesterday afternoon and was held to answer, with bonds fixed at \$1,000..."

EP; 7 Jun 1919; item: "Mr. and Mrs. M. Milladin, of Allison Way, left yesterday for San Francisco, where they will visit for a few days."

EP; 7 Jun 1919; item: "Mrs. Gluhan departed for San Francisco yesterday, where she will take treatment at St. Francis Hospital."

EP; 7 June 1919; large text ad: "**HOW WE FEEL ABOUT GOOD ROADS. To the Voters of Watsonville and Pajaro Road District:**

"On next Tuesday we are to have an opportunity to say whether we are for or against good roads—whether we want to go on throwing away our money at the rate of more than \$100,000 per year, or whether we wish to make a beginning on permanent, business-like and economical road building .

"The time for discussion of the type of road to be adopted is past. That type has to be decided by some one. The question has been submitted to the county highway commission. That body had taken council of the ablest road experts, both state and federal, that could be found. The present plan has been unanimously recommended by every expert consulted as being in every way the very best that can be done for the money. None of these peo-

ple has any interest in the matter except to see the taxpayers get the greatest possible value for their money.

“Do not get the idea that if this proposition is defeated you are going to have an opportunity to vote on another plan. We shall have no such opportunity.

“Under existing conditions we must make up our minds either to make a beginning on good roads next Tuesday, or for many years to put up with bad roads, constantly getting worse and costing more.

“It is time to put aside selfish interests and personal grudges and to stand together for the common good. As property owners and taxpayers, we urge upon you that on June 10th, 1919, you go to the polls and cast your votes for the bonds—for a beginning of good roads in Santa Cruz County—for the abandonment of wasteful and the adoption of economic methods.

“...Stephen Scurich...Wm. Marinovich...J. P. Braycovich...J. P. Capitanich...Paul Alaga...L. P. Cikuth...Nicholas Alaga...Peter P. Stolich...A. N. Jerinich...[of 89 individuals]”

EP; 9 Jun 1919; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Luke Scurich left today for Tassajara Springs, where they will stay several weeks. Mr. Scurich is slowly recovering from his recent paralytic stroke, and it is hoped that the mountain vacation will benefit his health.”

EP; 10 Jun 1919; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund: ...Novicich [Novcich], Jack. \$52.65...”

EP; 10 Jun 1919; item: “Tony Scurich made a business trip to San Francisco today.”

EP; 10 Jun 1919; item: “The Sunday opening story did its work, and brought out a good gathering at the meeting of the Watsonville Merchants’ Association last evening. For the first time in many months the room was filled with members of the organization, and the little jest about opening the stores for half a day on Sunday brought them out.

“Just to show how little this Sunday opening idea, even as a jest, went with them, the association, on motion of Dr. H. M. Tenney, adopted a resolution declaring its disapproval of opening for all or any part of the day by members of the association.

“One of the interesting matters brought before the meeting was a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Henry L. Watson in command of Mather Field asking whether the merchants were interested in providing a landing field for airplanes here both of the pleasure and commercial variety.

“A committee was appointed to take up with Colonel Watson what will be required in this connection and also to ask him to send an officer here to investigate the possibilities...”

EP; 10 Jun 1919; item: “The trial of N. Lettunich, charged

with passing a check when there were no funds in the bank, was set yesterday by Judge Knight for June 18.

“Lettunich was represented in court by R. H. Hudson and C. M. Cassin. The demurrer to the indictment by the grand jury was sustained.

“On the charge as stated in the information, the attorneys asked leave to withdraw the plea and a demurrer was filed to the information. It was overruled. The defendant then pleaded not guilty to the charge of drawing on the bank when there was not sufficient funds. The case was then set for trial for June 18.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 10 Jun 1919; item: “A complaint has been filed in the Superior Court in a suit to clear title involving Watsonville lots. The case is that of Andrew Zar et al. against W. R. Congdon as administrator in the estate of Adam L. Snyder, deceased.”

EP; 11 Jun 1919; obit: “Her many friends in this city will be sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Rose M. Binney in San Francisco on last Monday, June 9th. Deceased was born and reared in this city.

“Mrs. Binney had never overcome her grief over the death of her little daughter, Norrine, six months ago.

“Deceased will be remembered as the daughter of M. P. Roza, of this city. She was the wife of J. C. Binney and mother of Nicholas and Ann Balanac; sister of F. P. Roza and J. P. Roza, of San Francisco; William P. Roza, who is overseas; Mrs. B. R. Bettencourt, of Salinas; Mrs. J. J. Dios, of Spreckels; Mrs. M. F. Dias, of San Jose, and Mrs. F. H. Baldwin of Salt Lake City, Utah...Interment at Valley cemetery...”

EP; 11 Jun 1919; item: “Mrs. Peter Resetar and son visited in San Francisco yesterday.”

EP; 11 Jun 1919; item: “The application of M. G. Bachan for letters of administration in the estate of Bokoriza [Bokariza] was granted yesterday in the Superior Court. The application of M. J. Lettunich in the same case was denied.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 12 Jun 1919; item: “George W. Still yesterday closed a sale for the fruit crop on the Bonnie Brae and the Mitchell Fruit Farm, which is located midway between San Juan and Hollister. This farm consists of 600 acres, 400 acres of which is in fruit—apricots, prunes, walnuts, almonds and apples, to E. B. Lettunich and Rilovich & Sresovich, of this city, for \$60,000 cash.

“There is estimated to be about one thousand tons of fruit on this farm, and it was apparently too big a proposition for local people there to handle. It is the biggest sale of green fruit on the tree in a lump sum ever concluded in California, and speaks well for the judgment of Messrs. Lettunich and Rilovich & Sresovich and their confidence in that judgment. It required a good deal of

nerve to go up against as big a proposition as this, but these fruit men of the Pajaro Valley know the fruit business and how to eliminate a crop on the trees. They are highly pleased with their purchase and are confident that they will reap a good return on the investment..."

EP; 12 Jun 1919; item: "Estate of Nick Bokoriza [Bokariza], deceased—Order appointing administrator."

EP; 12 Jun 1919; item: "K. Gospodnetich, of Watsonville, was in Salinas yesterday. He reports the apple crop very good in the Pajaro Valley, ranging from \$45 to \$50 per ton.—Salinas Journal."

EP; 12 Jun 1919; card of thanks: "We take this method of returning our heartfelt thanks to all who so kindly manifested their sympathy with us in our recent great bereavement, and for the many courtesies and kindnesses shown us in our trouble.

"J. C. Binney, Nicholas and Anna Balanac, M. P. Roza and Family."

EP; 12 Jun 1919; article: "REDLIGHT SUIT HEARD IN SUPERIOR COURT...The suit against Mrs. Elizabeth Dondero, owner, and George Hrepich, lessee of the California restaurant property in Watsonville, in which a permanent injunction is sought against the place because of alleged violations of the redlight abatement law on the premises, opened before Superior Judge Knight yesterday, with E. E. Grant, executive officer of the State Law Enforcement League, assisting District Attorney Smith in the prosecution. A series of witnesses who testified that the place bore a general reputation as a place where prostitution was carried on, were put on the stand, and included Rev. W. P. Rankin, of the Watsonville Methodist church, and some of his parishioners. The other witnesses were E. E. Grant, George Hrepich, who testified that he was the lessee of the property; E. L. Bradley, P. L. DeBack, Charles Hushbeck, H. H. Smith, H. L. Shideler and A. D. Richardson.

"Senator Grant was the first witness called by the prosecution, and he testified that he was the executive officer of the Law Enforcement League of California, and that he came to Watsonville in the latter part of April to investigate vice conditions here, and had occasion to discuss the reputation of the California restaurant for morality with Rev. Rankin, District Attorney R. H. Smith and several others whose names he could not recall, and that the general reputation of the place in this regard was bad.

"On cross-examination by George W. Smith, counsel for Hrepich, Senator Grant stated that the Law Enforcement League was organized to eliminate vice and to enforce the moral statutes of California, to prevent the spread of venereal diseases, and to rehabilitate and redeem fallen women, and that its revenue was derived from voluntary contributions.

"Over the objection of the District Attorney, Grant stated that he received a salary of \$250 per month, but that this salary did not depend upon the successful outcome of prosecutions instituted by him. He said that he came here prepared to act in the California restaurant matter, but that the district attorney had already procured the evidence against the place.

"District Attorney Smith, after the character witnesses had concluded their testimony, then called two detectives, J. Jeffries and A. Michaulschutz, to give evidence as to specific acts of wrong-doing in the premises.

"Jeffries swore that in company with Michaulschutz and Bowman, operatives in his employ, he visited the restaurant on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of February; that on the 4th he and his operatives were introduced to a woman named 'Aida' in the restaurant, by a waiter known as 'George,' and that they were solicited by the woman. Jeffries also testified that on the 8th of February he and a woman operative of his, a 'Miss Lee' rented room Number 2 of the restaurant from the proprietor and that no questions were asked, and that he and 'Miss Lee' were shown to the room, and after musing up the room and remaining there a few minutes they left.

"Counsel for the defendant brought out on cross-examination that Jeffries resided in Los Angeles, and that he had no office, and that his business was that of a vice investigator. He said that he came to Watsonville on his own accord, hearing that vice conditions here were very bad, and that after making a preliminary survey he went to the district attorney and laid the matter before him, and that he was then employed by the district attorney for a stipulated sum of \$700 to make an investigation. He said that he had investigated other places in Watsonville, but that the inquiry was discontinued before completed. Jeffries' memory was rather poor as to his previous employments, recalling that he had worked as a salesman in Dallas, Texas, and as a towerman on a railroad. He said that he had conducted like investigations for many of the prosecutors in the southern part of the state.

"He received from the county of Santa Cruz \$700 for his work.

"Operative Michaulschutz was then called, and stated that on the 5th of February the woman 'Aida' was brought to him by the same waiter, and that he accompanied the woman and the waiter to room 13 of the restaurant.

"Mr. Hrepich, lessee of the premises, denied all the accusations and introduced the register of rooms of the restaurant for the 5th, and which showed that rooms 2 and 13 were both rented to men on the night of the 5th.

"District Attorney Smith, on cross-examination, elicited the fact that as to room 13, the same was rented to a man named Poor on the 5th early in the evening, but that Poor did not go to his room until about 1 o'clock in the morning.

"Tony Clay, a waiter, who was identified as the man 'George' by the detectives, denied that he had ever intro-

duced any woman to them; but said that he had seen them talking to a woman named 'Aida' in February, and that he had seen this woman several times about the place; but that he didn't hear her name until afterwards.

"Hrepich was recalled to the stand. He did not know of any woman named 'Aida.' The rooms on the second floor he generally rented to Slavonians who come in from the country and spend a night or two.

"C. J. Sibole, a solicitor for a Watsonville laundry, testified that he is in the restaurant two or three times a day, and had been there at night. He always found the place conducted in an orderly manner.

"Jerome Dondero, a bank teller, testified that his mother owned the building and that he collected the rents. He had never heard of the place being conducted in a disorderly manner.

"Mrs. Elizabeth Dondero testified that she was the owner of the building and had never heard of anything wrong in reference to the conduct of the restaurant.

"At 4:30 the testimony was all in; the case was submitted without argument and each side was allowed five days."

EP; 13 Jun 1919; obit: "Martin Rilovich, for the past 35 years a resident of California, passed away at the family residence at 159 West lake avenue last evening at the age of 58 years.

"Mr. Rilovich has been in the fruit business for the past 30 years and had a large number of friends who will regret to hear of his death and extend their sympathy to the grieving loved ones.

"Mr. Rilovich is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Bob Fallea [Tallea] and Martin, Marie, and Anna Rilovich. He also leaves a sister in Austria, and a brother in Watsonville."

EP; 13 Jun 1919; item: "Mr. and Mrs. M. Milladin have returned from a few days' visit at San Francisco."

EP; 13 Jun 1919; obit: "In Watsonville, June 12, 1919, Martin Rilovich, a native of Dalmatia, aged 58 years, 3 months and 8 days."

EP; 13 Jun 1919; obit: "In Watsonville, June 12, 1919, Mickola [Nikola] Grlica, aged 66 years and 9 months, a native of Austria..."

EP; 13 Jun 1919; article: "For their part in putting over the five Liberty Loans, many Watsonville women are now holding as their cherished possessions the medals bestowed by the Treasury Department.

"These medals, made from captured German cannon, bear the words 'Awarded by the Treasury Department for patriotic service in behalf of the Liberty Loans.'...

"In the first loan, women subscribed for bonds but no especial effort was made to work among them nor were

women included in the general or soliciting committees.

"The second loan found the women with a committee of their own. About 20 workers sold slightly in excess of \$90,000 worth of bonds...

"The fourth loan called for a supreme effort. A thorough canvass had to be made and no one was to be overlooked. The committee was enlarged to 98 and these women, after being trained in salesmanship, called on every woman in the valley...

"From the first the women went about this work in a business like manner. Every woman who solicited was instructed in salesmanship and knew and understood the bonds. She was prepared to make a convincing talk and knew how to sell bonds in large denominations. While the men's committee was somewhat reluctant to turn over the best prospects to the women in the first campaign, there was no hesitancy to do so in the last.

"In all five campaigns the women worked with untiring zeal...

"The women workers who received honor medals are: "...Mrs. Luke Scurich..."

EP; 14 Jun 1919; item: "Tom Vusinich, who is alleged to have passed a fictitious check on the Seaside Toggery, was up before Justice H. J. Blas yesterday morning and was held to answer, to appear before the Superior Court, with bail fixed at \$1,000."

EP; 14 Jun 1919; obit: "Funeral services for the late Martin Rilovich were held this morning with requiem mass at St. Patrick's church, attended by Sokol Lodge, National Croatian Society. Interment was made at the Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were: A. P. Beck, Ross Nihouse, Fred Weber, Louis Hartagan, John Kennaugh and John Hrepich."

EP; 14 Jun 1919; item: "Pete Scurich expects to leave next Wednesday for Tassajara Springs for a few weeks' outing."

EP; 14 Jun 1919; item: "Andrew Zar, et al, vs. W. R. Congdon, as administrator—Answer."

EP; 14 Jun 1919; item: "People vs. George Hrepich—Criminal subpoena."

EP; 14 Jun 1919; item: "People vs. Nicholas M. Lettunich—Demurrer sustained."

EP; 14 Jun 1919; item: "Andrew Zar vs. W. R. Congdon—Complaint."

EP; 14 Jun 1919; item: "People vs. Nicholas M. Lettunich—Venire of thirty jurors drawn."

EP; 16 Jun 1919; obit: "At San Francisco, June 16, 1919,

E. Lister, a native of Croatia, aged 51 years. Brother of V. Lister, Watsonville.”

EP; 16 Jun 1919; obit: “The funeral of Mickola [Nikola] Grlica was held from Aston & Neal’s undertaking parlors last Saturday afternoon. The pallbearers were: John and Sam Hrepich, Jack Taris, Peter Soyovich, Nick Copriviza and M. Boscovich.”

EP; 16 Jun 1919; item: “Mr. V. Lister, of this city, received this morning, the distressing intelligence of the death of his brother, E. Lister, at San Francisco. Deceased was in the shoe business in the city. He was a native of Croatia, aged 51 years. The cause of his death is unknown. Mr. Lister left for the city this forenoon.”

EP; 17 Jun 1919; item: “Mail articles, ordinary and registered, will be accepted for dispatch to Dalmatia, Trentino, southern Tyrol, Trieste and Fiume. This order has just been received at the local post office, and it will be welcome news to the Slavonian colony, for they may now freely communicate with their relatives in Dalmatia. Parcels post packages, however, will not be accepted at present.”

EP; 18 Jun 1919; item: “People vs. Tom Vucinich—Information filed.”

EP; 19 Jun 1919; mar. license: “...to Samuel A. T. Balovich, 21, of Watsonville, and Evelyn May Morehead, 16, of Santa Cruz.”

EP; 19 Jun 1919; item: “Two applications for citizenship were filed yesterday in the superior court at Santa Cruz:

“Antonio George Bahich [Bakich], of Watsonville, native of Austria. First arrived in the United States at New York on July 1, 1904. His witnesses are Andy Balich, George W. Smith, George J. Carstulovich and Stephen Scurich.

“Peter Mike Resetar, of Watsonville, native of Austria. He first arrived in New York on September 15, 1895. The witnesses are George W. Smith, Andy Balich, P. Marinovich and Stephen Scurich.”

EP; 20 Jun 1919; article: “We clip the following accounts of the above trial from our Santa Cruz cotems:

“One women is in the jury box, Miss Olive M. Jenne, in the case against Nicholas Lettunich, charged with passing a \$500 check on George Hrepich, when he did not have sufficient funds in the bank.

“The other jurors are: Edward W. Hebard, Harry N. Turner, Charles Joy, Myron Swarthout, Coleman F. Clayon, Thomas Bone, Charles E. Ford, James O’Brien, C. H. Stone, Harry Flesig, and J. B. Blas.

“The defendant is represented by Sans & Hudson and Rea, Cassin & Caldwell. In the prosecution, Ralph H. Smith is assisted by C. R. Taylor.

“In his testimony yesterday, Geo. Hrepich stated that Lettunich did not ask him to withhold presentation of the check for collection, until he had passed him the \$500. Hrepich testified that the young Watsonville man told him that he was soon to have a settlement with his partner, George Bubresko, and would then be able to make good on the check at the bank.

“Soon after the incident of the check and the \$500 loan, the plant of Lettunich & Bubresko was burned to the ground in Watsonville, and it is supposed this fact will have some bearing on the present case in connection with Lettunich’s ability to pay.

“George J. Tomascovich testified that he had seen Lettunich in the California restaurant some time between February 15th and 21st.

“C. R. Taylor testified that he had seen Lettunich in the restaurant on February 16th or 17th.

“George Bubresko, an apple packer and partner of Lettunich, gave testimony as to partnership dealing and of the closing of the firm’s accounts.

“Charles Casady, an accountant, gave testimony, as did George E. Wilson, the receiving teller of the bank.

“L. H. Lopes of the Pajaro Valley bank, testified that on February 15th, Lettunich made three deposits, \$60, \$200, and \$500, a total of \$760, but at the close of the day the balance was \$569.25. On the 25th the account was overdrawn.

“Frank Arnerich was another witness. Lopes and Arnerich were put on the stand, says the Santa Cruz News, to show that the conversation between Hrepich and Lettunich was held at 3 o’clock in the afternoon, and they also testified to seeing the money passed. Lettunich has always maintained that the conversation occurred in the morning and that Hrepich stated that he was satisfied with the loan.”

EP; 21 Jun 1919; item: “V. Lister has returned from San Francisco, where he attended the funeral of his brother, E. Lister, a shoe merchant of that city.”

EP; 21 Jun 1919; item: “Peter P. Stolich vs. George S. Easterday—Answer.”

EP; 21 Jun 1919; item: “E. B. Lettunich vs. MacDonald & Son—Notice of motion; demurrer to answer to cross complaint.”

EP; 21 Jun 1919; married: “At Mt. Hermon, June 18th, by Rev. W. C. Sherman, Samuel A. T. Balovich, of Watsonville, and Evelyn Mary Morehead, of Santa Cruz.”

EP; 21 Jun 1919; item: “NICK LETTUNICH IS ACQUITTED...The case against Nick Lettunich charged with passing a \$500 check, without funds in the bank, came to a finish yesterday and resulted in an acquittal.

“The jury was out only about a half hour. Four ballots were taken, the first being 10 to 2 in favor of acquittal.”

EP; 23 Jun 1919; item: “M. L. KALICH & CO. BUYS BREWINGTON BLOCK. The Brewington block, on Main street, adjoining the Lettunich block, changed ownership last Saturday, being purchased from the G. J. Brewington Co. by M. L. Kalich & Co. The block, a valuable piece of property, is occupied by Smith’s Bazaar, Andrew Schopp, Pratt-Weisenberger Company and George W. Sill on the first floor, and by the Hotel Ames above. It was built six years ago and the property has been held for between \$60,000 and \$70,000. It is not known what the purchase price was, but it is understood to have been between those amounts.”

EP; 23 Jun 1919; item: “Mr. and Mrs. George Kusanovich entertained a number of their friends and relatives at a social gathering given at their home on the Green Valley road Sunday afternoon, the occasion being a birthday celebration for their son, John Maroli, and a relative, Antone Radich. A fine dinner was prepared and served by Mrs. Kusanovich, which included barbequed meat. A huge birthday cake was the center of attraction at the feast.

“After dinner, Mrs. Katherine M. Secondo sang a song in Slavonian, entitled ‘Veselo Srce’ or, translated, ‘Happy Hearts,’ which was greatly appreciated by those present. Dancing followed during the afternoon and evening and refreshments, including sweets of all kinds, were served.

“Those who participated in this delightful affair were: Mr. and Mrs. George Kusanovich and family, John Maroli, Ella Maroli, Antone Radich, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Secondo and family, Mrs. Paole Arbanas, Louis Arbanas, Katherine Arbanas, Mitchell Arbanas, Andrew Sirearovich, Mike Matulich, George Bencich, Antone Fercich, Frank Arnerich, John Lukrick [Lukrich], Peter A. Ostoich, John Kusanovich, Miss P. Tomusich of San Francisco, Mrs. J. Sambriato [Sambriailo] and family, Marko Sorich, Antone Lukrich, Mrs. Rooney and family, Marcelo, Carmelita and Aldred Rooney, Misses Katie and Alice Baumbogger, Tom Arano, Robert Arano, and Manual Arano. They all wished Messrs. Maroli and Radich many happy returns of the day.”

EP; 24 Jun 1919; item: “M. B. Lettunich is leaving for Muriada Springs, where he will spend a three weeks’ vacation.”

EP; 25 Jun 1919; item: “Mateo Lettunich has received word from his son, Louis W. Lettunich, who is in the service in Siberia, that he may sail soon for home.”

EP; 25 Jun 1919; item: “G. H. Brewington Co. to M. L. Kalich—Lot on Main street, Watsonville.”

EP; 25 Jun 1919; item: “People vs. Tom Vucinich—Reporter’s transcript at preliminary examination.”

EP; 25 Jun 1919; item: “Andrew Zar, et al. vs. W. R. Congdon, administrator—Judgment: stipulation.”

EP; 25 Jun 1919; item: “People vs. Tom Vucinich—Venire of 20 jurors returnable June 27th”

EP; 25 Jun 1919; item: “People vs. Nicholas M. Lettunich—Exhibits offered in evidence of the defendant be returned.”

EP; 25 Jun 1919; item: “A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Mark Martinovich on a charge of robbery, and the officers are now on the lookout for him. According to the information it is charged that he entered the room of Josie Lillard, a chambermaid in the Central hotel last Sunday and took a sum of money estimated to be about \$40. According to her story she saw him enter the room and take the money. When asked why she did not call for help she said that at first she thought he was joking and would return the money, but later decided that he intended to keep it. She told her story to the chief of police and an effort was made to locate the man. Later she told another story to the chief that did not coincide with her first story, but had the warrant issued for the man’s arrest.

“Martinovich has been stopping at the California restaurant for some time past, but when the officers looked for him there, he was not to be found. Later it was reported that he had gone to San Jose.”

EP; 27 Jun 1919; article: “Was it Tom Vucinich who passed a \$10 check on the Seaside Toggery in this city on the 21st of May? The defendant in the case, now under arrest and who goes to trial on the felony charge tomorrow morning, claims to be able to give a perfect alibi establishing the fact that on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of May he was at work for the Sunnyvale Canning Company at San Jose, and not in Santa Cruz at all.

“In view of the fact that three persons, Arthur Rittenhouse, and Fred Quadros, of the store, and M. N. Lettunich, of Watsonville, whose name was forged to the check, have sworn that the defendant is the man who passed the check, and inasmuch as the description handed the sheriff tallies exactly with the defendant’s appearance and dress, a jury will be called upon to pass on the question of whether or not the officials have a problem of mistaken identity on their hands.

“If the alibi is substantiated Vucinich has a double in this world who resembles him down as to face and figure and dress down to the minutest detail. Even the dark, heavy growth of beard on his face, a detail of the description provided to the sheriff, tallies perfectly—as do the corduroy trousers and blue coat that the man wore who passed the check.—Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 28 Jun 1919; item: “LIST OF THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE WORLD WAR FROM SANTA CRUZ COUNTY. The names given herewith are of the men who enlisted or were chosen under the Selective Act

from the Pajaro Valley during the war with Germany and Austria. Included in this list are a few who went in from other counties but whose family home was in this valley as they were unmarried...

"The list has 539 names, including 13 dead.

"...Bauk [Buak], Wm...Cumbelich, W. L...Gospodnetich, P...Kralj, J. S...Mastovich, Geo...Milcovich, M. L...Mracevich, C...Nirich, M...Opusich, Srg. V...Rilovich, R...Stolich, M...Stazicich, G. J...Violich, N...Vukich, L. A...Vukich, N. P...Zeco, Thos."

EP; 28 Jun 1919; article: "VUCINICH ACQUITTED ON PROVING ALIBI. Says last evening's Santa Cruz News:

"Youth unabashed proved a good witness in the superior court this morning in the trial of Tom Vucinich, charged with passing a fictitious check on the Seaside Toggery on the 21st of last month. Fred Quadros, sixteen and a half years old, and who told District Attorney Smith that he was a 'salesman' at the Seaside Toggery, and had been for the last year and a half, answered questions like a flash, both direct and cross examination queries. He even told the defense attorney that if evidence were introduced to show that Vucinich was not even in Santa Cruz on the 21st of May but was employed in Santa Clara on that day, he (Quadros) would still swear that the defendant who sat in the courtroom this morning was the man who passed the \$10 check on the Seaside Toggery last month. Quadros identified the faded green hat, which was introduced in evidence this morning as the article worn by Vucinich when he was in the store.

"A. W. R. Rittenhouse and F. O. Rittenhouse, partners owning the Seaside Toggery, both took the stand and identified the check and the defendant, Vucinich, as the man who passed it. The former said that the check passer was 'either the defendant or a twin brother that looks just like him,' and the latter said that he was 'morally certain' that Vucinich was the man."

"Says this morning's Sentinel:

"Tom Vucinich proved an alibi, and in a few minutes was acquitted last evening by the jury, on a charge of passing a fictitious check on the Seaside Toggery:

"In contradiction to the testimony of Fred Quadros, A. W. R. Rittenhouse and F. O. Rittenhouse, identifying him as the man who passed the check, was that of Robert Greary, assistant superintendent of the cannery at Sunnyvale. He produced the cannery time card and testified that on the day it was alleged the check was passed Vucinich worked ten hours going to work at 6 a.m. and quitting at 7:30 p.m. He had personal knowledge that Vucinich was there, as he punched his card at noon and at night.

"Vucinich was then placed on the stand in his own behalf.

"The case went to the jury at 3 p.m. and the verdict of

not guilty was read at 3:15 p.m. by the foreman, F. R. Howe.

"The prosecution was conducted by District Attorney R. H. Smith and the defense was by D. C. Clark, L. F. Smith Jr. and Stanford Smith.

"The young Quadros gave Sheriff Trafton the description of the man who passed the check, he described a man resembling Vucinich, even to his clothing and green hat. Five days after, Quadros went to the sheriff's office and out of 16 pictures, Quadros picked out the one of Vucinich, who has been in jail before, as the check passer.

"Four days later when Vucinich was arrested, he was taken at night by Sheriff Trafton to the Quadros home and positively identified.

"The next day Quadros and A. W. R. Rittenhouse went to the jail and were positive as to the man."

EP; 28 Jun 1919; item: "Mrs. P. Stolich, with her daughter and little son, left yesterday for Tassajara Springs, where they will spend a two weeks' vacation."

EP; 28 Jun 1919; item: "Frank Hill received a card this morning stating that Mike Nirich, who is with the 115th ammunition corps has arrived with his unit in San Francisco."

EP; 28 Jun 1919; item: "The projecting pipe from a water tank struck P. A. Ostoich in the forehead and knocked him from the seat of his wagon when his team became unruly and started to run away yesterday.

"The accident occurred while Ostoich was driving past the Tuttle ranch, the horses breaking into a run from no apparent cause. After being knocked from his seat, Ostoich quickly regained his seat and recovered the reins. He finally succeeded in stopping the team by driving them into a tree.

"Ostoich has a badly bruised eye, but otherwise escaped injuries. He says he is willing to pay the water company for any damage done to the pipe by the collision."

EP; 28 Jun 1919; obit: "Ellen, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kovacich, of this city, died yesterday, from anemia. The funeral will be held tomorrow...from the family residence, No 349 Locust street..."

EP; 28 Jun 1919; obit: "At Watsonville, June 27, 1919, Ellen Kovacich, a native of Watsonville, aged 5 years, 2 months and 16 days..."

EP; 30 Jun 1919; item: "**List of Our High School Students Who Served in the World War.**

"...Lettunich, Lewis, Ex '18, M...Strazicich, John, Ex '18, M..."

"Ex = Student left before graduation..."

"M = Had military training in the High School."

EP; 30 Jun 1919; obit: “The funeral of the late Ellen Kovacich took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, and after services at St. Patrick’s church, interment took place at the Valley cemetery. The pall-bearers were Louie Jano, Peter Copriviza, Martin Franich and John Novakovich.”

EP; 30 Jun 1919; item: “People vs. Tom Vucinich—Instructions; verdict.”

EP; 30 Jun 1919; item: “Peter P. Stolich vs. George S. Easterday—Notice to action.”

EP; 30 Jun 1919; item: “People vs. Tom Vucinich—Jury renders a verdict of not guilty.”

EP; 1 Jul 1919; item: “Mike Nirich arrived home last evening from the service overseas.”

EP; 1 Jul 1919; item: “Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and son, Prosper, are on a motor trip to Yosemite valley. They will also visit Lake Tahoe.”

EP; 1 Jul 1919; board of aldermen, payments: “...Central Electric Co., supplies, \$2.10...M. L. Milcovich, Jr., street repairs, \$25...Central Electric Co., repairs, \$63.85...”

EP; 2 Jul 1919; item: “Peter Scurich has returned from an outing at Tassajara Springs.”

EP; 2 Jul 1919; item: “Michael Resetar has returned from San Francisco, where he has been in a hospital for several weeks.”

EP; 3 Jul 1919; item: “BLAS PISTA SUES FOR POSSESSION OF DUCKWORTH RANCH. The Duckworth ranch in the Pajaro valley, which has been the cause of much litigation in the superior court, is again in court in a suit brought by Blas Pista against Eloise Duckworth, S. J. Duckworth, Effie M. Heins, Ralph Heins, Mike Resetar and H. S. Fletcher. All the defendants are in some way involved in the suit.

“The complaint comprises thirty-two typewritten pages and the plaintiff is represented by Sullivan, Sullivan and Roche.

“The suit is to compel the Duckworths to live up to an agreement to sell to the plaintiff on January 25, 1919.

“In the complaint the Heins are mentioned as having a grant deed. The Hibernia Savings Bank holds a mortgage for \$65,000.

“There is a contract entered into between the Heins and Resetar for the sale of apples from the years 1917 to 1922.

“There is also a \$57,500 promissory note involved.”

EP; 3 Jul 1919; item: “Yesterday Peter Saulovich and

John Saulovich filed with the county clerk a certificate of co-partnership. They are engaged in the fruit business in the Pajaro valley under the name of Saulovich Bros.—Salinas Journal.”

[Apparently the schools were running late because of closure during the flu epidemic the previous fall.]

EP; 3 Jul 1919; honorary promotions: “From low 1st to high 1st: Annie Krajl [Kralj], Frances Jelinizich; high 1st to low 2nd: Nick Perovich; low 2nd to high 2nd: Mitchell Dubreta; low 2nd to high 2nd: Chris Lubich; high 2nd to low 3rd: Nick Bilicich, Martin Franich, Tony Franich; high 3rd to low 4th: Minnie Salaumunovich [Salamunovich]; high 3rd to low 4th: Mitchell Kralj, Steve Peckock [Pekoch], George Krall, George Kralj, George Gera; low 6th to high 6th: Mary Castropelli, Marie Rilovich; high 6th to low 7th: Martin Franich, John Novacovich; high 7th to low 8th: Thomas Arbanas.

EP; 5 Jul 1919; promotions by exam: “From kindergarten to 1st grade: Edward Lettunich, Nicholas Lubich, Mary Capitanich; low 1st to high 1st: Donald Marinovich; high 1st to low 2nd: George Cikuth, Annie Salmonovich [Salamunovich]; high 1st to low 2nd: Mary Lubick, Tony Pavlovich, Steve Sambriallo [Sambrailo], Pauline Sambriallo, Lucy Zar; low 2nd to high 2nd: Joe Pavlovich; high 2nd to low 3rd: Marie Nukich [Vukich]; high 2nd to low 3rd: Lucy Bokariza, Georgie Coprivizia; low 3rd to high 3rd: Anna Hrepich; high 3rd to low 4th: Mary Obuljan; high 3rd to low 4th: Chris Pavisha; low 4th to high 4th: Peter Knego, George Navocavich [Novacovich], Paul Obeyan; high 4th to low 5th: Pauline Eranich [Franich], Lena Pierovich, John Sambrailo; low 5th to high 5th: Nicholas Copriviza; high 5th to low 6th: Nina Milcovich, John Novacovich; low 6th to high 6th: Peter Copriviza, Nick Eggea; high 6th to low 7th: Luella Kalich, Mary Matson; low 7th to high 7th: Nick Dubreta, John Miljanich; high 7th to low 8th: Peter Matulich, John Milcovich, Tony Scurich; high 7th to low 8th: Ned Gluhan; low 8th to high 8th: Peter Stolich, Mitchell Maticovich, Nellie Puhiera; high 8th to high school: Willie Sambrailo.

EP; 5 Jul 1919; item: “Miss Emma Milcovich is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Milcovich.”

EP; 7 Jul 1919; item: “John Saulovich, the local fruit packer, has bought an orchard home on the San Juan road, having a crop this year valued close to \$3,000. The property was purchased from John Prochaska, who bought the same from Nicholas Mortizia about four months ago. Mr. Prochaska, the musician, intended locating here, but has decided to return to his former home with his family.”

EP; 7 Jul 1919; item: “Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kalich and

children left today for Tassajara Springs, where they spend the next two weeks."

EP; 8 Jul 1919; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mengol celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Marie Lucretia, at their country home in Corralitos, July 4th, with a barbecue and dance. The following guests enjoyed their hospitality: Donald Bradford, Jack Neal, Paul Miladin, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Lettunich, Prosper Lettunich, Mr. and Mrs. Vason, E. B. Rilovich, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Marish, Mrs. Pittmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. George Vranizan, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jefsen and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kalich and family, Mrs. Dahnken and children, Mrs. Ray and daughter, Mrs. Stender, Antone Rilovich and Miss Marion Mariah."

EP; 8 Jul 1919; item: "E. B. Lettunich vs. MacDonald & Sons—Notice of motion to substitute undertaking for case deposited in release of attachment."

EP; 8 Jul 1919; item: "People vs. Tony Vucinich—Instructions given by the court."

EP; 8 Jul 1919; item: "E. B. Lettunich vs. MacDonald & Sons—Motion for order striking out certain portions of the cross complaint submitted."

EP; 9 Jul 1919; disp. ad:

WANTED

Apricots Pickers

and other laborers

At our Apricot Orchard on the Main road to Hollister,
between San Juan and Hollister.

HIGHEST WAGES PAID.

Good grounds for families. Pleasant place for families to take a vacation. Apply at once either to the Bonnie Brae Orchard, as above, or to

Rilovich & Sresovich's Office,

Kearney Street, Watsonville, Calif.

EP; 9 Jul 1919; item: "Former District Attorney Geo. W. Smith has been offered and accepted the city attorneyship of Santa Cruz. He will enter upon his duties as soon as the incumbent W. R. Springer finishes up some litigation in which the city is involved."

EP; 10 Jul 1919; item: "Andrew Balich, et ux., to Josephine A. Tretheway—Part of Sec. 32, T. 9, R 2 W., adjoining Bloom."

EP; 10 Jul 1919; item: "Mitchell L. Kalich, et ux., to Nick Russo [Ruso]—Northeast side Main street, Watsonville."

EP; 10 Jul 1919; item: "Mrs. L. P. Cikuth and children are spending their vacation at Capitola and Santa Cruz."

EP; 11 Jul 1919; item: "Estate of Nick Bokoriza [Bokariza] deceased—Printed copy of notice to creditors."

EP; 14 Jul 1919; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Bancevich [Banicevich] and daughter Kathryn, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanovich and George Frenchy have returned from a week's camping trip on the Highland way."

EP; 14 Jul 1919; born: "In Watsonville, July 13, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gulermovich, a son." [Louis; +1970]

EP; 15 Jul 1919; item: "In the case of E. B. Lettunich vs. MacDonald & Sons at the request of counsel for the defendant, it was ordered by the Superior Court at Santa Cruz yesterday, that the hearing of the motion of defendant for an order granting permission to defendant to furnish an undertaking in such sum as may be fixed by the court, in lieu of the cash deposit in the sum of \$1,200 for the release of the attachment heretofore levied by plaintiff against defendant be dropped from the calendar of the court."

EP; 16 Jul 1919; item: "Mike Resetar and family are leaving for a few weeks' outing at Tassajara Springs."

EP; 16 Jul 1919; item: "Steve Pervetich, of Lead, S.D., is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Milladin on Allison Way."

EP; 17 Jul 1919; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alaga and family left by auto today for Los Angeles."

EP; 17 Jul 1919; item: "P. M. Resetar and wife, to John and Martin Franich—South side Kearney street, Watsonville."

EP; 17 Jul 1919; item: "E. B. Lettunich vs. MacDonald & Sons—Dropped from calendar."

EP; 17 Jul 1919; item: "Estate of Nick Bokoriza [Bokariza], deceased—Affidavit of publication."

EP; 19 Jul 1919; item: "Steve Scurich has returned from a business trip to San Francisco and San Jose. He was accompanied to the city by his daughter Miss Ruth who will visit with relatives and friends there for a time."

EP; 21 Jul 1919; item: "Mike Nirich made a good record at surf fishing Saturday night, but Frank Hill states that he beats him two to one because Mike has not perfected a method of keeping his line untangled."

EP; 21 Jul 1919; item: "Prosper Lettunich spent the weekend at the Sesnon summer home, near Capitola."

EP; 22 Jul 1919; item: “The Central Electric Co. has a special representative from the factory down here this week demonstrating electric appliances for household use. See the ad on page three today.”

EP; 22 Jul 1919; disp. ad:

We now call your attention to our special

**Electrical
Household Appliance
Campaign.**

Special Factory Representatives here
will demonstrate our

Electrical Washers, Vacuum Cleaners,
and Other Labor-Saving Devices.

When he calls on you kindly give him a
few minutes of your time. It will pay you.

CENTRAL ELECTRIC CO.

PHONE 209J 318 MAIN STREET

EP; 22 Jul 1919; divorce: “In the Superior Court, Santa Cruz suit commenced by Amelia Hrepich against George Hrepich.”

EP; 22 Jul 1919; divorce: “An action has been filed in the superior court by Amelia Hrepich asking for a divorce from George Hrepich in the grounds of cruelty. Attorneys Sans & Hudson represent the plaintiff and Attorney James A. Hall appears for the defense.”

EP; 23 Jul 1919; item: “E. B. Lettunich vs. MacDonald & Sons—Order directing delivery of cash deposit to defendant upon substitution of bond therefore.”

EP; 23 Jul 1919; item: “Peter P. Stolich vs. George S. Easterday as administrator—Judgment and decree granting title.”

EP; 23 Jul 1919; item: “Paul Milladin and John Saulovich have gone to Tassajara Springs for a two weeks’ vacation.”

EP; 25 Jul 1919; item: “Ed Rilovich and E. B. Lettunich gave a barbeque at the cot picking grounds of the Bonnie Brae ranch in San Benito county, yesterday, which was a great event for the apricot pickers. They now have several hundred people at work there picking and cutting ‘cots.’”

EP; 26 Jul 1919; item: “John Munkovich [Monkovich], P. P. Capitanich, John Secondo and Mike Stolich left this morning for an automobile trip to Stockton and through the Yosemite valley.”

EP; 26 Jul 1919; item: “Andy Balich to A. Gillett Winterhalder, et vir.—Lot in Corona Heights Sub.”

EP; 28 Jul 1919; item: “Deputy Recorder F. W. Conway

and wife, Master Claire Smith of Stockton with Deputy Sheriff F. F. Carnluff and wife of Butte county, returned to Stockton on Sunday, after a delightful visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E.[S.] Chukovich in the Roache district...”

EP; 29 Jul 1919; item: “Resetar Bros. have closed a deal whereby they have sold their cull apples to L. M. Way, manager of the Hop Lee Company. Mr. Lee has also leased their drying plant and will operate the same this season. This plant will be completed about August 15th and ready for operation.

“Both of these parties are large dealers in Pajaro Valley apples and this has proved a very satisfactory deal to both in the efficient handling of the large quantity of apples that they are handling this season.”

EP; 29 Jul 1919; item: “Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich gave a barbeque on the Bonnie Brae ranch in honor of Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Taylor, of Boston, and Lieut. Frank Marish of San Francisco. About 40 were present and everyone had an enjoyable time.”

EP; 30 Jul 1919; item: “An article on the apple situation hereabouts, in our cotem, the Daily Register this morning, stating that Newtown Pippins were selling at \$1.50 and \$1.60 per box created considerable surprise, amongst those conversant with ruling prices.

“Yesterday M. L. Kalich sold to a big purchaser, Mr. Jardine, 17,000 boxes of 3½ and 4-tier Newtown Pippins at \$2 per box (f.o.b. Watsonville), and we are informed that anyone having Newtowns to sell at \$1.50 and \$1.60 per box will find purchasers for all they can furnish to the brokers along West Third street (‘Wall Street’). It is predicted that Newtowns will rule at \$2.50 per box before the season has ended.

“A few lots of Bells (possibly about 25 cars) have already been contracted for at \$1.75. It is thought that Bells will be in demand ere long at \$2 per box.”

EP; 30 Jul 1919; born: “In Railroad district, Pajaro Valley, July 29, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matlich [Matulich], a son.” *[John; +1922]*

EP; 31 Jul 1919; item: “Tony Scurich went to Capitola yesterday to visit his parents. He will return on Saturday.”

EP; 31 Jul 1919; item: “Mike Resetar has gone to Salinas to meet his family, who have been spending the past two weeks at Tassajara Springs. He made the trip by auto.”

EP; 31 Jul 1919; item: “Pete Copriviza had the misfortune to break his right arm recently while cranking his automobile. He had the break properly attended to and is now getting along as well as could be expected.”

EP; 31 Jul 1919; disp ad:

L. Brajkovich Geo. Copriviza
215 Ford St. 110 E. Third St.

Copriviza & Brajkovich

PINE STREET,
Watsonville, Calif.

Apricot Buyers

In Any Quantity

EP; 31 Jul 1919; article: "The item published in this paper yesterday afternoon, that M. L. Kalich had sold 17,000 boxes of 3½ and 4-tier boxes of Newtown apples to Mr. Jardine, of San Francisco, created quite a sensation, not only in apple circles here, but in San Francisco (along commission row) as well, when the Pajaronian got up to the metropolis last evening.

"This morning Mr. Kalich stepped into this office and disavowed the transaction. He denies that the above sale was made, although admitting that negotiations tending to such a sale had been entered into between himself and Mr. Jardine. Mr. Kalich states that he expects to do business with Mr. Jardine before the season is over, although he has made no direct sales to that gentleman as yet. He is of the opinion that Newtowns will be worth considerably more than \$2 a box, ere the season is much advanced.

"Mr. Kalich was greatly exercised over the item, fearing that Mr. Jardine would think that he (Kalich) had the item published. We would absolve him from that. The transaction was common talk along the street and we heard the item from two or three different brokers. In fact, we softened the item down.

"However, yesterday orders were placed for twenty carloads of Newtowns at \$2 a box. The orders were placed in two lots of ten carloads each, with two different apple brokers of this city, and the apples were bought at that price.

"This morning we are informed that all quotations are held up by the packers. One of the brokers who made a tour around amongst the packers is said to have been unable to get any quotations, even at \$2.

"Yesterday, talking with a couple of brokers over the rumored price of \$1.50–1.60 per box, they said they would be willing to take at once one thousand carloads at from \$1.50 to \$1.60.

"We should think they would. Culls are bringing in the neighborhood of \$1.50 per box!"

EP; 1 Aug 1919; disp. ad:

**Washing and
House Cleaning**

Our field representatives are now calling on the housewives, giving personal demonstrations of our very latest labor and health saving devices, such as WASHING MACHINES and VACUUM CLEANERS.

If men did the washing or house cleaning

they certainly would seek the easiest and quickest methods to get the best results, which would be by using—

ELECTRIC DEVICES.

With the liberal payment plan we have, there is no longer excuse for women to be house-slaves a day longer.

SEND IN FOR A FREE TRIAL.

Central Electric Co.

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EP; 1 Aug 1919; item: "Lucy R. Franklin et vir. to J. N. Moncovich—54.10 acres adj. Menker St."

EP; 2 Aug 1919; item: "Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Capitanich and family, accompanied by John Secundo [Secundo], John Misteinich [maybe Mustanich], Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miloslavich and family from Stockton and the Misses Larkin and Pelchan from San Francisco yesterday motored to Monterey and over the Seventeen-Mile Drive seeing points of interest along the coast, returning by way of Salinas."

EP; 4 Aug 1919; item: "E. B. Lettunich made a business trip to Hollister today.

EP; 4 Aug 1919; item: "P. M. and Mitchell Resetar and Martin Franich left this morning for a two weeks' vacation at Tassajara Springs.

EP; 4 Aug 1919; item: "E. R.[B.] Rilovich, Tony Rilovich, Geo. W. Sill and Earl Fulwider went to Monterey and over the Seventeen-Mile Drive yesterday."

EP; 7 Aug 1919; item: "Mateo Lettunich is visiting in Oakland for a few days."

EP; 7 Aug 1919; item: "Says the Santa Cruz News:

"Superior Judge Knight has filed his decisions granting injunctions in both of the red light abatement law suits filed by District Attorney Ralph H. Smith against the California restaurant property and the Del Monte rooming house property, both in Watsonville. In the case of the California restaurant Judge Knight has required in his decision that Elizabeth Dondero, the owner of the property, must file a bond for \$1,000 under which she guarantees that there shall not be a recurrence of any of the acts committed which comprised the violations against the law in the first instance.

"George Hrepich, the tenant and proprietor of the California restaurant, must pay all the costs of the action.

"The injunction against the property will be issued as soon as it can be prepared by the district attorney, and the place will be closed until Mrs. Dondero files her bond. In the event of further violations against the red light abatement law at this place, the property will be again closed and the bond forfeited..."

“The decisions filed in these cases bring to a close the first prosecution under the red light abatement law ever brought in this county.”

EP; 7 Aug 1919; article: “The Bonnie Brae and Mitchell farms located near Hollister property of Joseph Basile Jr., prominent San Jose capitalist have again changed hands according to a well authenticated rumor. The newest buyers of this much-sold property were not named but the consideration is announced at \$200,000 to our reporter. Mr. Basile bought the land from Thomas E. O’Donnell and Dennis M. Patterson, well-known local men and as stated recently has proven a profitable investment for him from the start...”

“Recently Mr. Basile sold the crop consisting of prunes, apricots, pears, apples and nuts to Rilovich, Sresovich & Lettunich, Watsonville fruit merchants, for \$50,000. Their crew is at present at work handling the enormous crop of fine apricots, and later will harvest the rest of the fruit produced on the property.”

EP; 7 Aug 1919; item: “On last Friday the management of the Central Hotel, on lower Main street, was taken over by Tony Radovich of this city, and Martin A. Tavaraz [Tovaraz] of San Francisco—Mr. Stephen Scurich retiring from the management in order to better devote his time and attention to other pressing business matters.

“The new lessees propose to make this hotel an up-to-date and popular hostelry. Mr. Radovich is well-known and well-liked here, having been employed for the past seven years at the Central grocery store where he made loads of friends. Mr. Tavaraz has been in the restaurant business in San Francisco for many years and understands how to handle and satisfy the public. It is not intended to put in a table de hote now—that may come later. Mr. Tavaraz’ experience, we should think would make a dining-room a success.

“Mr. Scurich, the owner of the hotel, has made numerous improvements in the premises in line with the suggestions of the State Housing Committee, and when everything is finally finished up the Central Hotel should take on a new lease of life.”

EP; 8 Aug 1919; item: “Eugene L. Bradley, et ux. to Lucy Gospodnetich—Northwest side Ford street, Watsonville.”

EP; 11 Aug 1919; item: “E. B. Lettunich vs. MacDonald & Sons—Answer to cross complaint.”

EP; 12 Aug 1919; item: “N. P. Chagal, of Stockton, will arrive in Watsonville on August 25th with 24 men to begin work on a contract he and Martin Lupeich, also of Stockton, have with Peter V. [P.] Stolich for picking apples.”

EP; 12 Aug 1919; item: “Says the Santa Cruz Sentinel:

‘Andy Balich has just returned from a week’s trip to Modesto and Turlock, and while there made a business deal of \$30,000. Mr. Balich says that in these towns canteloupes are selling for 50 cents a crate and watermelons at \$4 a ton. Girls working piece work in the peaches are earning up to one dollar an hour.’”

EP; 13 Aug 1919; item: “E. B. Lettunich is having his building on Main street near the city hall remodeled and will put in a new front. When completed it will be occupied by M. S. Machado who has retired from the saloon business and will open a grocery, fruit and soft drink establishment. He expects to be ready for business within a short time.”

EP; 14 Aug 1919; item: “E. B. Lettunich vs. MacDonald & Sons—Continued to September 5th.”

EP; 14 Aug 1919; item: “Estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased—Order appointing day of settlement of account and hearing petition for decree of distribution.”

EP; 14 Aug 1919; item: “Estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased—First and final account; report and petition for distribution.”

EP; 20 Aug 1919; divorce: “In the superior court at Santa Cruz yesterday, in the divorce case of Amelia Hrepich against George Hrepich an interlocutory decree of divorce was granted and the care and custody of the children was awarded to plaintiff and the sum of \$20 a month for support of the children.”

EP; 21 Aug 1919; item: “N. P. Chagal and Martin Lupcich have arrived from Stockton to start work on their contract to pick apples for Peter P. Stolich, one of the largest of the local apple packers. The men brought with them six assistants.”

EP; 22 Aug 1919; item: “Amelia Hrepich vs. George Hrepich—Certain doctor’s certificate offered and received in evidence.”

EP; 23 Aug 1919; item: “F. P. Marinovich has returned from a business trip to Santa Clara county.”

EP; 23 Aug 1919; item: “A copy of the judgment has been received by Edward Cikuth and his attorney, J. A. Hall, in the case of Edward Cikuth, et al., vs. Martin Capitanich, et al. The Superior Court at Santa Cruz awarded Cikuth judgment in the sum of \$75 and costs against Pauline Capitanich on an open book account for money advanced.”

EP; 25 Aug 1919; item: “An alarm of fire was turned in from the residence building belonging to Stolich Bros., at

the corner of Fifth and Walker streets, about 11:30 this morning, and the fire department made a quick run to the scene, where the upstairs over the kitchen was found to be ablaze. A few minutes work on the part of firemen quenched the blaze. Considerable damage was done by the fire and water, but just what amount has not been figured out yet.

“The origin of the fire has not been established. Some thought it had caught from the stovepipe, but the occupants of the house saw there had been no fire in the stove since 6 o’clock this morning. It may have been caused by defective wiring.”

EP; 25 Aug 1919; item: “O. L. Beilby has sold his 15-acre apple orchard located about a mile south of Watsonville, on the San Juan road, to Martin Capitanich, local fruit dealer. Mr. Capitanich takes immediate possession.”

EP; 25 Aug 1919; item: “Mr. and Mrs. M. Resetar and family left for Tassajara Hot Springs today, where they will spend their vacation.”

EP; 27 Aug 1919; item: “An active campaign started yesterday to secure machines to take the sailors of the fleet on the trip through the Pajaro valley on tomorrow Thursday, and a list of persons with available cars has been selected by the automobile committee to report next Thursday at the municipal wharf at Santa Cruz to carry the soldiers.

“The present plan is to have at least 200 machines to take approximately 1000 sailors and petty officers on the tour...

“The board of supervisors has taken action to see that the roads are sprinkled and placed in the best possible condition for the trip, and every precaution will be taken to make the tour a safe one...

“This automobile trip to Watsonville and through the Pajaro valley tomorrow afternoon will be the biggest thing the boys will meet with on the visit to Santa Cruz and every person here who has an automobile should put it at the service of the boys on this occasion. The prosperity and resources of this valley is something the sailors do not see every day, and all those who have participated in this prosperity should recognize it as their duty to assist the committee in getting enough autos to take the sailors who wish to make the trip through this great fruit district and let them see what the valley can do. Get in touch with the committee and come with your automobile tomorrow. One afternoon for the boys is not a very big thing to give, and all of our machine owners can afford to do that much.

“The following is a list of the persons who have been appointed by the committee to furnish cars for the trip on tomorrow afternoon: ...

“Nick Alaga...A. Balich...Butier Bros...L. Bachen [Bachan], John Braycovich, L. Bauerecich...P. P. Capi-

tanich...R. S. Chukovich...M. Franich...M. L. Kalich...T. M. Kissich...John Lukrich...Prosper Lettunich, E. B. Lettunich...Pete Mengol...W. [M.] Marinovich...A. B. Rilovich, E. Rilovich, P. M. Resetar, Mitchell Resetar, Mike Resetar...J. S. Sabrailio [Sambraillo], P. P. Stolich, Steve Scurich, Secondo Bros...Peter Scurich...Boscovich [Borcovich] & Dragovich...Paul Alaga...”

EP; 27 Aug 1919; item: “Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tovaraz and their daughter, Anne, are here from San Francisco on a short visit with friends and relatives. They are staying at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mitchell Secundo [Secundo], on Grant avenue.”

EP; 27 Aug 1919; born: “In Watsonville, August 24, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Bakich, a daughter.” [*Nicolene*]

EP; 28 Aug 1919; item: “Andrew Balich was in San Jose for a week when the fire occurred in the property which he owns on Soquel avenue occupied by the Goldstein Brothers as the National Ice Cream Agency. When he got back he found that the agent of the insurance company having a policy on the building refused to renew the policy. Mr. Balich says it is usual to offer this protection. Having no insurance on the structure at the time Mr. Balich says he is out about \$5000 by the blaze.—Santa Cruz News.”

EP; 28 Aug 1919; item: “M. J. Dutro, et ux, to George P. Copriviza, et al.—Lot in subdivision of Stephen Scurich.”

EP; 28 Aug 1919; item: “Peter P. Stolich went to San Francisco today.”

EP; 28 Aug 1919; item: “The completion of the L. F. Lettis packing house, one of the largest and best on the new industrial track on Walker street, by Louis Secondo, the builder, was celebrated by a barbecue given by Mr. and Mrs. Lettis to Mr. Secondo and a number of friends yesterday. The affair was very much enjoyed by the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Secondo and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lettis and family, Dr. Sambuck, M. N. Lettunich, Prosper Lettunich, W. E. Higman, A. Rilovich, E. Bujak, Mr. Hyke, A. Stolich, B. Borovinich, John Kantz, Andrew Bokariza, Markom Hargett and Mr. Franucich [Franusich].”

EP; 28 Aug 1919; item: “T. M. Kissich vs. George Colendich—Answer.”

EP; 28 Aug 1919; item: “Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Anna Scurich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Scurich, to Dr. Anton J. Sambuck, son of A. Sambuck of this city.”

EP; 29 Aug 1919; obit; “N. F. Bencovich, proprietor of

the Elite Grill at Hollister, died yesterday, at the Monterey Peninsula Hospital, as the result of an attack of acute obstruction of the bowels. Mr. and Mrs. Bencovich went to Monterey last Monday to see the new Pacific Fleet and he was taken ill while in that city.”

EP; 2 Sep 1919; item: “John Strazich and Miss Helen Strazich, of San Francisco accompanied by Lewis de Lew, Jr., spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Banicevich.”

EP; 2 Sep 1919; item: “Blas Pista vs. Eloise Marie Duckworth, et al.—Motion to strike out.”

EP; 2 Sep 1919; article: “Six hundred and eighty-five boxes of apples were donated to the sailors of the new Pacific fleet while they were in Santa Cruz...”

“Contributors...were: Garcia & Maggini Company, 100 boxes; Corralitos Fruit Growers’ Association, 100 boxes; Loma Fruit Company, 100 boxes; McDonald & Son, 50 boxes; Jones Brothers; 50 boxes; Sebastopol Apple Growers’ Union; 50 boxes; Quong S. Eng, 42 boxes; W. E. Higman, 32 boxes; Harold L. Kane, 25 boxes; California Pine Box Distributors, 20 boxes; K. Itani, 15 boxes; M. Mine, 15 boxes; S. Sasaki, 15 boxes; J. Sambraillo Company, 14 boxes; Geo. W. Sill, 10 boxes; M. N. Lettunich, 10 boxes; M. L. Kalich, 10 boxes; L. G. Bachan, 5 boxes; Zar Brothers, 5 boxes; F. Scrivani, 5 boxes; A. Balich Fruit Company, 5 boxes; T. J. Horgan, 5 boxes; James Sheehy, 1 box; Dr. Geo. S. Easterday, 1 box.

“Some criticism has been directed at the smallness of the contributions made by certain packers[;] in fact some of them did not contribute at all, although they expect to realize thousands of dollars on this season’s cleanup.

“Perhaps, however, they were not solicited.”

EP; 2 Sep 1919; board of aldermen, payments: “...Central Electrical Co., street lights, \$29.95...”

EP; 5 Sep 1919; item: “George Hrepich has returned from a business trip to San Francisco.”

EP; 6 Sep 1919; item: “F.[T.] M. Kissich vs. George Colendich—Defendant recovers judgment.”

EP; 6 Sep 1919; item: “Blas Pista vs. Eloise Marie Duckworth—Continued to September 8th.”

EP; 6 Sep 1919; item: “John DeMartini Co., Inc., vs. E. B. Lettunich—Demurrer of defendant.”

EP; 6 Sep 1919; item: “Says the Santa Cruz News:

“George Carstulovich, proprietor of the Saddle Rock restaurant, has received through the American Red Cross an answer to his inquiry, made through that channel, con-

cerning the welfare of his family in Dalmatia, Jugoslavia. The message transmitted by Mrs. Chester A. Garfield, director of foreign communications at Washington, to George A. Chittenden, local Red Cross secretary, and is countersigned by W. R. Castle, Jr., on the other side of the water. It reads: ‘We regret to tell you that father and mother are dead, but all the others of us are in good health. Kindest wishes to all, Brother Bartol.’”

EP; 8 Sep 1919; item: “A very pretty party was given little Katherine Scurich last Wednesday, September 3rd, at her home at 21 Kearney street, in honor of her 12th birthday. The time was passed very pleasantly with music, games and other amusements. Refreshments were served. Katherine was the recipient of many pretty and useful presents. A most enjoyable time was had by all. Those present were: Katherine Scurich, Bernice Buckley, Lucille Kulich, Mary Resetar, Nellie Scurich, Mary Kalich, Lucille Scurich, Ruth Buckley, Edward Gluhan, Louis Kalich, Peter Scurich, Raymond Buckley, Nickie Kalich, Peter Knego, Tony Resetar, Howard Buckley, and little Jackie Gurovich.”

EP; 8 Sep 1919; item: “F.[T.] M. Kissich vs. George Calendich [Colendich]—Memorandum of costs and disbursements.”

EP; 10 Sep 1919; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund...Novicich, Jack, comp. ins., \$103.35... Pajaro Road Fund...Drobaz, Michael, dirt for road, \$5...
“The Indigent Aid.

“As a matter of general interest we publish the indigent list of this county for the past month: ...

“Capitanich, Helen, \$30...Kelez, Nellie, \$40...Matulich, Kate, \$50...Pekoch, Annie, \$40...Kosicich, Annie, \$10...”

EP; 11 Sep 1919; item: “E. B. Lettunich, the new owner of the W. W. Ford block, 439 Main street, has taken down the former name, ‘W. W. Ford Block,’ and will change it to read ‘E. B. Lettunich Block.’ Mr. Lettunich is also starting in to give the block a thorough renovation.”

EP; 11 Sep 1919; item: “Estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased—Continued to September 22nd.”

EP; 13 Sep 1919; obit: “May Evaline Moncovich, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moncovich, 39 Menker street, this city, died today, aged 7 years, 4 months and 18 days. She was a native of this city.

“The little girl was a very sweet little child, and the blow is a severe one to her sorrowing parents. She was a pupil at the Academy. The cause of death was whooping cough...”

EP; 13 Sep 1919; obit: “At Watsonville, Calif., Sept. 13,

1919, May Evaline Moncovich, daughter of J. N. and Annie Moncovich, a native of Watsonville, aged 7 years 4 months and 18 days." [see Fig. 4-19]

EP; 15 Sep 1919; obit: "Funeral services for May Evaline Moncovich, daughter of J. N. and Annie Moncovich, were held from the family residence, No. 39 Menker street...The pallbearers were Louis Kalich, John Navacovich [Novacovich], William Sambriolo [Sambraio], John Milcovich, Luis Jano and Peter Copriviza."

EP; 15 Sep 1919; item: "As usual, the annual Dahlia Show of the Woman's Club, of this city, on last Saturday afternoon and this evening was a complete success..."

"In the evening a charming musical program was rendered by Claire and Virginia Spencer, Anna Scurich and Mrs. George Tolman..."

EP; 15 Sep 1919; card of thanks: "We take this method of returning our heartfelt thanks and grateful acknowledgments to friends, acquaintances, and the community in general, for the many courtesies and manifestations of sympathy shown us at the death of our little daughter, May Evaline. Especially do we wish to thank those who sent the beautiful floral tributes. MR. and MRS. J. N. MONCOVICH."

EP; 16 Sep 1919; item: "The Watsonville Bakery is being remodeled and improved, a new front being one of the additions to be made at this time. Mr. Lister has been improving his place of business continually, adding the best sanitary and labor-saving features in order to keep his product at the top notch all the time. And this improvement in his salesroom is a continuation of this idea. The Watsonville Bakery has built up a wonderful trade on merit, and Mr. Lister aims to keep up his progress in this direction."

EP; 17 Sep 1919; item: "The packing house of Scurich and Jerenich presented a busy scene this morning. They were packing Red Pearmain apples and the fruit was passing through the automatic sorter rapidly. Only the choice four-tier apples were being packed for shipment, the balance going to the dryer. They are now packing about 1,700 boxes a day. A carload of paper was being unloaded, and when empty the car will be filled with apples and sent on its way again without delay, thus helping in the conservation of the cars that are needed so badly just now. This firm buys all its supplies in carload lots and thus is in a position to take advantage of any discounts that may be given in wholesale lots as well as securing the cars for return shipments.

"Mr. Jerenich stated that the Belle-fleur market was still in a shaky condition. Prices are fluctuating and it is hard to tell just where they will wind up. They are storing a few and drying some. The local market was flooded

during the week of the strike when eastern shipments were impossible, and that had a great deal to do with the drop in the market. And again, the prices quoted at the start of the season were too high..."

EP; 17 Sep 1919; item: "Steve Scurich has received a letter from his brother-in-law in Dalmatia, stating that the immediate relatives there are all well and that Mr. Scurich's father is still living and well. The elder Mr. Scurich is now 86 years of age.

"The latter states that the country is progressing under the new Jugo-Slav government and that the people are getting together in harmony, a remarkable contrast to the condition which existed before the war. The new government has the support of all the people of Jugo-Slavia, and the nation promises to grow in strength and influence among the European countries."

EP; 18 Sep 1919; item: "Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Resetar were San Francisco visitors yesterday."

EP; 18 Sep 1919; item: "Patrick Eugene Kelly et al. to L. F. Lettis—2 lots in Cassin Park tract."

EP; 18 Sep 1919; item: "Margaret McCarty to J. P. Biskup—Part Salsipuedes Ro."

EP; 19 Sep 1919; article: "Charles Perovich, aged ten years, shot the nine-year-old daughter of Ed Norris through the wrist yesterday afternoon while they were playing at the Perovich home at the bend of the road near the college. They had been playing a while and the boy got hold of a 38-calibre revolver and was flourishing it about in a threatening manner. The little girl threw up her hands and said 'Don't shoot me.' The gun was fired and the bullet passed through her wrist. Dr. Liles was called and dressed the wounded arm.

"This is another accident that could have been prevented if the owner of the revolver had taken proper care of it. The boy does not live that will pass up the opportunity to handle a gun if it is left within his reach, and anyone leaving a loaded gun where a child can get at it is guilty of criminal carelessness that could be punishable by law. There is seldom occasion for having a loaded gun about a home or in the possession of anyone other than an officer, and if any punishment is coming to anyone for accidents of this kind it should come to the party that owns the gun."

EP; 20 Sep 1919; item: "E. B. Lettunich, who was operated on yesterday at the Watsonville hospital, is reported to be getting along nicely now.

EP; 22 Sep 1919; item: "J. N. Moncovich et al. vs. Lucy R. Franklin et al.—Southwest line of Menker street, Watsonville."

EP; 23 Sep 1919; item: “A. N. Jerenich, of the firm of Scurich & Jerenich, has purchased a new Hudson Super-six automobile.”

EP; 23 Sep 1919; item: “P. B. Marinovich left yesterday morning for St. Louis, Mo., where he will resume his studies in the medical school of the university at that place.”

EP; 24 Sep 1919; item: “Nancy A. A. Jerinich to Marie L. Secondo—Lot in Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro.”

EP; 24 Sep 1919; item: “Margaret McCarty to J. P. Biskup: ...Lands in Salsipuedes rancho.”

EP; 24 Sep 1919; item: “Estate of Angelich, deceased—Continued to Sept. 29.”

EP; 26 Sep 1919; honor roll: “Low 6th and Low 7th: Martin Franich, John Novacovich; High 5th: Nicholos Copriviza, Lewis Jano; Low 5th: John Sambrailo, Stephen Scurich, Lena Pieroich [prob. Pierovich], Pauline Franich; Low 5th: Sammie Roscovich [Boscovich]; 4th: Louise Glage, Mike Resetar; Low 3rd: Rose Jelinizich, Pearl Jelinizich, Nick Bilicich, Lucy Bokiriza, Tony Franich, Martin Franich; High 2nd: Mitchell Dubreta, Jerry Gospodnetich, Joseph Grizich, Chris Lubick, Joe Palovich [Pavlovich]; Low 2nd: Jerry Gospodnetich; Low 2nd: Nick Perorich [Perovich].

EP; 27 Sep 1919; item: “George W. Sill and E. R. [B.] Rilovich returned last night from a trip to San Jose, where they visited a number of the packing houses in connection with a deal in prunes.”

EP; 29 Sep 1919; item: “Geo. W. Sill and E. B. Rilovich have returned from Hollister, where they went to look after the prune crop on the Bonnie Brae orchard.”

EP; 30 Sep 1919; item: “The case of Lawrence Vucinovich vs. Rilovich and Sresovich came up for hearing before Referee Duncan McPherson, Jr., of the State Accident Commission, at the city hall this afternoon...”

“Vucinovich claims that on August 7, 1919, while acting as night watchman at the packing plant of Rilovich & Sresovich, a fire started in the dryer and that defendant in trying to extinguish the fire received burns on his right hand and on top of his head which disabled him from performing any labor for 20 days and caused him to incur considerable medical expense.

“The defendant claims that his injuries were caused by his own conduct and did not pay him any disability benefits nor supply him with medical attention.

“Under the law an employee injured is entitled to 65 per cent of his wages and all medical treatment.

“The defendants are insured with the Fidelity Casualty

Company of New York, and any award by the commission will be against the insurance company.

“The defendants, Rilovich & Sresovich, did not appear and the insurance company was not represented, so the case goes up to the commission on the evidence of the plaintiff. The decision will be handed down by the commission in due season.”

EP; 30 Sep 1919; item: “Mrs. Mark [Mary] Skocko has returned from a two weeks’ visit with her mother at Dry Creek, Amador county, and her son, Peter, at Sacramento.”

EP; 30 Sep 1919; item: “Duncan McPherson, Jr., referee for the state accident commission, is here today hear the case of Vucinovich vs. Rilovich & Sresovich.”

EP; 1 Oct 1919; item: “Chief Whitsitt arrested P. M. Resetar last evening on a charge of disturbing the peace sworn to by Mike Resetar, who appeared in Judge Bridgewater’s court this morning, entered a plea of not guilty and deposited \$20 as a bail bond for his appearance for trial. Geo. W. Smith appeared for P. M. Resetar and Wyckoff & Gardner [appeared] for Mike Resetar.

“He immediately swore out a complaint against Mike Resetar, charging him with disturbing the peace, and he also made a bail deposit of \$20 to appear for trial at a time agreed upon by the attorneys in the case. The trouble occurred on the evening of the 29th of September.

“Mike Resetar was a little in doubt as to his rights, and having been called a vile name he was anxious to know if the party calling him the name got off without a fine if he would be allowed to call anyone that name that he might meet on the street. Attorney Sans averred that he could not call him the name as he might ‘knock his block off.’”

EP; 1 Oct 1919; item: “Estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased—Continued to Dec. 8.”

EP; 1 Oct 1919; item: “Peter L. Kristovich to E. F. Hensinger et ux—Part of Salsipuedes Ro.”

EP; 3 Oct 1919; item: “Mrs. P. A. Arano, Mrs. W. E. Bowker, Mrs. H. M. Tenny, and Mrs. Benicivich [Banicevich] motored to San Jose yesterday to investigate arrangements provided in that city for day nurseries, with a view to assisting the day nursery plans in Watsonville.”

EP; 3 Oct 1919; item: “Marie Krilanovich, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Krilanovich of Santa Cruz is resting very comfortable at the Hanly hospital following the operation of last Tuesday. The child was suffering with appendicitis and not intestinal tumors, as first announced.”

EP; 4 Oct 1919; item: “Nick Scurich and P. M. Resetar are in San Francisco today on business.”

EP; 4 Oct 1919; item: "A. N. Jerenich is showing Frank Thompson, a Chicago fruit man through the valley today."

EP; 8 Oct 1919; item: "Mitchell Resetar has returned from a business trip to San Francisco."

EP; 9 Oct 1919; item: "George Hrepich, proprietor of the California grill, was a visitor in Salinas yesterday."

EP; 13 Oct 1919; article: "The Fruitgrowers' National Bank of Watsonville received a dispatch from Washington, yesterday, stating that the Comptroller of the Currency, at Washington, had approved the application of that bank for a charter..."

"The next problem will be one of organization, but in the meantime an effort will be made to ascertain the status of the Farmers' National Bank which was stated sometime ago as having been favorably reported on by the bank examiner of this district for a charter. Friendly feeling exists between the two organizations and it is hoped that if the application of the Farmers' National Bank is not successful the promoters and stockholders therein may be induced to become associated with the Fruitgrowers' National Bank.

"The bank will be located in the Lettunich building in the room formerly occupied by the Chatterton Bakery. W. H. Weeks, the architect, will have charge of fitting up the bank.

"The stock of this new bank is very generally scattered among the fruit-growers and business men of the Pajaro Valley...Among the local men interested as original stock subscribers are: Martin N. Lettunich, Mateo Lettunich, Dr. Geo. S. Easterday, F. W. Biebrach, F. W. Willett, Frank L. Rowe, J. Walter Smith, R. H. Hudson, Werner Bros., E. W. McSherry, A. Faustino, Dr. E. Lee Burch and others..."

EP; 13 Oct 1919; item: "Mitchell Stolich, who has been serving in the American army in Siberia, arrived home last Friday after receiving his honorable discharge. He was in active service and came through without a scratch."



Fig. 5-46
Mitchell Stolich (1893-1948)
in his WWI uniform.

EP; 13 Oct 1919; item: "John Strazicich of San Francisco is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bonicevich [Banicevich]."

EP; 13 Oct 1919; item: "The house and lot located on Carr street, near Lake avenue, owned by E. W. Cooper,

of Salinas, has been purchased by Louis Bachan, the fruit dealer, through the Farm & Forest Realty Company. Mr. Bachan contemplates remodeling the buildings and making it a modern home."

EP; 13 Oct 1919; board of supervisors, payments: "...County Fund...Novicich [Novcich], Jack, compensation, \$50.70..."

EP; 14 Oct 1919; item: "Peter P. Stolich and A. N. Jerenich are in San Francisco today on business."

EP; 15 Oct 1919; item: "A regular meeting of the Pajaro Valley Service Club was held in the city hall last evening, over forty-five members being present. About fifteen new members were sworn in, which makes the list of members to date as follows: ...Vedo [Vido] Opusich..."

"Dues were fixed at \$1 per year and initiation fee was fixed at \$2.50 for those who join before November 11th (armistice day), and those who join within ninety days after discharge from service will be admitted without payment of initiation fee. Members who join before November 11th will be known as charter members..."

EP; 16 Oct 1919; item: "Otto Weiman and his wife, Babette Weiman, who live about the Tate ranch, were arrested last evening by Constable A. J. Devine and charged with stealing seven boxes of apples from Coprivizia & Gera and Saulovich Bros. They were given a hearing in Justice Hawkins' court this morning and upon conviction were sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 each.

"Complaint has come from the Corralitos district that apples were being stolen in that section and the aid of Constable Devine was evoked, with the result of the capture of Mr. and Mrs. Weiman."

EP; 16 Oct 1919; item: "Louis Kallich [Kalich] had the misfortune to sprain his right ankle while at physical training yesterday."

EP; 16 Oct 1919; item: "L. W. Moon, of Oakland, is here today trying to arrange for a wrestling bout between Mike Ragisch, a Slavonian, and Angale Taismasch, an Italian, for the championship of the bay district, at this place in the near future."

EP; 16 Oct 1919; class. ad: "WANTED—Boxmakers at the J. M. LUCKRICH [Lukrich] PACKING HOUSE. W. Third street."

EP; 16 Oct 1919; class. ad: "WANTED—Box makers; have to make 80,000 boxes. Highest price paid. RESE-TAR BROS., 224 Walker Street."

EP; 18 Oct 1919; item: "Peter Vlasich was arraigned in Justice Hawkins' court this morning on a charge of will-

fully, unlawfully and fraudulently having sold to T. J. Horgan a carload of Newtown Pippin apples, representing the same as California Fancy Grade, when in reality they were not, as more than 3% of them were infested with codling moth and more than 3% of said apples were infested with greedy scale. He entered a plea of guilty on two counts and was fined \$50 on each count, which he paid.

“L. F. Lettis appeared in Justice Hawkins’ court this morning...and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of willfully, unlawfully and fraudulently having sold George W. Sill & Co, 92 boxes of Newtown Pippin apples, representing them to be Fancy grade, when in reality they were not, as more than 3% of the apples were infected with codling moth. He was fined \$50, which he paid.”

EP; 18 Oct 1919; item: “Attorney George W. Smith came over from Santa Cruz last evening to attend the banquet at St. Francis School.”

EP; 18 Oct 1919; item: “Martin Milladin arrived here yesterday from Fairbanks, Alaska, and is visiting with his brother, Paul Milladin, and his cousins, Mike and Paul Milladin.”

EP; 18 Oct 1919; item: “William E. Cooper to L. G. Bachan et al.—Lot on east line Carr street, Watsonville.”

EP; 18 Oct 1919; born: “In Watsonville, October 18, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Novacovich, a son.” [George]

EP; 18 Oct 1919; item: “The banquet commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of St. Francis School near Watsonville, Calif., given in honor of the Right Rev. John J. Cantwell, D.D., last evening at the hall at St. Francis School, was a grand success...”

“George W. Smith, former district attorney of Santa Cruz county, was introduced by Dr. Rodgers and spoke of the critical times upon which the country had entered and cited the destructive work of the bolshevists, pointing out that the first bolshevists are the parents who neglect to ground their children in fidelity to religion and the nation. It was a most eloquent address...”

EP; 20 Oct 1919; item: “John Franich vs. R. L. Anderson—Set for November 4th.”

EP; 21 Oct 1919; article: “Last Saturday’s Stockton Record contained the following:

“George Pulich, former city clerk of Stockton, would be postmaster of Stockton today had not bright business prospects led him to decline the position. This is the substance of a wire from Washington which clears up the mystery of why a new examination is to be held for the government job.

“Much interest has been aroused over the fact that a second examination for the postmaster job has been

called for the 18th, many citizens wondering why no appointment had been paid after the first examination. Pulich was too modest to make public the fact that he had been selected.

“‘Of seven candidates who took civil service examinations in Stockton,’ says a wire from Washington, ‘for postmaster last March, one candidate, George Pulich, qualified for appointment. Pulich then declined the appointment because of his desire to engage in private business.’

“That is the excuse which the post-office department gives for the failure to make the appointment before this time and for calling another examination on October 28th.

“Pulich today stated that he had come very near accepting the government position but that he felt that business prospects which had opened after taking the examination were too bright to be given up.

“I think the department’s mention of my name very much a compliment.’ he said, ‘I feel however, that out of the list of applicants for the position a capable selection could have been made. My reason for having cancelled my application was because of business opportunity which came to me, and in which I am now very satisfactorily and happily engaged. I feel what the future in the line I am now in has more substantial prospects than if I had accepted this temporary government position.

“With Harry Woodlee, Pulich is now engaged in the commercial printing business, the two having bought out the big Record printing plant. With a host of friends, the former city clerk is having marked success in the business field. His activities during the Liberty loan drives and all other patriotic endeavors won for him a high place in the regard of the community...”

EP; 21 Oct 1919; born: “In Watsonville, October 20, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tallea, a daughter.” [Helen]

EP; 23 Oct 1919; honor roll: Low 7th: Martin Franich; 6th B: Nina Milcovich; Low 5th: Pauline Franich, John Sambrailo, Stephen Scurich; Low 5th: Sammie Boscovich, Peter Stolich; High 4th: Paul Obyen; Low 4th: George Kralj, George Krall; High 3rd: Anna Krall; Third: John Gurash; Low 3rd: Martin Franich, Tony Franich; High 2nd: Mitchell Dubreta, Joe Pavlovich, Chris Lubick, Joseph Grizich; Low 2nd: Nick Perovich; Low 2nd: Jerry Gospodnetich.

EP; 27 Oct 1919; obit: “In Pajaro Valley, October 25, 1919, Anthony John Clay, aged 34 years and 4 months, a native of Austria.”

EP; 27 Oct 1919; article: “The body of Tony Clay, who was found shot dead on the Thompson-Kelly ranch last Saturday afternoon, was brought to Watsonville, Saturday, and an inquest held over it yesterday morning. The story of the shooting is as follows:

“Clay, accompanied by Mike Matulich, for whom he

had been working, and another of the ranch hands, Frank Arnerich, had gone hunting in the hills Friday afternoon, and on returning Clay had separated from them and crossed the river, intending to go home. The other two had continued hunting for a short time, and on reaching the ranch that evening they found that Clay had not returned. They went out and searched for him at once, but were unable to get any trace of him, and in the morning, when he continued missing, they became alarmed and notified the neighbors, and came into town on the chance that they might find him here. While they were reporting the matter to the police, Ed Kelly telephoned in that a dead man had been found on his place.

"Deputy Coroner Liles, with Constable Devine and George Hrepich of the California restaurant, who had formerly employed Clay, went out immediately to the scene of the tragedy. All declare that all the indications show that death was accidental. The body was found near a stump, face downward, across the gun, which had discharged both barrels. Appearances suggested that Clay had been walking through the brush and stumbled, knocking the gun, which he was trailing, against the stump, causing it to fire.

"Clay was well known and had many friends in town. He had been working for the Matulich & Gutunich packing firm and had been previously employed for more than a year by George Hrepich at the California grill. He had a considerable sum of money coming to him for work he had done, and had several times spoken of his intention of returning to Europe, which facts had led his companions to think when they missed him that he might have come into town with the purpose of leaving. His friends believe there was no reason to suspect suicide.

"Clay had been married for the second time not long ago, and leaves his wife and two children by his first marriage. His name was 'Claj' which he had shortened into 'Clay.'

"The inquest was held Sunday morning...by Dr. L. M. Liles, deputy coroner, and the following jury was summoned by Constable A. J. Devine: W. A. Hopkins, W. Moyer, M. P. Nelson, Walter Peckham, John Soto and B. L. Fell. The witnesses were: Mrs. Clay, Frank Arano, Ed Kelly, George Hrepich, Mike Matulich and Frank Matulich.

"The evidence went to show that the body was found on the Kelly-Thompson ranch about a mile from the home on the Silliman ranch. Clay had evidently killed a raccoon a short time before the accident and was carrying it with him. It is supposed that he was trailing his gun and that it caught on something and was discharged, the contents entering Clay's abdomen. There was nothing to indicate that his death came from anything but an accident. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death from a gunshot wound in the abdomen.

"Anthony John Clay was a native of Austria, 34 years and 4 months old at the time of his death. He is survived

by his wife and two children. The funeral was held at Aston & Neal's undertaking parlors at 10 o'clock this morning, and interment took place at the Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were: Nick Matulich, Joseph Matulich, Frank Arnerich, Bart Gutunich, George Forenich [Forencich] and Martin Gurum."

EP; 28 Oct 1919; item: "Mike Resetar was arrested by Chief Whitsitt last evening for making a wrong turn at the corner of Main street and Lake avenue last evening. He appeared before Judge Bridgewater this morning and was fined \$10 which he paid.

"The traffic laws are very plain. They are now embodied in the state law and are not merely a city ordinance, and as they are the same all over the state there is no excuse for violating them and the local peace officers intend to see that they are enforced. Every auto driver should make himself familiar with the law and obey it to the letter. It will be much cheaper than taking a chance."

EP; 28 Oct 1919; item: "Joseph L. Radonich et al. to J. E. Reiter—Lot 227, Watsonville Heights, Sub. 2."

EP; 30 Oct 1919; item: "E. B. Lettunich, et ux. to George Butler—11.35 acres Corralitos Ro., and other land."

EP; 31 Oct 1919; item: "Mrs. M. Procuriza and son have returned from a two weeks' vacation in San Francisco, where they visited with relatives and friends."

EP; 1 Nov 1919; item: "J. S. Sambrailo, one of the prominent packers of Watsonville, has purchased the Blackburn-Hudson property on the southwest corner of Third and Lincoln streets. He intends to put up a handsome residence a little later on the corner lot, which is considered one of the best in Watsonville. In the meantime he will occupy the bungalow facing on Lincoln street.

"The property consists of three lots 50x100, two on Third and one on Lincoln. A house of two apartments stands on Lincoln and a bungalow is located on the farthest lot on Third street."

EP; 1 Nov 1919; notice: "In the Superior Court of California in and for the County of Santa Cruz.

"Thomas Joseph Leland and George Everett Leland, minors, by their guardian, George H. Leland, Petitioners, vs. Nancy Jane Albright, Leona May Tuttle, Evelyn L. Albright, Melva F. Albright, Doris E. Albright, J. J. Crowley and Nick M. Borina, Defendants...

"Notice of Filing Petitions for Land Registration.

"Take notice hereby that on the 27th day of October, 1919, the verified petition of the following named applicants was filed in the office of the Clerk of said court, praying for the registration of title to the following described land, all situate in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, to-wit:

[legal description of land, omitted]

“As provided by the Land Title Law, and praying for a decree declaring said applicants to be the owners in fee simple of said land in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and ordering that a certificate of title of said land be issued to said applicants, in accordance with the provisions of said law.

“All Records, Maps and Miscellaneous Records referred to herein are in the office of the Recorder of said County, and this notice is equivalent to a summons...

“(Seal) H. H. MILLER, Clerk.

“By Harry E. Miller, Deputy.

“Jas. W. Bell, 226 California Building, Los Angeles, California, Attorney for Petitioners and State Torrens Title Company.

“Date of first publication, October 28, 1919.”

EP; 1 Nov 1919; item: “Investment Company of California to M. Matson—Southeast line East Lake Avenue.

“M. Matson et ux. to Manuel Machado—North corner lot on east line of East Lake avenue.”

EP; 3 Nov 1919; item: “An amended complaint has been filed in the case of John Demartini Co., against E. B. Lettunich. It is a case over the sale of apples, for judgment for \$3,480.75.”



EP; 3 Nov 1919; born: “In Watsonville, November 2, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Lasich, a son.” [John; +2004]

Fig. 5-47. John Lasich.

EP; 3 Nov 1919; item: “Louis [Lewis] Lettunich arrived at San Francisco last Saturday from Siberia. His arrival was not anticipated by his folks, and their surprise and joy was unbounded.”

EP; 4 Nov 1919; item: “John P. Braycovich, one of our prominent fruit packers, is in great sorrow. He has received the distressing news of the death of his father and mother, and also that his brother and sister-in-law have passed away.

“The deceased members of Mr. Braycovich’s family lived in Dalmatia, Austria, and the news of the deaths, which occurred in 1916, 1917, and 1918, arrived the other day. Mr. Braycovich’s father and mother were aged 80 and 65 years respectively. His brother was in the army and it is supposed he died of the hardships suffered in the service.

“The blow is a hard one on Mr. Braycovich, and he has the heartfelt sympathy of all his friends. During the

war all postal service between Austria and this country was stopped, hence the lateness of the news.”

EP; 4 Nov 1919; item: “Sydney A. Jehl to M. Gera and Geo. Copriviza—Portion Laguna De Los Calabasas, 74.8 acres.”

EP; 4 Nov 1919; item: “John Demartini vs. E. B. Lettunich—Amended complaint.”

EP; 4 Nov 1919; item: “Joseph Secondo, the well-known local fruit packer, has bought the J. L. Douglas orchard ranch, in the Buena Vista district, Monterey county. The ranch comprises fifty-six acres, mostly in orchard. The new owner is a practical orchardist and packer and he is more than pleased with his purchase.”

EP; 5 Nov 1919; item: “An order overruling the demurrer was filed yesterday by Judge B. K. Knight in the case of Blas Pista against Eloise Marie Duckworth and others.”

EP; 6 Nov 1919; article: “The Fruit Growers’ National Bank of this city was organized at a meeting held in the offices of McSherry & Hudson, in the Lettunich building last evening. The meeting was enthusiastic and well attended, holders of 85 per cent of the stock being present.

“A board of directors was elected as follows: G. S. Easterday, F. L. Rowe, F. W. Biebrach, E. W. McSherry, M. N. Lettunich, J. Walter Smith, Geo. M. Habel, H. M. Taylor and R. H. Hudson.

“Following the meeting of the stockholders, a meeting of the directors was held and the following work force elected:

“President, G. S. Easterday.

“First Vice-President, M. N. Lettunich.

“Second Vice-President, E. W. McSherry.

“Cashier and Secretary, Geo. M. Habel.

“Assistant Cashier and Assistant Secretary, H. M. Taylor.

“These officers will hold until the annual meeting in January, 1920, when the regular election of officers is held according to the banking laws.

“The bank will open in the Lettunich building in the room formerly occupied by the Chatterton bakery, and it is anticipated that it will be ready for business around January 1st. It will be conducted along sound, safe and conservative lines.

“The necessary papers will be forwarded to Washington at once and the charter will come back in due course of time. The bank is allowed sixty days in which to complete its organization and get ready for business.”

EP; 7 Nov 1919; obit: “Mrs. Katherine Stolich, a resident of this city for the past fifteen years, died at her residence, on West Third street, last evening, from complications due to her advanced age, 83 years and 8 months.

"Deceased, whose husband died years ago, was a very highly respected member of the Slavonian colony in this city. She was a native of Dalmatia, and raised a family of three sons who are prominent in business circles here. She was a devoted member of the Catholic church, and very particular in carrying out her religious obligations. Her many friends and acquaintances will greatly miss her daily presence in their midst.

"Deceased leaves three sons, Michael, Peter and Nick Stolich, seven grandchildren, Mrs. J. Dicklich, and Mitchell, Katie, Peter, Marion, Anna and Eleanor Stolich: one [great] grandchild, Ed Diklich, and a brother residing in Dalmatia.

"The funeral will be held on tomorrow morning, Saturday, November 8th...from the family residence, No. 186 West Fifth street..."



Fig. 5-48.
Katherine Stolić Stolich
(1836-1919).

WReg; 7 Nov 1919; article: "**Packer Charged With Violation of Standardization Law Faces Trial.** The case of J. C. Jurcovich, charged with violation of the apple standardization law as a result of the wreck at Pajaro several nights ago when a car of his apples which was smashed up was found to have a quantity of poor fruit, will come up some time next week..."

WReg; 7 Nov 1919; disp. ad: "**Reward.** \$250. I will guarantee to pay the above reward for the known address of Antone Obad and Annie Chagal. Party to definitely give proper address. I will deposit the sum in a Watsonville bank. Apply at this office."

WReg; 7 Nov 1919; disp. ad:

HOT BREAD!

We have it on sale at our bakery
and it is much appreciated by our patrons.

HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?

Watsonville Bakery

V. LISTER & CO.

EP; 7 Nov 1919; obit: "At Watsonville, November 7, 1919, Mrs. Katherine Stolich, a native of Dalmatia, aged 83 years and 8 months..."

EP; 7 Nov 1919; item: "Mrs. M. N. Lettunich and Miss Davis, of Oakland, are visiting Mrs. Lettunich's mother, Mrs. Gus Hushbeck." [*prob. another Mrs. Lettunich; Mrs. M. N. Lettunich's mother wasn't in this country*]

EP; 8 Nov 1919; obit: "Funeral services for the late Mrs. Katherine Stolich were held from the family residence on

West Fifth street...this morning...The services were attended by a large gathering of friends and floral offerings were many and of the most beautiful design. Interment was made at the Valley Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Luke Scurich, Steve Scurich, Anton Scurich, Peter Scurich, Louis Cikuth, and Anton Gluhan."

EP; 10 Nov 1919; card of thanks: "We take this method of returning our grateful acknowledgments and sincere thanks to friends, acquaintances, and all who were so sympathetic and kind to us in our recent bereavement, the death of our loved mother, Mrs. Katherine Stolich.

"MIKE STOLICH, PETER STOLICH, NICK STOLICH, and Families."

EP; 10 Nov 1919; item: "John Franich vs. R. L. Anderson—Reset for December 9th."

EP; 12 Nov 1919; item: "E. B. Lettunich, who is at the Garden City Sanitarium in San Jose, is reported to be getting along nicely, which will be good news to his many friends in this city."

EP; 17 Nov 1919; item: "Louis Secondo, as will be seen by the ad. on our third page, today, announces his tenth annual Turkey Shoot for next Sunday, November 23rd, at the foot of Rodriguez St., near Ford, and he invites all to attend this shoot, and secure a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner.

"Louis always puts up good 'shoots': plenty of fine birds, good sport, and invariably attracts a big crowd. Next Sunday's event will be up to the mark, in every respect, as he is making great preparations to give all who attend a run for their money. Read the ad."

EP; 17 Nov 1919; disp. ad:

TENTH GRAND ANNUAL

Turkey Shoot

FOOT OF RODRIGUEZ ST., NEAR FORD STREET

On Sunday, November 23rd

GIVEN BY LOUIS SECONDO

Come and get a turkey for your Thanksgiving dinner.

EP; 21 Nov 1919; item: "Estate and guardianship of Edna Dabelich, a minor—Inventory and appraisalment."

EP; 21 Nov 1919; item: "Arata & Peters vs. Mike Resetar et al.—Complaint for damages; breach of contract."

EP; 21 Nov 1919; item: "John Demartini Co., Inc., vs. E. B. Lettunich—Demurrer to amended complaint."

EP; 21 Nov 1919; item: "CERTIFICATE OF PARTNERSHIP. We, Martin Borcovich, Antone Dragovich, and Antone B. Rilovich, do hereby certify:

"That we are partners engaged in the business of buy-

ing, growing, packing and shipping apples, having our principal place of business in the City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, under the firm names and partnership name of ‘Borcovich, Dragovich & Company.’

“That the names in full of all of the members of said firm and partnership and their respective places of residence are as follows: Martin Barcovich, residing at the City of Watsonville...Antone Dragovich, residing at the City of Watsonville...and Antone B. Rilovich, residing at the City of Watsonville...”

“In witness whereof, we have hereunto signed our respective names this 18th day of November, 1919.

“MARTIN BORCOVICH, ANTONE DRAGOVICH, ANTONE B. RILOVICH.”

EP; 22 Nov 1919; honor roll: Low 6th and Low 7th: Martin Franich; Low 6th: Nina Milcovich; High 5th: Nicholas Copriviza; Low 5th: John Sambrailo, Lena Pierovich, Pauline Franich, Stephen Scurich; Low 5th: Sammie Boscovich, Peter Stolich; Low 4th: George Kralj, George Krall; High 3rd: Anna Hrepich, Peter Lasich, Anna Krall; 3rd: John Gurash, Pearl Jelinizich, Marie Vukich; Low 3rd: Nick Bilicich, Lucy Bokariza, Martin Franich, Tony Franich; High 2nd: Chris Lubick, Joe Pavlovich, Jerry Gospodnetich, Mitchell Dubreta, Joseph Grizich; Low 2nd: Nick Perovich.

EP; 24 Nov 1919; disp. ad: “We Specialize In EVERYTHING ELECTRIC so are better prepared to give you the best there is in this line. When you need an—ELECTRIC WASHER, IRONER, SEWING MACHINE, VACUUM CLEANER, or any other ELECTRIC APPLIANCE we have the best there is. CENTRAL ELECTRIC CO. P.V. Bank Block, Phone 209-J. Buy Your Electric Appliances from an Electric Dealer.”

EP; 24 Nov 1919; disp. ad:

“IMMENSE”

The universal expression relative to our
Mince Pies

Besides these, are the confectionary cakes, doughnuts and dainty pastries—everybody using them “yum yuming” and talking about them. Everybody, most, can tell you of our delightful bread.

Watsonville Bakery
V. LISTER & COMPANY

EP; 25 Nov 1919; item: “Who says that Watsonville is not a game town? A jackrabbit started up Main street this morning about the time the business houses were opening and gave those on the street at that time a run for their money. It kept to the center of the street...most of the way, dodging just enough to hiss its pursuers until it reached a point in front of the Farm & Forest Realty Company’s office, when Martin Procurviza [Procuriza]

tackled it and went to the mat, the rabbit kicking and bucking like a bronco. Procurciza held on, however, and after a short tussle took it into the Tuttle company’s market, where it was butchered and prepared for a Thanksgiving dinner.”

EP; 25 Nov 1919; item: “Celeste Mortizia to Mike Resetar—Lot on Second St., Watsonville.”

EP; 25 Nov 1919; item: “Luke Scurich vs. Central Grocery Co.—Complaint.”

EP; 26 Nov 1919; item: “Estate of George Krilanovich, deceased—Order appointing time for hearing and settlement of account.”

EP; 26 Nov 1919; item: “A. Balich vs. E. Jacobs—Writ of attachment.”

EP; 1 Dec 1919; item: “Resetar Bros., one of the prosperous apple firms of Watsonville, are shipping out a car of Newtown Pippins for the San Francisco market today, that contains 1,890 boxes. This is the largest car of apples shipped from Watsonville this season.”

EP; 1 Dec 1919; item: “A petition for citizenship has been filed by Charles Arbanasin, of 51 Grant street, Watsonville...with the county clerk. The petitioner is a native of Austria and first arrived in the United States at New York on August 16, 1914. His witnesses were George J. Carstulovich and Andy Balich, of Santa Cruz, and Nick Lammat [Lamat] and Paul Miladin of Watsonville.”

EP; 1 Dec 1919; article: “A PATHETIC LETTER FROM JUGO-SLAVIA The following letter was received by George Carstulovich, of Santa Cruz, from the old country. It should be of interest to our Slavonian readers. The original letter was in the Slavonian language, and the following translation was made by a young Slavonian lad in the Santa Cruz schools. It is certainly a very creditable effort:

“Skrip [Škrip, island of Brač], July 9, 1919.

“Dear Uncle—This leaves me well, hoping this will find you the same. All of us were very glad to receive your letter. Long four years of terrible war we remembered you in our conversations and were thinking if you knew the suffering we went through. When our grandfather was living he used to say, ‘My poor children, I probably will see you starving to death,’ and after his death we did suffer with hunger and were also without clothes. He left memories behind him that will never be forgotten not only by us, but by the entire population of our town. If it was not for him we would not have had the new school which beautifies our town, also the water system, park and playgrounds. I am sorry to say today everything is neglected and has been for two seasons. First the peo-

ple thought that the war would never end; and second, the absence of our young men who were not at war.

“And now, after everything is over and we succeeded to be free under a new dear Jugoslavia, we hope the conditions will be better, also in better shape.

“Dear uncle, the prices are so high that it is hard to exist. Just a few days ago the flour came down and do you know why? It was because America, God bless her, unloaded several thousands of tons on the coast of the Adriatic. So prospects are better for prices to come down. Clothes and shoes are extremely high, so that poor people must go barefooted and almost naked.

“Our poor father has said many a time, ‘Patience, my dear children, until your Uncle George sends us help, then we can all be in better conditions concerning both food and clothes.’

“The present value of money in this country is very low. Just imagine, one American dollar stands for sixty-eight crowns. But we hope it will not last very long until conditions will be in better shape and living will be that much easier.

“Poor father and mother, they suffer terribly on account of continuous sickness in the family. Just think, last year we were all sick in the family, all at the same time, and unable to hand each other a glass of water or medicine. And if it was not for good headwork and bravery, most of us would be dead, because the terrible influenza took many and many a people, especially the women folks. The day we lost our dear grandmother five more people died.

“Dear uncle, our only desire and hopes are that you will come home and take the place of our long-forgotten grandfather.

“In the last four years father did not make any improvements in agriculture, but neglected all that was in good condition, for the lack of help, food and money. Last year he had a fairly good crop of olives and grapes, but this year it is a very poor showing. So it appears we have another hard and long spell.

“In the next letter will write you more news. Papa and mama beg me to ask you to give our best regards to all of your and our friends.

“Hoping to hear from you in a very short time, and thanking you in advance for your goodness. I remain, as ever, Sincerely your nephew, Anton Carstulovich.

“Long live Jugosalvia!”

EP; 2 Dec 1919; item: “Mrs. Frances A. Mandelli, of Stockton, was appointed guardian of Lillian, aged 5, and Rosie Clay, aged 3, at a hearing before Judge Knight in the Superior Court yesterday.

“The children were those of the late Tony Clay, who met death by accident while hunting two months ago, and Rosie Clay, daughter of the guardian appointed. The children, since the death of their father, had been residing with Mrs. M. J. Bettancourt in a small cabin on the Frank Sil-

liman place, but were taken into the custody of the court on November 16th, pending the hearing, which alleged that the children were not being properly cared for on account of the inadequate facilities of the custodian.”

EP; 2 Dec 1919; item: “**...Drive for Improvements of St. Patrick’s Parish.** Father Hughes on the eve of his departure for Los Angeles, renders the following report of the recent drive for improvements in St. Patrick’s parish...

“Paid in Full:

“...L. G. Bachan, \$50...Mr. and Mrs. N. Banicevich, \$10...Louis Biskup, \$10...Nick Borina, \$50, J. P. Brajkovich, \$25...Michael P. Butier, \$20...Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Cikuth, \$50...George P. Copriviza, \$25...Ducich & Zupan, \$50...Louis R. Farlin, \$5...Ned Gluhan, \$10...Kosmo Gospodnetich, \$20...Peter Gukan, \$10...J. L. Ivancovich, \$10...M. L. Kalich & Co., \$100...Tony Kisich, \$10...Lucien P. Lettis, \$10, Mateo Lettunich, \$100, M. B. Lettunich, \$5, Peter Lettunich, \$10...Lucich & Vucasovich, \$50...F. P. Marinovich, \$50...Peter Mengol, \$10...M. Milcovich, \$1, Raphael Milcovich, \$2, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Milladin, \$20, Paul Milladin, \$20, Paul Milladin, \$25, J. N. Moncovich, \$10...Anton Novacovich, \$5, Jack Novrich [Novcich], \$1...N. G. Pappas [Papac], \$10...B. Pista, \$50, Mitchell Pista, \$25...Martin Procuriza, \$2...Peter M. Resetar, \$75...Rilovich & Sresovich, \$50...Mr. and Mrs. John Roncevich, \$10...Sassilo & Co., \$10, Scampavia Bros., \$10...Luke Scurich, \$20, Peter A. Scurich, \$10, Scurich & Jerenich, \$50...J. Simunovich, \$25...A. Strazicich, \$25, Stolich Bros., \$50...V. M. Vlautin, \$10, Peter Vlasich, \$20, Vlasich Bros., \$20...

“Paid in Part: [Pledged—Paid]

“...Geo. Kusanovich, \$10—\$5...

“Pledged:

“Mr. and Mrs. Nick Alaga, \$50, Borcevich [Borcovich] & Dragovich, \$25...Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lettunich, \$100, M. N. Lettunich, \$50...Stephen Scurich, \$25...O. D. Stoesser and family, \$100...Antone Stolich, \$50...Peter P. Stolich...”

EP; 3 Dec 1919; item: “Arata & Peters vs. Mike Resetar, et al.—Demurrer to complaint.”

EP; 3 Dec 1919; article: “ALDERMEN DISCUSS WALKER STREET SPURS. The board of city aldermen met in regular session at the city hall last evening...

“The greater portion of the evening was given over to the discussion of the condition affecting the spurs on Walker street between First and Second streets. The matter was brought up at the last meeting of the board by Mr. Gospodnetich that he was shut off from the railroad and that others who secured spurs earlier would not permit him to connect up so he could get track service. At that meeting the board considered that the proper solution of the matter would probably be the maintaining of a

single spur the whole length of the block, and gave notice to the industries located there, F. A. Morehead, Rodgers Brothers and Blas Pista, to appear at this meeting and show cause, if any, why this should not be done.

“Attorney John E. Gardner appeared for Rodgers Brothers, Blas Pista appeared in his own interests, and Attorney C. R. Taylor represented Mr. Gospodnetich.

“Mr. Gardner urged that it would be unfair to the property owners who had obtained their land and installed their spurs to permit other packers the right of way over their tracks without due compensation, and requested the board to suspend action and require Mr. Gospodnetich to accept a proposal of Blas Pista, whose packing house adjoins, to rent the right of way over his spur. He stated that Mr. Pista had offered to permit Mr. Gospodnetich to tie onto the end of his spur for the nominal rental of \$65 per year, and Mr. Gardner thought that should be the proper solution of the matter and that the city should not compel the other property owners in that block to give Mr. Gospodnetich a right of way over their property without some financial consideration.

“Attorney C. R. Taylor, representing Mr. Gospodnetich, said that he had never been approached with a proposition of that kind and that if he had he would have advised Mr. Gospodnetich to have accepted it. He stated that the proposition made by Mr. Pista originally was that Mr. Gospodnetich pay him half the cost of the track and an annual rental of \$80 per year. It developed that the \$65 per year rental proposition had been made later when Mr. Taylor was not present.

“Mr. Pista was present and said that he would stand by the offer he had made, which he believed was \$65 per year straight rental. That he had the proposition at home in writing and would look it up. When asked by Mr. Taylor if he would rent the track at a straight rental and not demand that Mr. Gospodnetich pay half the cost of the track he apparently agreed to do so, but declined to make a definite time for the lease to run. He seemed to want the proposition to be a perpetual one.

“Upon the showing made the board left the matter in the hands of the two parties and their attorneys, feeling confident that they would effect an equitable settlement of the matter...”

EP; 3 Dec 1919; item: “LIST OF PAJARO VALLEY PEOPLE WHO PAID INCOME TAX FOR 1918. Below is the list of names of people in the Pajaro Valley who have made returns to the United States Internal Revenue Department, and paid income taxes for the year 1918. The list is posted in the local post office, by order of the government, and can be seen there by anyone interested.

“The publication of this list is designed to ferret out income tax evaders, and it is the duty of every patriotic American to closely scan this list and where they are of the opinion that persons known to them have not made returns, and yet should have done so, to immediately

acquaint Revenue collector Justus Wardell, San Francisco, with their opinion in the matter, and he will do the rest. All communications of that tenor are confidential. What the government wants is a bead on the ‘birds’ that have dodged their patriotic duty, and are in the same category as the soldier who deserts in the face of an enemy.

“This list should certainly puncture some of those ‘blowhards’ who boasted of all the money they have made, yet evaded their duty towards a government that gave them the opportunity of amassing such immense profits: [only the Slavs are listed, below]

“Alaga, Nick; Baule, G.; Braycovich, J. P.; Borcovich, M.; Capitanich, P. P.; Chukovich, Lovina; Alaga, Paul; Biskup, Luke; Butler [Butier], Nick; Balich, A.; Brajkovich, Antone; Bachan, L. G.; Borina, N. M.; Bubresko, Geo.; Balarin, Frank; Cikuth, L. P.; Copriviza, Geo.; Dragovich, A.; Ducich, N.; Franich, Lucy M.; Gera, Martin; Katusich, Nick; Lettunich, E. B.; Lettunich, M. N.; Franich, Lucy J.; Franich, John; Franich, M.; Guken, Peter; Gospodnetich, J.; Ivanovich, L. J.; Jagich, J.; Jerinich, A. M.; Kukuliza, Nick; Kalich, M. L.; Lamont [Lamat], N.; Lettunich, P. J.; Lettunich, Mateo; Madesko, M.; Monocovich [Moncovich], J. W.; Milladin, Paul; Mujo, Nick; Novacovich, M. G.; Nirich, Mike P.; Pista, W. [M.] V.; Pista, B.; Resetar, Mike; Rilivich [Rilovich], E. B.; Resetar, P. M.; Sambrailo, J. S.; Scurich, S.; Secondo, Mitchell; Scurich, J.; Stolich, N. P.; Secondo, Jos.; Sassilo, Geo.; Scurich, Peter; Valijalo [Valjalo], J.; Mengol, P.; Monkovich, G.; Monocovich, M.; Milocovich [Milcovich], M. L.; Marinovich, F. P.; Malleta, J.; Rilovich, A. B.; Resetar, Mitchell; Resetar, Louis; Russo [Ruso], N. L.; Stolich, A.; Stolich, Peter; Scampavia, Jas.; Scampavia, A.; Sresovich, N. P.; Scurich, N.; Stolich, P. P.; Simunovich, J.; Sassilo, N. R.; Vojvodich, P. F.; Vukosavich [Vukasovich], John; Vlahutin, N. M.; Zar, J. P.; Zupan, M.; Vukovich, John; Zar, P. N.”

EP; 3 Dec 1919; item: “Judgment in favor of B. Miller and against John Hrepich and J. M. Lukrich was today awarded by Judge Hawkins for the sum of \$132.52 and \$17.65 costs of court. Miller sued for the price of baling hay, but Hrepich and Lukrich filed a cross-complaint charging that they were damaged \$500 because Miller started baling when the hay was too wet. Miller’s claim, which was upheld by the court, was that the hay was not properly cured and consequently spoiled and moulded after baling...”

EP; 4 Dec 1919; born: “In Watsonville, December 2, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Kissich, a son.” [Anthony; +Dec. 1920]

EP; 4 Dec 1919; item: “SAM HREPICH PROPERTY SOLD. House and lot of Sam Hrepich about a quarter of a mile out on the San Juan road has been purchased by Mitchell and John Scoblay [Scoball].”

EP; 5 Dec 1919; item: "The Pajaro Valley Meat and Packing Company, recently organized by Schuster & Capitanich, will open for business tomorrow morning at 461 Main street with a fine new market. This business house has been thoroughly overhauled and remodeled and new fixtures and machinery installed. This market will be one of the most complete and up to date in the city and will open up with a fine line of meats of all kinds, wienies, bologna, Liberty sausage, head cheese, etc.

"Read over their announcement and list of prices on page five and give them a call tomorrow. They will help you to reduce the high cost of living."

EP; 5 Dec 1919; article: "The committee in charge of the Watsonville Day Nursery reports the following general statements in connection with the nursery.

"The nursery was backed entirely by funds contributed by the apple packers, and also by the Hooke Cannery, which was the only cannery remaining in operation while the nursery was running.

"The nursery was run for one month on funds collected from the packers and then operated one additional week on money contributed by the Hooke Cannery. The committee feels well satisfied with this season's results from the nursery and considers that a splendid foundation has been laid for next season's work. The parents now understand the benefits to be derived for the children, and the packers know the advantages to themselves. Many packers state that next season when the nursery is open they will not put up with the confusion resulting from children playing around the packing houses. They also say that from the standpoint of health alone, the children will be better off at a comfortable nursery.

"There is talk of the canneries wishing to make use of the nursery early in the year. If they choose to back it financially, the committee stands ready to conduct it for the sole benefit of the canneries up to the time of the opening of the packing season.

"The packers, and also the Hooke Cannery gave a wonderful financial support to the nursery. Owing to the generosity of their contributions the committee now has on hand a substantial sum with which to re-open next summer. The list of contributors follows: [13 others were non-Slavs]

"Mr. Cikuth...Mike Resetar, P. Stolich, E. B. Rilovich & Sresovich, A. Stolich, A. N. Jerinich, John Stolich... John Franich, P. M. Resetar & Co., Copriviza & Gera, Peter Mengol...L. G. Bachan...Jaccich [Jagich] & Monkovich...P. Stolich...M. N. Lettunich, M. P. Butier...Alaga Bros...J. P. Braycovich, Vojvodich & Dickich [Diklich], B. Pista, Borgorrich [Borcovich] & Dragovich."

EP; 6 Dec 1919; item: "Garcia & Maggini Company today shipped a car of apples containing 2,100 boxes. This is the record for this season. The next largest car was shipped by Resetar Bros. a few days ago which contained 1,920 boxes."

EP; 6 Dec 1919; item: "Constable A. J. Devine received a warrant this morning charging M. V. Pista with a misdemeanor in violating the apple standardization law. The warrant was issued under date of December 3rd, by Justice George Samuels, of Oakland, Alameda county, upon the complaint of D. P. T. McDonald. His bail bond was fixed at \$50 cash or \$100 surety bond."

EP; 6 Dec 1919; item: "Kate Gospodentich et vir. to Manuel S. Gularte—Lot 23, S. Scurich's Sub., Watsonville."

EP; 6 Dec 1919; item: "Mitchell Resetar has returned home after a week's visit to his wife in Colfax, Calif. He is glad to report that his wife is getting along splendidly and expects that she will be home in a short time..."

EP; 6 Dec 1919; obit: "At Watsonville, December 6, 1919, Mamie Jano, a native of Watsonville, aged 12 years and 5 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Jano..."



Fig. 5-49. Mamie Jano (1907-1919).

EP; 6 Dec 1919; item: "Charles Ford Co. vs. Adolph T. Pista—Complaint."

EP; 6 Dec 1919; item: "Blas Pista vs. Eloise Marie Duckworth—Order of court."

EP; 6 Dec 1919; item: "Peter Radovich vs. W. A. Sears—Writ of attachment."

EP; 8 Dec 1919; item: "Jose Hernandez, a Mexican, is in the city jail today as the result of a fight Sunday afternoon in which Will Bettencourt received a badly cut hand and Hernandez, a broken head.

"The fight started in the Zar saloon at the corner of Main street and Maple avenue around 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and raged furiously for a short time..."

EP; 8 Dec 1919; item: "The local council of the Knights of Columbus will give a ball on St. Valentine's day, February 14, 1920, in the city auditorium. The committee on arrangements announces that several interesting numbers are being arranged and assures the public that this dance will be one of the finest affairs of the season.

"The committee in charge is composed of Ernest Omnis, chairman; L. E. Denny, O. D. Stoesser, A. Prindiville, Reginald King, Edward Kelly, Dr. A. J. Sambuck, John Fahey, Walter Phillips, Lewis Lettunich, Al Heinzen, F. H. Kane and T. H. Davidson."

EP; 8 Dec 1919; obit: "The funeral of Mamie Jano [was]

held from the family residence at No. 158 West Third street this morning, followed by requiem mass...Interment took place at Valley cemetery. The pallbearers were: William Marinovich, Anton Scurich, John Glaj, Martin Rilovich, Mitchell Lazarovich and Harold Kennedy.”

EP; 8 Dec 1919; item: “Mrs. G. E. Lesich leaves on tomorrow for Stockton, to rejoin her husband, who is employed at that place. The Lesich family, in all probability, will make Stockton their future home.”

EP; 8 Dec 1919; board of supervisors, payments: “...County Fund...Novicich, Jack, comp. ins., \$48.75...”

EP; 9 Dec 1919; item: “In the list published recently of the firms that had stood by and helped to make the local Day Nursery a success, the name of M. L. Kalich was inadvertently left out by the committee who furnished the item.

“The committee feels rather badly over the omission as it is stated that whilst everyone approached readily lent their assistant, no firm was kinder or more ready to help the enterprise along than the firm of M. L. Kalich.”

EP; 9 Dec 1919; article: “**Local Packers are Fined \$40 for Violating Standardization Law.** Andrew Zar, Mike Resetar, of Resetar Bros., A. Jerenich, of Scurich & Jerenich, and Mitchell Madesko, of Butier & Madesko, all apple packers of Watsonville, entered pleas of guilty to the charge of violating the apple standardization law, before Judge Mortimer, in Oakland, yesterday, and were fined \$50 each. They claimed that the shortage charges against them were due to manipulation of the apple market in Oakland and to unjustifiable complaints from Oakland brokers.

“The arrests were the result of six cars of apples, designated as fancy fruit that were seized upon their arrival in Oakland by Deputy Horticultural Inspector D. P. McDonald. The apples were all from Watsonville, and according to Inspector McDonald were wormy and contained decayed spots.

“On last Saturday McDonald telephoned Inspector A. W. Tate, Jr., of this city, that warrants had been issued for some of these men and would be issued for the others. On Saturday evening Dr. Tate called a meeting of the men whose fruit had been seized and had Deputy District Attorney C. R. Taylor present. Dr. Tate told them that their cars of apples were on the track at Oakland and that they were paying demurrage on them, and if they were willing for the warrants he would go with them and get the cases settled on Monday, if possible, so that the fruit might be disposed of, which they did.

“Mr. McDonald told Mr. Tate that a warrant was to be issued for Mr. Sheehy, but it developed that he had a contract with Zar Bros. in which they agreed to pack the fruit according to the standardization act. He was therefore not subject to prosecution.

“Under the rulings on the standardization act the buyer, unless he establishes a guarantee from the packer that the fruit is packed in accordance with the standardization law, is liable for prosecution if, upon inspection, it is found that the fruit is not up to the requirements. It is also important that the packer’s name appear somewhere upon the box, even though the broker’s own label is used.

“As there were several technical points in connection with the case, Mr. Tate requested the assistance of Deputy District Attorney C. R. Taylor, and was also fortunate enough to secure the services of Deputy Attorney General John C. Reardon.

“In disposing of the fruit seized the car belonging to Scurich & Jerenich was sent to a by-product plant in San Francisco, and the other three cars from Watsonville packers were sent to San Francisco to be placed in cold storage, subject to the orders of the inspectors, which practically means that they must be repacked.

“A car of apples shipped by Rilovich & Sresovich was returned to be repacked. A car belonging to Garcia & Maggini Company was returned and sent to the dryer.

“Jack Oliver, an employee of S. Herman an Oakland broker, was also arrested in connection with the Garcia & Maggini Company’s car.

“M. Pista, who was arrested by Constable Devine on a warrant from Oakland, appeared and entered a plea of not guilty and Judge Shortall will hear his case tomorrow.

“In reporting the result of the cases last evening’s Oakland Tribune says:

“Pleading guilty to a charge of violating the state fruit standardization law, four Watsonville fruit packers were each fined \$50 in Judge Samuels’ court this morning. They were Andrew Zar, M. Madesko, Mike Resetar and A. W. Jerenich. M. V. Pista, also of Watsonville, is charged with a similar offense, but as the defendant was unable to be present, hearing in his case was put over for one week.

“Having condemned six carloads of Watsonville apples in the local wholesale commission market during the last few days, County Horticultural Commissioner Fred Sculberger and his deputy, D. P. T. Macdonald, sent for the packers who were placed under arrest here this morning on a charge of violating the state fruit standardization law.

“According to Sculberger and Macdonald, the fruit, which was marked ‘fancy’ was wormy and contained decayed spots.

“Deputy District Attorney Taylor returned to Watsonville last evening and stated that the charges against the local packers were justified upon a very technical examination. He said that there was a large amount of first grade fruit in the shipments, but that there was more fruit below standard than a strict inspection would permit.

“In the case of A. Jerenich, he said, there were extenuating circumstances which might have justified a plea of not guilty. In this instance the apples were packed and marked C grade upon the request of the purchaser, who later transferred them to another buyer, who in turn held

them for some time before that charge was issued. According to usual custom, C grade apples held longer than five days are not subject to the full requirements of the law.

“The feeling on the part of the local packers that they had been singled out because of the decline of the Oakland market had no weight with the court, and neither did the plea that inasmuch as the apples shipped f.o.b. Watsonville, the prosecution if any, should be made in Watsonville.

“An arrangement was made, however, with Inspector MacDonald and the other bay district inspectors that in case of future violations of the law, they would collect samples of the fruit and send them to the local inspector, together with a complete report on the case, and that if investigation proved the charges correct the prosecution would be made by the authorities here.

“Under the system of inspection here it is impossible for the inspectors to see the packing of all the apples, as this would require an inspector to be on duty in each packing house all the time. With three or four inspectors to about one hundred packing houses, their work can be of an advisory nature only. They explain the law to the packers and show them how the apples should be packed, and for their own good as well as for the reputation of the valley the packers should see that the standardization law is adhered to as closely as possible.

“Chief Apple Inspector Tate said that such cases were of a type that would bring the valley into disrepute everywhere and that it was of primary interest to every packer here that similar violations do not place in the future.

“Redoubled efforts will be made by the local authorities, they declare, to see that the provisions of the standardization law are enforced, and vigorous steps will be taken to prevent a repetition of this occurrence. All of the packers fined appeared on their first offense, and for this reason the fines were comparatively light.”

EP; 9 Dec 1919; born: “At Hollister, December 6, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Matulich [Matulich], a daughter.” [Catherine; +1987]

EP; 9 Dec 1919; item: “Mr. and Mrs. M. Milcovich in company with their son, motored to San Francisco yesterday on a business trip.”

EP; 9 Dec 1919; item: “The case against J. C. Jurcovich, who is charged with violating the apple standardization act, will come up to Judge Hawkins’ court at 10 o’clock tomorrow morning.”

EP; 9 Dec 1919; card of thanks: “We take this method of returning our sincere thanks and grateful acknowledgments to all who manifested, by their many kind acts and courtesies, their sympathy towards us during our recent bereavement, the death of our little daughter, Mamie, and

especially do we return thanks for the beautiful floral tributes sent.

“MR. AND MRS. PETER JANO and Family.”

EP; 10 Dec 1919; article: “JURCOVICH FINED \$150 FOR VIOLATING APPLE STANDARDIZATION ACT. The case of J. C. Jurcovich, who was accused of violating the apple standardization law, came on for hearing in Judge Hawkins’ court this morning...

“Attorney Sans, for his client, withdrew the plea of not guilty and substituted a plea of guilty.

“Attorney Taylor asked to place Chief Apple Inspector A. W. Tate, Jr., on the stand to inform the court as to the extent of the violation of the law. This was objected to by the attorney for the defense, but sustained by Judge Hawkins.

“Mr. Tate being sworn stated that he inspected the fruit taken from the wrecked car and found the fruit in such condition that it warranted a further investigation. He then secured five boxes of the apples and made an inspection of the contents of the same in his office in the presence of a committee of apple growers and shippers. In company with Mr. Jurcovich he went to the car and secured another box, making six in all. He reported on the examination of the apples and found 35 defective applies or 25 per cent defective in the four tier boxes; 26 defective apples out of a total of 96 in the three and one-half tier boxes, and 64 defective apples in the four and one-half tier apples. He said that the defects were such as could easily be seen by the sorters.

“Mr. Jurcovich was placed on the stand and stated that he was not present at all times during the packing but that he had given orders to the sorters and packers not to put in any bad apples. That the pack shipped in the wrecked cars was from two orchards and that in one of these orchards the fruit was not in good condition, being affected by a disease which he did not recognize.

“Judge Hawkins after considering the evidence and explaining the detriment to the public, the packers and shippers and the valley itself of such violations of the law sentenced Mr. Jurcovich to pay a fine of \$150. This was accepted by the defendant and his attorney as a fair determination of the case and they voiced their willingness to assist in enforcing the law hereafter.”

EP; 10 Dec 1919; item: “Loura [Lourie] Lutich et ux. to Louis Panzich—40 acres, Corralitos Rancho.”

EP; 10 Dec 1919; item: “Andy Balich et al. to J. T. Jones—4 acres north side Santa Cruz-Soquel road.”

EP; 10 Dec 1919; marriage: “Charles Lawson and Miss Virginia Nicolai, both of Watsonville, secured a license to wed Monday in Oakland and were married there. They are spending their honeymoon in Los Gatos. The groom is employed at Pajaro and the bride is a sister of Mrs.

George S. Hrepich, of Maple avenue. Both are popular here where they have taken a home and will reside.”

EP; 11 Dec 1919; item: “Messrs. Schuster & Capitanich, of the Pajaro Valley Meat & Packing Company, No. 451 Main street, desires us to return their sincere thanks for the generous patronage given their new enterprise, by the public, and would respectfully call the attention of our readers to their week-end price-list ad., to be found on our third page today. They solicit you to come early and make your selections, whilst the stock is largely intact.

“They have added fish of many kinds to their market, prices of which will be found in the ad. Take a glance at the show window of the market this afternoon and note the fine crabs on sale there. Al cooked them himself and they were piping hot.”

EP; 12 Dec 1919; item: “The Walker street extension, which adds a considerable section to the industrial district of Watsonville, has been completed by the Southern Pacific and the costs apportioned to the various property owners.

“The cost of the work was between \$19,000 and \$20,000 and will be borne by the following: Grace E. Hihn, L. T. Lettis, Stolich Bros., Oscar Buob, L. M. Way (Hop Lee Co.), J. A. Norris and the Schanbacher property.

“With the completion of the work 1,314 feet of frontage is made available for packing plants and warehouses.”

EP; 13 Dec 1919; item: “A beautifully appointed luncheon was given at the Appleton Hotel...today by Miss Cecile O’Connell, of San Francisco, in honor of Miss Anna Scurich, bride-elect of Dr. Anton J. Sambuck, bringing together a coterie of school friends, among whom were: Helen Langley, Rosalie Conley, Byra Wood, Norine Kane, Mary Vail, Melva Albright, Wilma Reddy and Mabel Grul.”

EP; 13 Dec 1919; item: “Mr. and Mrs. George Sasselo [Sassilo] will leave for San Francisco tomorrow to visit their first grandson, born to their daughter, Mrs. Francisco Paveo, of that city.”

EP; 13 Dec 1919; item: “Re guardianship of George Krilanovich et al., minors—Continued to December 15th.”

EP; 13 Dec 1919; item: “Peter Radonich vs. W. A. Sears—Case transferred to Tulare county.” [*this name was given as Radovich on 6 Dec 1919*]

EP; 13 Dec 1919; item: “Charles Westlotorn vs. John Hrepich et al.—Order for dismissal.”

EP; 15 Dec 1919; item: “Estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased—Further hearing on first and final account continued to December 15th.”

EP; 16 Dec 1919; article: “E. B. Lettunich passed away at San Jose this morning...after an illness of several weeks’ duration. He was a native of Dalmatia and was aged 39 years, 5 months and 18 days at the time of his death.

“E. B. Lettunich came to the Pajaro valley with his brother, M. N. Lettunich, from Dalmatia in 1901. [E. B. was immigrating; M. N. was returning from his first visit to his old home.] He was employed with his brother until 1902, when he engaged in the apple business with M. P. Butier. This partnership continued until 1905, when Mr. Lettunich bought his partner’s interest in the business and has since conducted the business himself, enlarging and increasing it as time went on. Mr. Lettunich was a highly respected citizen, an energetic and progressive business man, and at the time he was taken ill he was planning big things here. He recently purchased the W. W. Ford building on Main street and had in contemplation extensive improvements on that property. He was also heavily interested in orchards here and near Hollister and kept a large force of men at work through the entire season taking care of his crops. In the death of E. B. Lettunich the community loses a fine business man and a progressive citizen, and there will be many in the valley who will sincerely mourn over his death. He was a patriotic man in all the Liberty bond drives in this valley. He was greatly devoted to Watsonville and the Pajaro, and took deep interest in the advancement and progress of his people.

“He was married in 1910 to Miss Stella Milcovich, who was born and raised in Oakland. To this union were born four children, three of whom survive him, Edward, George and Anna. Besides his wife and children, he is survived by his brother, M. N. Lettunich, and an uncle, Mateo Lettunich. [Mateo was his first cousin once removed.]

“The funeral will be held from the family residence, No. 121 Maple avenue...on next Thursday...”

EP; 16 Dec 1919; item: “John Ronsovich [prob. Ronceovich]’s, who was arrested yesterday for disturbing the peace and who deposited \$10 bail for his appearance in court today, failed to show up and his bail was forfeited.”

EP; 16 Dec 1919; item: “M. Milcovich made a business trip to San Francisco today.”

EP; 16 Dec 1919; obit: “At San Jose, December 16, 1919, E. B. Lettunich, a native of Dalmatia, aged 39 years, 5 months and 18 days. Beloved husband of Stella Lettunich...”

EP; 16 Dec 1919; item: “Blas Pista vs. Eloise Marie Duckworth—Answer.”

EP; 17 Dec 1919; item: “A. C. Musladin to Alfred B. Davis—Lot on Larkin valley road.”

EP; 17 Dec 1919; item: "Estate and guardianship of the estate of George Krilanovich, minors—Order settling account of guardian."

EP; 17 Dec 1919; item: "Mitchell Resetar was arrested this afternoon by Constable A. J. Devine on a warrant from Chief of Police J. A. Lynch, of Oakland, charging him with violating the apple standardization act. He gave bail in the sum of \$100 for his appearance in court in Oakland when wanted, and was released."

EP; 18 Dec 1919; obit: "The high esteem and regard in which the late E. B. Lettunich was held in this community was demonstrated by the large crowd of friends and acquaintances that paid their last respects to him at the funeral at St. Patrick's church this morning. The church was filled with those who deplored his passing. The floral tributes were many and very beautiful. After the celebration of a solemn requiem high mass, the body was taken to the Valley cemetery and interred. The pallbearers were Messrs. John E. Garder, George W. Sill, H. S. Fletcher, Sid Menasco, M. F[L.]. Kalich, and Edwin Forrest, of San Francisco."

EP; 18 Dec 1919; item: "Blas Pista vs. Eloise Marie Duckworth—Order directing subpoena to issue; notice of taking deposition; admissions of service; answer to Eloise Marie Duckworth."

EP; 18 Dec 1919; item: "Estate and guardianship of George Krilanovich et al., minors—Order is granted."

EP; 18 Dec 1919; item: "Estate of Milovan Angelich, deceased—Petition praying for a decree of final distribution of the estate dropped from this calendar."

EP; 18 Dec 1919; item: "J. N. Moncovich vs. Lucy R. Frankline et al.—Leave granted to file amended complaint."

EP; 18 Dec 1919; item: "Blas Pista vs. Eloise Marie Duckworth et al.—Answer of defendants."

EP; 18 Dec 1919; item: "Re petition of application of F. P. Marinovich for an order discharging trustee and directing execution of reconveyance by county trustee petition."

EP; 18 Dec 1919; honor roll: 8th grade, High: Mitchel Maticovich; 8th grade: Tony Scurich, Tom Arbanas; Low 7th: Martin Franich; High 6th: Anna Kustura; Low 6th: Nina Milcovich; High 5th: Nicholas Copriviza, Lewis Jano; Low 5th: Sammie Boscovich, Peter Stolich; Low 5th: Lena Pierovich, Stephen Scurich; High 4th: Mike Resetar, George Novacovich; Low 4th: George Kralj, Mitchell Kralj, George Krall, Chris Pavisha, Steve

Pekoch, Clara Pusiera [Puhiera]; High 3rd: Peter Stolich, Anna Krall, John Bokoriza, Anna Hrepich; Low 3rd: Martin Franich, Tony Franich, Lucy Bokiriza; Low 3rd: Nicholas Boscovich, Joe Gospodnetich, Pearl Jelinizich, Rose Jelinizich, Marie Vukich; High 2nd: Christ Lubick, Joseph Grizich, Jerry Gospodnetich, Mitchell Dubreta, Joe Pavlovich; Low 2nd: Jerry Gospodnetich; Low 2nd: Nick Perovich.

EP; 18 Dec 1919; class. ad: "FOR SALE—Good team with harness and one good Studebaker wagon; also one good harrow, reasonable. JOHN RONCEVICH, Box 9-A, R. 4."

EP; 19 Dec 1919; item: "One of the features of the Christmas season in Watsonville is the turkey shoot given annually by L. Secondo. These affairs have always attracted a crowd of good shots and the competition is usually very keen. This year's will be the tenth annual shoot. It will be held Sunday at the foot of Rodriguez street, near Ford street, and Mr. Secondo issues an invitation to every one to be on hand and get their Christmas turkey."

EP; 19 Dec 1919; item: "Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moncovich and Mr. and Mrs. M. Milcovich and son, Martin, left yesterday for Stockton, where they were called by the death of Mrs. Moncovich's father."

EP; 19 Dec 1919; card of thanks: "The undersigned take this method of returning their sincere and heartfelt thanks and acknowledgments for the sympathy shown us, and the many kindnesses and courtesies bestowed on us in our recent great bereavement; and especially return thanks for the beautiful floral tributes sent.

"MRS. STELLA E. LETTUNICH and family.

"M. N. LETTUNICH and Family."

EP; 19 Dec 1919; notice: "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Having sold the California Restaurant business to the John J. Arnerich Co., of San Mateo, this is to notify all parties having claims against the above business, or myself, to present them at once. GEO HREPICH.

"Watsonville, Dec. 19, 1919."

EP; 22 Dec 1919; item: "Nick Boskovich, who formerly conducted the poolroom in the Foresters' building on lower Main street, today consummated a deal whereby he buys the saloon business formerly conducted by John A. Anderson, at 429 Main street. Nick will transfer the premises into a 'soft drinks' emporium, and place a cigar stand in the front of the store. He is a bright young business man, has lots of friends, and there is no reason why he should not do well in his new venture. He takes over the place next Saturday.

"One by one the old landmarks fade way. First Heckard's place in the same block, now the headquarters of

the Pajaro Valley Meat and Packing Company; next Andy Schopp's, across the street which is being transformed into an abiding place for the Western Union Telegraph Company, and now John Anderson's saloon, which, in its heyday, was one of the most popular saloons in town.

"Truly, time is bringing many changes!"

EP; 22 Dec 1919; item: "M. L. Milcovich and H. W. Stover, who have been very active in organizing the Watsonville Athletic Association, made a trip to San Francisco yesterday in the interests of the association. These young men were very fortunate in securing a first-class card for their first show, which will be held in the near future. The card consists of four four-round bouts that promise swift action from start to finish..."

EP; 22 Dec 1919; item: "Charles Ford Co. to E. B. Rilovich and Nick Sresovich—Lot on Walker St., Watsonville."

EP; 22 Dec 1919; item: "Steve Scurich is expected to return this evening from a business visit of several days in San Francisco."

EP; 22 Dec 1919; item: "Steve Perevetich [Pervetich], of Lead City, S.D., arrived here Saturday evening and is now visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mike Miladin, on Allison Way."

EP; 22 Dec 1919; article: "A Ford automobile belonging to Tony Dragich was stolen from the corner of Third and Rodriguez streets last evening between 5 and 7 o'clock. The machine was a 1917 model and carried license No. 241382. Chief of Police Whitsitt was notified and he wired the police departments of the surrounding towns to be on the lookout for the machine.

"While no direct clue to the thief or thieves has been found, suspicion attaches to two men brought here from Monterey yesterday afternoon by John Mathis, who runs an auto rental service in that city. They were dressed in the uniforms of service men and claimed to be from the Presidio at Monterey. They asked to be taken to Salinas, and when Mr. Mathis reached that city they told him they would come on to Watsonville. He stopped near the city hall when he reached Watsonville and the two men agreed to meet him there at 6 o'clock for the return trip. They disappeared and have not been seen since.

"The machine contained three gallons of gasoline, which would take them about fifty miles, and they would then have to secure more gasoline or abandon the machine. From all appearances the two men were broke, as when they suggested stopping for tobacco at Salinas they could not produce the money to buy it and went without.

"If this is the case, it will not be long until they are picked up, as they cannot travel without money.

"G. B. Dawson, of Aromas, sent in word today that the stolen machine was found abandoned at the top of Hunter's hill, near Aromas. No indication of who took it has been found yet, however."

EP; 23 Dec 1919; item: "Wm. Buak, a local packer, who was arrested and charged with misbranding fruit in that he had marked Ben Davis apples as 'Black Twig' had his hearing before Judge Hawkins this morning, where he plead guilty to the charge. He was fined \$40. The charge was made by Chief Apple Inspector A. W. Tate."

EP; 24 Dec 1919; item: "Estate of Anthony Clay, deceased—Printed copy of notice to creditors."

EP; 26 Dec 1919; article: "The little folks of Watsonville and the Pajaro valley were given their first municipal Christmas tree in the Plaza on Christmas eve. The church bells and the bell at Moreland Notre Dame Academy rang out the signal for them to assemble shortly after 7 o'clock. Before that time, however, the crowds had begun to gather and the streets and Plaza were filled with people long before the exercises began.

"The sun was shining brightly at noon, but long towards evening a heavy fog came rolling in which prevented Santa Claus from appearing in his aerial stunts and dampened the grass in the Plaza, which entailed some little discomfort on those who occupied the sod during the evening but not enough to cause any complaint.

"Mrs. O. D. Stoesser opened the community exercises with a beautiful solo, 'Holy Night,' which brought a hush on the assemblage that permitted her to be heard by practically all those present.

"Rev. W. P. Rankin of the Methodist church, read from the Bible the prologue introducing the two tableaux representing the story of the nativity. Mr. Rankin's voice carried over the immense assemblage, and could be heard clear and distinct for a long distance.

"The tableaux and the general arrangements were under the direction of Mrs. Lillian Higman. They were admirably staged and with the aid of a spotlight the sacred scenes were set forth in beautiful grandeur.

"The first tableau opened with the shepherds sleeping while the choir boys from St. Francis School sang 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,' their young voices ringing out over the vast audience with pleasing cadence.

"In the second tableau the holy family was grouped at the manger. The wise men from the east came bringing their gifts, while the Star of Bethlehem appeared high over the Christmas tree and the clear voices of the boys were again heard in 'Silent Night, Holy Night,' and 'Joy to the World.'

"The Spirit of Christmas was beautifully exemplified by Miss Louise Schuchard. Miss Lorraine Murphy, who had been cast for the role, being unable to appear on account of sickness. Miss Schuchard entered into her role

with charm and enthusiasm and welcomed the children of the Watsonville kindergarten and the pupils of the first grades to her Christmas festival. They came as the people of all nations, and the representatives were made as follows: ...Anna Hrepich, Tyrolese; Anna Krall, Gypsy; ...Mary Cikuth, Slavonian; Lucille Kalich, Slavonian; ...Pauline Novacovich, Slavonian; Mary Kalich, Serbian; ...Nicky Kalich, Slavonian; Peter Scurich, Slavonian...

"They entertained the children for a short time, after which Santa Claus, in the person of C. G. Redman, appeared on the Stoesser building illuminated by red fire, and blowing his horn to announce his arrival. While the red fire was still burning and the little ones were watching the place where their Christmas saint had disappeared, he appeared before them on the platform and the march for the treats and presents began. During the next half hour the committees were busy delivering the bags of candy and presents to the 2,500 children who had assembled. There was one grand rush of laughing, shouting, children, and the counters on which the treats were piled were besieged like a remnant counter in a department store at a big sale. Everyone received a treat and present, and not one of the assembled youngsters was disappointed.

"After the children had received their presents Saxon T. Pope, Jr., put on his 'Punch and Judy' show, which made a most delightful ending to the program. This entertainment was highly complimented and the audience was enthusiastic over it. It was a whole show to itself...

"The tree was held under the auspices of the Watsonville Woman's Club and was financed by the Watsonville lodge of Elks."

EP; 26 Dec 1919; item: "Estate of Edward B. Lettunich, deceased—Notice of time appointed for proving will; petition for probate of will; order of clerk fixing time."

EP; 26 Dec 1919; born: "At Watsonville, Calif., December 26, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Maslach, a daughter." [*Annabelle*]

EP; 26 Dec 1919; item: "John Strazich and Miss Helen Strazich, of San Francisco, spent Christmas with their parents."

EP; 26 Dec 1919; item: "Mr. and Mrs. N. Banicevich and daughter Kathryn will motor to San Francisco today, where they will spend New Year's."

EP; 27 Dec 1919; item: "An item that appeared in the Santa Cruz Sentinel the other day, stating that the California restaurant, in this city, had been ordered closed up for the period of one year by the Superior Court, was slightly erroneous.

"The court order was that Mrs. Dondero, the owner of

the property, should file a bond of \$1,000 as security that the premises would not be used for unlawful purposes for one year.

"The publication of the item had the effect of holding up the sale of the California Restaurant business to the Arnerich Bros., of San Mateo. However, as soon as the above bond is filed the restaurant business will be on as usual. The place will not be closed up.

"Mr. Geo. W. Smith, of Santa Cruz, attorney for Geo. Hrepich, present proprietor of the restaurant, informed us of the above facts this forenoon."

EP; 27 Dec 1919; notice: "NOTICE OF TIME. In the Superior Court, of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California.

"In the matter of the Estate of Edward B. Lettunich, also known as E. B. Lettunich, deceased.

"Notice of Time Appointed for Proving Will.

"A document purporting to be the last will of Edward B. Lettunich, also known as E. B. Lettunich, deceased, having been filed with the clerk of this court, notice is hereby given that Monday, the 5th day of January, A.D. 1920, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, and the court room of said court, in the court house in the City of Santa Cruz, County of Santa Cruz, has been fixed and appointed as the time and place for proving will of said Edward B. Lettunich, also known as E. B. Lettunich, deceased, and for hearing the application of Stella E. Lettunich, for the issuance to her Letters, Testamentary, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 22nd day of December, 1919.

"(Seal of said Superior Court).

"H. H. MILLER, Clerk of Said Court."

EP; 30 Dec 1919; item: "Mrs. M. L. Kalich and son motored to San Francisco today."

EP; 30 Dec 1919; item: "Mr. A. Stolich and family left for Sacramento today, where they will spend New Year's day."

EP; 30 Dec 1919; item: "M. Milcovich, 'Brick' Lancaster and Raymond Kellogg left this morning on a trip to Gilroy, San Juan, Hollister, Salinas and Monterey on business for the Watsonville Athletic Association. The boys have been receiving great encouragement in their efforts to organize a strong athletic association here, and great interest is shown in the coming bouts."

EP; 30 Dec 1919; item: "An unusual sight for Santa Cruz was witnessed by many at the Southern Pacific station on Sunday morning, when a carload of eastern tourists from New York stopped off at Santa Cruz.

“The women, unconcerned as to the onlookers, took out their cigarette cases, lighted their cigarettes and walked up and down puffing from the weed.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.”

EP; 31 Dec 1919; mar. license: “A marriage license was granted in Oakland last Monday to Martin Krilanovich, 19, of Santa Cruz, and Beatrice Breves, 18, of San Leandro.”

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ATTENTION!



To all members of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society: Our regular meeting will be held on January 3, 1920, at I. O. O. F. hall, with installation of officers and new business. After the meeting there will be a dance in the social hall, and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

L. G. BACHAN, Pres.
JOHN FRANICH, Sec'y.

Fig. 5-50. Ad in Evening Pajaronian of 2 Jan 1920.

EP; 2 Jan 1920; item: “Deputy Fish and Game Commissioner Hill arrested John Ivelich near the Cleveland ranch on New Year’s day for hunting without a license. He was taken before Judge Hawkins, where he entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$10, which he paid.”

EP; 2 Jan 1920; item: “John Zar has sold his saloon and cigar store at the corner of Main street and Maple avenue to Chris Bozich, giving possession on January 1st. Mr. Zar still retains his packing interests in Watsonville and will make this city his home. He goes to the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lucich, for a short stay.” [*this surname was Kušelj-Car; Car (Zar) was the nickname for his branch of the Kušelj family*]

EP; 2 Jan 1920; item: “Louis Arbanas and George Wolfe have gone on a motor trip to San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento.”

EP; 2 Jan 1920; item: “Lizzie Hall to G. A. Miletak—Part of Soquel Rancho.”

EP; 2 Jan 1920; item: “Dora Zmudowski to George Coprivia [Copriviza] et al.—Land on Second street, Watsonville.”

EP; 2 Jan 1920; notice: “Whereas, the Arnerich Co. has purchased the California Restaurant and will conduct the business thereof from date, it will not be responsible for any bills or claims against the said business prior to this date. Dated December 29, 1919. ARNERICH CO.”

EP; 2 Jan 1920; notice: “NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Santa Cruz.

“In the matter of the Estate of Anthony Clay, deceased.

“Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, W. R. Congdon, administrator of the estate of Anthony Clay, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, or said estate to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the above named Court (which said office is situate in the Court House in the City of Santa Cruz...), within four months after the first publication of this notice, made on the 16th day of December, A.D. 1919, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within said period to the said administrator, at Room 2, I.O.O.F. Building, in the City of Watsonville...which said last named office the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate. W. R. CONGDON, Administrator of the Estate of said Deceased.

“Dated December 16, A.D. 1919. C. R. TAYLOR, Attorney for said Administrator.”

DANCE NOTICE!

There will not be a public dance in I. O. O. F. Hall Saturday evening, Jan. 3rd—a private affair is being held there by the Austrian-American Benevolent Society. Saturday night, January 10th, the regular dance will be given by—
HALLEY'S JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Fig. 5-51. Ad in Evening Pajaronian of 3 Jan 1920.

EP; 3 Jan 1920; marriage: “Says today’s Gilroy Advocate: “A marriage license was issued in San Jose Wednesday, December 31st, to Mr. William Buak, of Watsonville, and Miss Minnie Richman, of Gilroy. The bride is the youngest daughter of J. W. Richman, of Gilroy. The groom is a well-known fruit packer of Watsonville and is known here by a few as he bought several orchards of apples and cherries around Gilroy this season. They were quietly married at the First Methodist church in San Jose by Rev. Frank Linder. The groom’s brother, John Buak, was best man and the bride’s cousin, Jessie Richman, maid of honor. The bride was dressed in light blue silk tafetta and the maid of honor in pale green crepe de chine. The bride then changed to a navy blue traveling suit and the couple then left for a wedding tour by auto to San Francisco, Oakland and Stockton. Those present at the wedding where the bride’s parents, Mr. J. W. Richman and family, Mr. Geo. Richman and family, and the bride’s sister Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Peterson and son. The young couple will make their future home in Watsonville

and their many friends extend to them their best wishes for a happy and long wedded life.”

EP; 3 Jan 1920; married: “At San Jose, December 31, 1919, William Buak of Watsonville, and Miss Minnie Richman, of Gilroy.”

EP; 3 Jan 1920; item: “Re application of F. P. Marinovich for order discharging trustee and directing execution of reconveyance of co-trustee—Petition granted.”

EP; 5 Jan 1920; item: “Louis [Lewis] W. Lettunich left today for the Santa Clara University to resume his studies there.”

EP; 5 Jan 1920; article: “About 115 members of the Watsonville Woman’s Club enjoyed a very interesting program, given by the music section of the club, last Saturday afternoon. The affair was highly enjoyable throughout.

“The program comprised the following numbers:
“...Solo, Mrs. Otto D. Stoesser...”

EP; 5 Jan 1920; born: “In Watsonville, January 4, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. M. [N.] M. Borina, a daughter.” *[June; +2000; married Robert Schnacke]*



Fig. 5-52. June Borina.

[Our original intention was to end with the last day of 1919, but then it was noticed that the birthdate of June Borina was Jan. 4, 1920, and so we continued to that date. The primary contributor to the creation of this book was the Borina Foundation, which was created at the direction of June Borina Schnacke in her Will, following her death in 2000.]

APPENDIX A —

THE BASICS OF THIS BOOK

THIS BOOK is a chronological presentation of all newspaper articles or items that mention Slavs or Slav businesses in the Pajaro Valley of California, the main town of which is Watsonville (pop. 50,000 in 2010). Most of the excerpts are from the *Pajaronian* (weekly) and *Evening Pajaronian* (daily) newspapers of Watsonville. But other papers were researched as well, usually in cases when the local papers reported lightly on the topic or not at all. However, only the Watsonville papers were searched in their entirety. The other papers were searched only when the need arose.

Microfilm research —

Except for the editor, none of the researchers were Slavic. An attempt was made to find Slav researchers through notices in local Slav organization newsletters and through personal enquiry but none could be found.

The researchers were instructed to copy all mentions of Slav names or Slav businesses. However, other articles and items were copied if they contained issues or topics that Slavs were involved in, such as apple culture, fruit shipping, agricultural fairs, real estate, regulations governing hotels, saloons, and restaurants, etc.

All excerpts are in chronological order and no excerpt from the local papers was intentionally omitted.

All Watsonville papers from 1878 onward were looked through entirely, though the very early ones were difficult to research because nothing was being found and tedium may have resulted in something being missed, not to mention the poor visual quality of the early papers. The earliest mention of a Slav was found in 1881.

The locations of the microfilms were: Watsonville Public Library, Cabrillo College Library, Santa Cruz Public Library and University of California Santa Cruz. Different researchers used different libraries. The “miscellaneous” Watsonville papers (those other than the *Pajaronian* or *Evening Pajaronian*) are very sparse and are contained on less than half a microfilm roll.

Two methods were used for copying the material from the microfilms. All machines had a printer attached, and so most of the excerpts were printed out on paper. The date and name of paper were then written on each printed sheet. However, for small items of approximately two column inches or less, another method was to attach directly to the microfilm screen a sticky-note on which was written the date and name of the paper. A digital photo was then taken of the excerpt, including the sticky-note. [see Figs. A-2 and A-5 for examples]

Highlighting and editing. The digital photos were printed out. These, combined with the regular print-outs, were then marked with a highlighting pen to show the parts to

be transcribed. The parts left out are indicated by ellipses [...].

Editing was done mostly to eliminate material that did not have a Slavic content. In lists of names, only the Slavic names are shown, and so the ellipses [...] indicate non-Slavs who were edited out. In such cases, at the end of the list often appears “[of xx]” where xx indicates the total number of people in the list.

In some cases all the people in the list are shown—Slavs as well as non-Slavs. This was done in cases where it might be interesting to learn who the Slavs were associating with. For example, children’s birthday parties, board of directors meetings, etc.

School reports and ALLs and ULs [see next page] contain only the Slav names, no ellipses, and are not contained in quote marks.

Transcribing. Most transcribing was done with speech recognition software—talking directly into a microphone. The words appear on the computer screen. This method worked amazingly well though it took some getting used to at first. The year of 1919 was the only material transcribed by manually typing on a keyboard.

Accuracy. The editor had previously compiled a database of over 9200 people who were part of, or related to, the Slavic immigration to the Pajaro Valley. With this database he was able to provide the researchers with a list of most Slav surnames not ending with -ich, and a list of Slav businesses that might be expected.

The first month or two of research material from each researcher was carefully checked by the editor against his own research of those same months. If necessary, adjustments and corrections were made. The editor estimates the accuracy as following:

Small items (two column-inches or less): 85+%

Larger articles, especially ones with headlines: 95+%

Vitals (births/marriages/deaths): 98+%

“Accuracy” in this sense means “accuracy of discovery” (whether an item was found or not). The transcription accuracy within the items themselves was, of course, much higher.

Editor’s remarks. Corrections, additions or comments made by the editor of this book appear within [square brackets]. Those that appear within a quoted section appear in regular text; those that appear outside of quoted text appear in italics.

Abbreviations, symbols, definitions —**Newspaper abbreviations.**

EP = *Evening Pajaronian*

Paj = *Pajaronian*

WReg = *Watsonville Register*

Trans = *Transcript* (a Watsonville paper)

Wats Trans = *Watsonville Transcript*

Rustler = *Rustler* (a Watsonville paper)
 SC Sent = Santa Cruz *Sentinel*
 SC Surf = Santa Cruz *Surf*
 SJ Mercury News = San Jose *Mercury News*

Abbreviations and terms in the main text—

1C1R = first cousin once removed
 ALL = Advertised Letter List [see below]
 Brackets ([]) contain a message from the editor.
 class. ad = classified ad
 disp. ad = display ad
 hon. roll = honor roll (school)
 hon. prom. = honorary promotion to next grade (no test necessary)
 mar. license = marriage license
 obit = obituary
 prom. by exam = promotion by exam (to next grade)
 school prom. = school promotion (to next grade)
sic indicates that the passage (or word) is just as it appears in its original source. Sometimes the correction is written after *sic*.
 UL = Undelivered Letters [see below]
 Ro. = Rancho
 et al. = “and others”
 et ux. = “and wife”
 et vir. = “and husband”
 PVHA = Pajaro Valley Historical Assn.
 S.A.C.O. = Slavic-American Cultural Organization

Abbreviations in the index— (see beginning of index)

Definitions—

Slav. The term “Slav,” as used in this book and in its title, refers to the Croats and Serbs who immigrated to Watsonville, Calif. Croats and Serbs are only two of many types of Slavs in the world but no other types were found in Watsonville before 1920.
 Blind pig = a place where alcohol is sold illegally.
 Shook = wooden parts that fruit boxes are made from.
 Lis pendens = a formal notice that starts a foreclosure process.

Some examples.

ALLs and ULs. You will see the abbreviation ALL many times in this book. It stands for Advertised Letter List. This was a list published at the request and expense of the U.S. Post Office of all letters which were not called for (before there were letter carriers) or could not be delivered (after letter carriers). Letters were kept for a certain length of time before they would appear on the ALL. After the names were published, the recipient had to pay a small fee to get the letter.

Often the spelling of the names in the ALLs is atrocious because foreign penmanship (which could be on both domestic or overseas mail) was difficult to read by the American postal workers. Starting in Feb. 1918 this

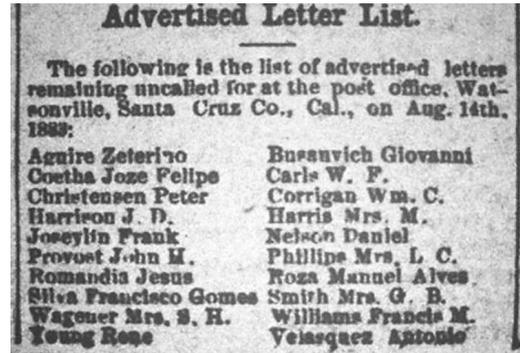
list was called the UL list (Undelivered Letters).

Immediately below is the transcription of an ALL from 1883, taken directly from this book:

Paj; 16 Aug 1883; ALL: Giovanni Bussovich.

Below is the original photo from which the above excerpt was extracted.

Fig. A-1.



Vitals (births/marriages/deaths). Vitals were usually printed in the same place in the newspaper from issue to issue, and so were easy to find. The researchers were also instructed to pay special attention to the “vitals” section. Below is the birth announcement of a Slav found in the Watsonville papers. A digital camera was used to copy this excerpt. A sticky-note, on which was written the date and name of the paper, was placed directly on the microfilm screen, and the photo then taken. In this entire book (which goes to 1920) only one child was ever named in a birth announcement. After each birth announcement we have inserted the name of the child and death year (+ = death), when known. Also, for some married women the husband’s surname is given.

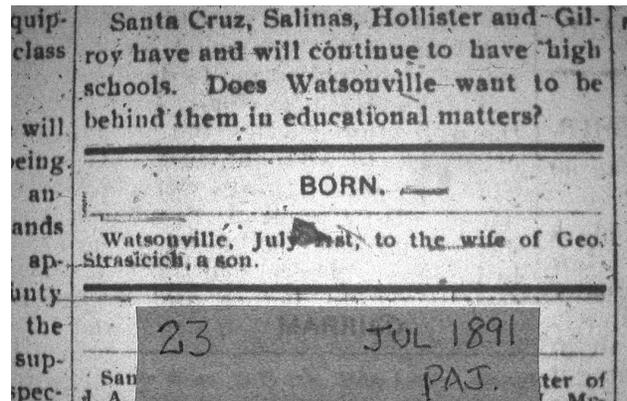
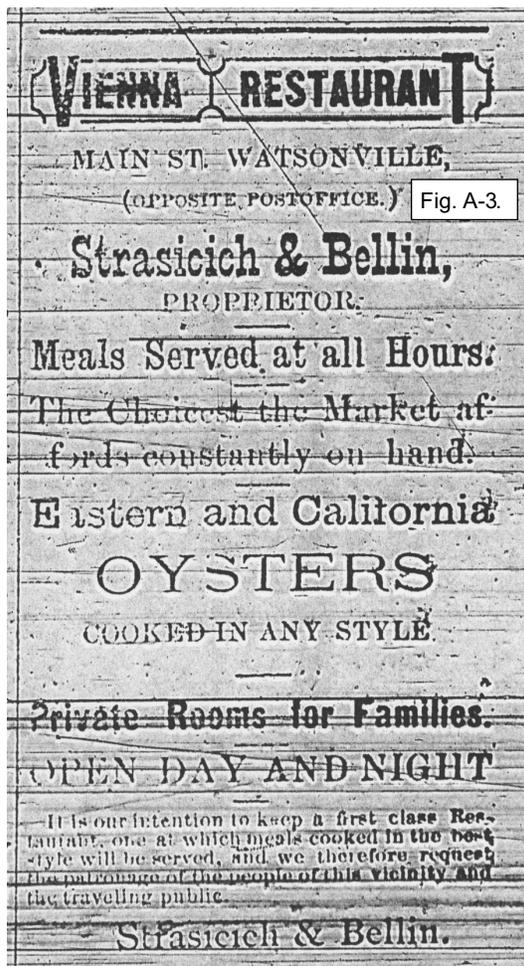


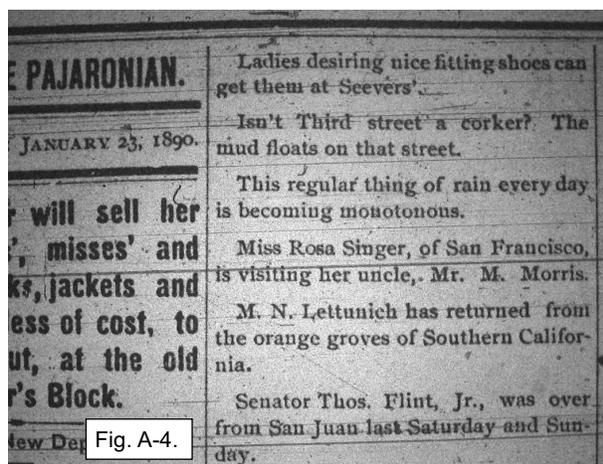
Fig. A-2. The birth announcement of the first Slav born in Watsonville.

Display ads. The visual quality of the display ads as found in the microfilms was often quite bad, and that is the reason why more of them don’t appear in this book. Cleaning up the below ad took over 4 hours in

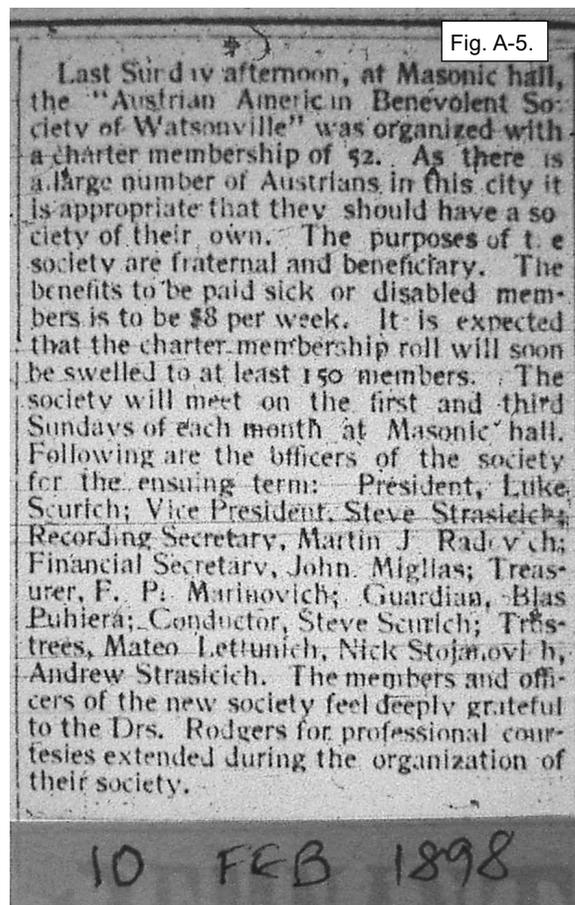
Photoshop. It can be found as Fig. 1-5 (June 1888). And it still doesn't look very good.



Short items. Many of the excerpts in this book are very short; some are only one sentence long. This is not due to editing. If there are no ellipses [...] then everything has been included. Fig. A-4 is an example from 1890 showing several very short “items.”



Below is the article that announced the beginnings of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society in 1898. This group exists to this day in Watsonville. In the late 1940s the name was changed to the Slavic-American Benevolent Society. A list of the charter members of this group can be found in Appendix G.



Miscellaneous—

For all purposes other than casual reading (e.g., research of any type, statistical analysis, verifying content, etc.) we strongly recommend that the original microfilms be consulted. There is always a chance that a mistake was made in reading, transcribing, editing, etc. Also look for other “mentions” in the papers that we may have missed.

The excerpts in this book are in no particular order per day (in case you are trying to find them in the microfilms). Page and column numbers have been left out.

Be on the look-out for papers and materials that the editor has placed in various local archives (for example, the 8000+ pages of microfilm printouts will eventually be placed in an archive somewhere).

If you would like to see particular photos appear in future editions of this book, or in any other similar book that may be published on the Slavs of the Pajaro Valley, be

sure to have your photos scanned at PVHA (Pajaro Valley Historical Assn.). That is where future authors and editors will find them, especially many years from now.

Not all vitals (births/marriages/deaths) were printed in the newspaper. If your ancestor isn't there, that may be why. Also, another daily newspaper (*The Register*) was running concurrently for many of these years and the vitals may have been printed there. Very few copies of that newspaper could be found for the years covered by this book (up to 1920).

“Court cases” are often very brief and give little information. More information can be found in the microfilms of the actual court records at the County Recorder's Office in Santa Cruz.

Third St. is Beach St. today. Fourth St. became E. and W. Lake (because of confusion with Ford St.)

Gravosa Fruit Co. (see pages 20, 21) likely was owned by the Opusiches because some of them were from Gravosa, which is the old name for Gruž. No one else in Watsonville that we know of was from Gruž.

APPENDIX B—

SURNAMES & VILLAGES

This is a list of Slav surnames as found in the Watsonville area before 1920. Only surnames whose region or village of origin are known appear here. The spellings under “Surnames” are those that the families used in California.

<u>Surname(s)</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Region(s)</u>	<u>Village(s)</u>	<u>Surname(s)</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Region(s)</u>	<u>Village(s)</u>
Alaga	Alaga	Konavle	Vodovađa (Bani), Mihanići	Brailo	Brailo	Konavle	Močići
Alamat	(see Lamat)			Brautovich	Brautović	Konavle	Močići
Alavia	Alavija	Konavle	Popovići	Braycovich	Brajković	Konavle	Zastolje
Apan	Apan	Primorje	Orašac	Bremis	Birimiša	Konavle	Ljuta
Arbanas, Arbanasin	Arbanasin	Konavle	Ljuta	Bronzan	Bronzan	Konavle	Komaji, Popovići
Arbulich	Arbulić	Konavle	Čilipi	Buak	Bujak	Primorje	Majkovi
Arcanin	Arčanin	Konavle	Obod	Bubresko	Bubreško	Herzegovina	Ljekova
Arkulin	Arkulin	Konavle	Lovorno	Budman	Budman	Konavle	Pločice
Allegretti	Allegretti	Konavle	Uskoplje	Buholov	Buholov	Primorje	Kliševo
Arnerich	Arnerić	Brač	Dol	Bulaich	Bulaić	Montenegro	Grahovo
Bachan	Baćan	Konavle	Komaji	Bupich, Buppich	Bupić	Konavle	Dunave
Bagoje, Bagoye	Bagoje	Konavle	Dunave	Burgeles	Burdelez	Konavle	Kuna
Bakich	Bakić	Konavle	Čilipi Dol	Butier	Butier	Konavle	Drvenik
Balanac	Balanac	Mljet	Babino Polje	Butriza	Butrica	Župa	Čibača
Balarin	Balarin	Župa	Gornji Brgat	Capitanich, Capatanich	Kapetanić	Konavle	Lovorno
Balich	Balić	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine), Lovorno	Caput	Caput	Konavle	Dubravka, Čilipi Pridvorje, Komaji
Balovich	Baloević	Brač	Dol	Car	(see Zar)		
Banaz, Banac	Banac	Konavle	Popovići	Carevich	Carević	Konavle	Čilipi
Banicevich	Banićević	Korčula	Smokvica	Carstulovich, Karstulovich	Krstulović	Brač	Škrip
Banich	Banić	Konavle	Mikulići Zaton	Castropelli, Castrapelli	Kaštrapeli	Primorje	Trsteno
Banovac	Banovac	Primorje	Mrčevo, Mravinjac	Chagal	Čagalj	Konavle	Pridvorje
Basich	Bašić	Župa	Gornji Brgat	Chargin	Kirigin	Brač	Mirca, Supetar
Basor	Basor	Konavle	Dunave	Chetkovich	Cvjetković	Konavle	Radovčići
Batistich	Batistić	Korčula	Lumbarda	Ceo, Cheo	Čeo	Konavle	Lovorno
Batinich, Battinich	Batinić	Primorje	Mrčevo	Chukovich	Čuković	Herzegovina	?
Baule	Baule	Konavle	Komaji	Chumo	Čumo	Konavle	Močići
Bechir, Beecher	Bećir	Konavle	Pločice	Cicisly	Cicijelj	Konavle	Vodovađa
Bekich	Bekić	Konavle	Radovčići	Cikuth	Cikut	Konavle	Mihanići
Beloch	Beloč	Primorje	Trsteno	Claich, Klaich	Klaić	Konavle	Popovići
Bencich	Benčić	Brač	Škrip	Clarich, Klarich	Klarić	Konavle	Lovorno
Bendish	Bendiš	Konavle	Radovčići	Colendich	Kolendić	Župa	Donji Brgat
Benkovich	Beković	Mljet	Babino Polje	Copriviza	Koprivica	Konavle	Radovčići, Gruda
Bete	Bete	Konavle	Kuna	Corda, Korda	Korda	Konavle	Gruda
Beusan	Beusan	Župa	Čelopeci	Cordich, Kordich	Kordić	Konavle	Gabrile
Bilicich	Biličić	Vis	Vis(?)	Crncevich	Crnčević	Konavle	Radovčići
Biele	Biele, Bijele	Župa	Buići	Cumbelich	Čumbelić	Mljet	(various)
Birimisa	(see Bremis)			Cupich, Chupich	Čupić	Konavle	Vodovađa, Gruda
Biskup	Biskup	Primorje	Majkovi	Cushey, Kusely	Kušelj	Konavle	Mikulići
Bogisich	Bogišić	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)	Dabelich	Dabelić	Mljet	(various)
Bokariza	Bokarica	Konavle	Gruda	Dalmatin	Dalmatin	Konavle	Močići, Popovići
Borina	Borina	Primorje	Osojnik	Dedo	Dedo	Primorje	Mravinjac, Osojnik
Borkovich, Borcovich	Borković	Konavle	Močići	Depolo	Depolo	Korčula	Korčula
Borovich	Borović	Brač	Dol	Derania	Deranja	Konavle	Gruda
Borovinich, Bronich	Borovinić	Konavle	Čilipi	Dezulovich	Dežulović	Pelješac	Janjina
Boscovich, Boskovich	Bošković	Konavle	Čilipi	Drpich, Derpich	Drpić	Brač	Pučišća
Braica	Krilanović- Braica	Konavle	Čilipi	Diklich	Diklić	Konavle	Močići
				Dragich	Dragić	Konavle	Pridvorje
				Dragoje	Dragoje	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)
				Dragovich	Dragović	Konavle	Močići
				Draskovich	Drašković	Konavle	Gruda
				Drobac, Drobaz	Drobac	Konavle	Komaji
				Dubreta, Dubretta	Dubreta	Konavle	Dunave
				Ducich	Dupčić	Primorje	Mrčevo
				Dujmovich, Dumovich	Dujmović	Brač, Split	Dol, Split
				Duper	Duper	Župa	Mlini
				Eggia, Igge, Iggia	Hidža	Konavle	Komaji

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Farlin	Frlan	Gorski Kotar	?	Kovacich	Kovačić	Konavle	Mihanići, Močići
Fiamengo	Fiamengo	Lopud	Lopud	Kuzmich	Kusmić	Pelješac	Kuna
Fiorovich,	Fjorović	Konavle	Vodovada	Kralj, Crall	Kralj	Konavle	Dunave, Pridvorje,
Forenich,	Forenčić	Brač	Nerežišća				Gabrile
Forense				Krilanovich	Krilanović	Konavle	Čilipi
Franich	Franić	Konavle	Čilipi	Krlich	Krlić	Primorje	Osojnik
Franusich	Franušić	Pelješac	Ston	Kukulica,	Kukuljica	Konavle	Mihanići, Komaji,
Gera	Gera	Primorje	Gromača	Kukuliza			Pločice
Germolis	Grmoljez	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)	Kulich	Kulić	Knin	Razvode
Glage, Glech,	Gleđ	Konavle,	Gunjina,	Kulish	Kuliš	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)
Gledge		Omla	Šumet, Knežica	Kuraica	Kurajica	Župa	Grbavac
Glavich	Glavić	Konavle	Gruda, Poljice	Kusalich	Kusalić	Konavle	Čilipi
Gluhan	Gluhan	Konavle	Uskoplje	Kusanovich	Kusanović	Brač	Pražnice
Gospodnetich	Gospodnetić	Brač	Dol	Kušelj	(see Zar)		
Gozden,	Gvozdenica	Primorje	Trnova	Labas, Labash	Labaš	Lopud	Lopud
Gozdenica				Lamat, Lamont	Alamat	Konavle	Zastolje
Grassi	Grassi, Grasi	Lopud	Lopud	Laptalo	Laptalo	Primorje	Kliševo
Grizich	Grizić	Konavle	Močići			Konavle	Uskoplje
Grusich	Grubšić(?)	Brač	Sutivan	Lasich	Lasić	Konavle	Dunave
Gulermovich	Guljelmović	Konavle	Obod	Lazarevich	Lazarević	Konavle	Vodovada
Gurash, Jurash	Đuraš	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)	Letunich	Letunić	Konavle	Mihanići, Pridvorje
Gurich, Giurich	Đurić	Konavle	Pridvorje	Lettis	Letis	Montenegro	Herceg Novi
Gurovich	Đurović	Konavle	Močići			Gorski Kotar	Opatija (?)
Gutunich	Gutunić	Brač	Dol	Leventa	Leventa	Konavle	Pridvorje
Hazdovac	Hazdovac	Mljet	Blato	Lister	Listar	Karlovac	Ozalj
Hidza	(see Igge)			Lubenko	Ljubenko	Konavle	Đurinići, Molunat
Horvat	Horvat		Zagreb	Lubich	Ljubić	Konavle	Radovčići
Hrepich	Hrepić	Brač	Dol	Lucich	Lučić	Primorje,	Mrčevo,
Igge, Iggia,	Hidža	Konavle	Komaji			Župa,	?
Eggea						Konavle	Brotnice
Ivancovich,	Ivanković	Primorje	Kliševo	Lukrich	Mihovilović-	Brač	Pražnice
Ivankovich					Lukrić		
Ivanovich	Ivanović	Primorje	Ridica	Luich	Luić	Konavle	Kuna
Ivelich	Ivelić	Brač	Pražnice	Madesko	Madeško	Konavle	Drvenik
Jagich	Jagić	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)	Magud	Magud	Konavle	Gruda
Jaksich	Jakšić	Brač	Selca?	Maleta	(see Kesovia)		
Jano	Đano	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)	Marcevich	(see Mracevich)		
Janovich	Đanović	Primorje	Visočani (?)	Margaretich	Margaretić	Primorje	Gromača
Jasper, Jasprica	Jasprica	Pelješac	Janjina	Marich	Marić	Župa	?
Jelincich	Jelinčić	Brač	Postira	Marinovich	Marinović	Konavle	Pridvorje, Mikulići
Jemo	Jemo	Konavle	Komaji	Market	Market	Mljet	?
Jerinich	Jerinić	Konavle	Radovčići	Maslach	Maslač	Konavle	Pridvorje
Jercich	Jerčić	Brač	Pražnice	Matiassevich	Matijašević	Konavle	Popovići
Jozovich,	Jozović	Konavle	Duba	Maticevich	Matičević	Župa	Petrača
Yozovich				Matson, Mazan	Macan	Konavle	Gruda
Jukan, Gukan	Đukan	Konavle	Mihanići	Matulich	Matulić	Brač	Dol
Jukka	Đuka	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)	Matusich	Matusić	Primorje	Gromača
Jurach	Jurač	Brač	Ložišća	Mekis	Mekiš	Konavle	Poljice
Kalafatovich	Kalafatović	Pelješac	Janjina	Memed	Memed	Konavle	Pločice
Kalich	Kalačić	Konavle	Čilipi	Mengol,	Mengol	Hvar	?
Karaman	Karaman	Konavle	Pridvorje	Mengola			
Katuran	Katuran	Vis	?	Mihovilovich	Mihovilović	Brač	Pražnice
Katusich	Katušić	Konavle	Gabrile	Miletak	Miletak	Konavle	Đurinići
Kelez	Kelez	Župa	Martinovići	Milladin,	Miladin	Konavle	Brotnice, Bani
Kesovia, Maleta	Kesovija	Konavle	Lovorno	Miladin			
Kissich	Kisić	Župa	Buići	Milanovich	Milanović	Primorje	Brsečine
Knego	Knego	Župa	Brgat	Milat, Miller	Milat	Primorje,	?
Kojan	Kojan	Konavle	Popovići			Pelješac,	?
Konsuo	Konsuo	Dubrovnik	Dubrovnik			Korčula	?
		Primorje	Topolo	Milcovich	(see Milkovich)		
Koprivica	(see Copriviza)			Milias, Miljas	Miljas	Konavle	Drvenik, Mihanići
Korach	Korać	Konavle	Gruda	Milich, Millich	Milić	Konavle,	Močići
Kordich, Cordich	Kordić	Konavle	Gabrile			Mljet	?
Korich	Korić	Konavle	Čilipi	Milicich	Miličić	Konavle	Zastolje
Kortizia	Kortizija	Konavle	Popovići			Primorje	Trsteno
Kosovac	Kosovac	Konavle	Kuna	Miljanich	Miljanić	Konavle	Uskoplje

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Miljanovich	Miljanović	Konavle	Čilipi	Radimir	Radimiri	Montenegro	Dobrota
Miljas	(see Milias)			Radin	Radin	Konavle	Mihanići
Milkovich, Milcovich	Milković	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)	Radonich	Radonić	Konavle	Gruda, Vitaljina
Miller	(see Milat)			Radovac	Radovac	Konavle	Lovorno
Miloglav	Miloglav	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine), Palje Brdo	Radovan	Radovani		Dubrovnik
Miloslavich	Miloslavić	Župa	Buići, Makoše	Radovich	Radović	Konavle	Čilipi
Mioceovich	Mihočević	Konavle	Pridvorje	Raicevich	Rajčević	Konavle	Uskoplje
Miovich	Miović	Konavle	Mihanići	Rase	Raše	Konavle	Zvekovic
Moncovich, Monkovich	Monković	Konavle	Ljuta	Relja, Relia	Relja	Konavle	Popovići
Moretich	Moretić	Primorje	?	Resetar	Rešetar	Konavle	Čilipi
Morgin, Mordjin	Morđin	Pelješac, Primorje	Smokovljani	Rilovich	Rilović	Konavle	Radovčići
Mortizia	Mortižija	Konavle	Ljuta	Roncevich	Rončević	Konavle	Vodovađa
Mostanich	Mostahinić	Konavle	Gruda	Rosovich	Rosović	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)
Mracevich, Marcevich	Mračević	Montenegro	Sutorina	Rossich	Rosić	Pelješac	Ston
Muhoberac	Muhoberac	Primorje	Osojnik	Ruso	Ruso	Konavle	Močići, Čilipi
Mujo, Muyo	Mujo	Konavle	Lovorno	Rustan	Rustan	Konavle	Lovorno
Mulja, Mulia	Mulja	Konavle	Gruda	Salamunovich	Salamunović	Brač	Škrip
Mustahinich, Mustanich, Mustainich	Mustahinić	Ombla	Šumet	Salatich	Salatić	Konavle	Zastolje
Nadramija	Nadramija	Župa	Brgat	Sambrailo	Sambrailo	Konavle	Zastolje
Nirich	Njirić	Konavle	Ljuta			Župa	Makoše
Novacovich, Novakovich	Novaković	Konavle	Čilipi	Sambuck	Štambuk	Hvar	?
Novak	Novak	Konavle	Čilipi	Sapro	Šapro	Konavle	Zastolje
Novcich	Novčić	Herzegovina	Zrvanj	Sassilo	Sašilo	Ombla	Šumet
Obad	Obad	Konavle	Pridvorje	Saulovich	Saulović	Konavle	Palje Brdo
Oblizalo	Oblizalo	Primorje	?	Scampavia	Skampavija	Primorje	Orašac
Opusich	Opušić	Konavle	Popovići	Scorsur	Skorsur	Primorje	Orašac
Ostoja	Ostoja	Brač	Dol	Scurich	Skurić	Konavle	Čilipi
Paljetak, Paletak	Paljetak	Konavle	Gruda, Poljice	Secondo	Sekondo	Konavle	Lovorno
Papac	Papac	Herzegovina	Glumina	Seko	Seko	Primorje	Kliševo
Pasetta	Pašeta	Primorje	Trsteno	Semes	Šemeš	Konavle	Lovorno
Pavisha	Paviša	Primorje	Trsteno	Sersen, Srsen	Sršen	Mljet	?
Pavlovich	Pavlović	Pelješac	Ston			Konavle	Gruda
Pecarevich, Pecharevich	Pečarević	Primorje	Zaton	Setalo	Šetalo	Župa	Petrača
Peko	Peko	Konavle	Pločice, Čilipi	Sglav, Zglav	Zglav	Konavle	Poljice, Gruda
Pekoch	Pekoč	Konavle	Pridvorje	Shuliak, Suliak, Sugliak	Šuljak	Konavle	Močići
Pendo	Pendo	Konavle	Močići, Komaji	Simovich	Simović	Konavle	Čilipi
Perlenda, Perlendo	Prlenda	Konavle	Poljice	Simunovich	Simunović	Primorje	Ošlje, Smokovljani
Perovich	Perović	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)	Sisa	Šiša	Konavle	Mihanići
Perusina	Perušina	Primorje	Grbljava	Skipa, Skippa	Škipa	Konavle	Lovorno
Pervetich	Prvitić	Konavle	Močići	Skocko, Skochko	Skočko	Konavle	Ljuta
Pierovich, Pilo	Pjerović	Konavle	Vodovađa	Skvicalo	Skvičalo	Konavle	Pridvorje
Piplica	Piplica	Konavle	Močići	Spikula	Špikula	Primorje	Ljubač
Pista	Pišta	Konavle	Ljuta	Srezovich	Srezović	Konavle	Radovčići
Podich	Podić	Konavle	Vodovađa			Lopud	Lopud
Pokovich	Poković	Konavle	Lovorno	Staka	Štaka	Konavle	Vodovađa (Bani)
Previsich	Previšić	Herzegovina	Hutovo	Stanovich	Stanović	Konavle	Čilipi
Primich	Primić	Konavle	Dunave	Stepovich	Stjepović	Primorje	Ridica
Prokuriza	Prokurica	Konavle	Pridvorje	Stetta, Steta	Šteta	Primorje	Mravinjac
Puhiera	Puhiera	Primorje	Dubravica	Stojanovich	Stojanović	Primorje	Konštare
Pulich	Pulić	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)	Stolich	Stolić	Konavle	Čilipi
Pulisevich	Puljizević	Primorje	Zaton	Strazicich, Strazich	Stražičić	Mljet	Govedari
Pusich, Pussich	Pušić	Konavle	Dunave	Sturica	Šturica	Konavle	Kuna
Rabasa	Rabasa	Pelješac	Janjina	Svago	Švago	Konavle	Vodovađa
Radich	Radić	Brač	Pučišća	Terkla, Trkla	Trklja	Herzegovina	Vrpolje
		Konavle	Popovići	Tovراز	Tovarac	Pelješac	Luka
				Turcinovich	Turčinović	Župa	?
				Ucovich	Ucović	Konavle	Zastolje
				Urlin	Urlin	Lopud	Lopud
				Urlovich	Urlović	Konavle	Dubravka (Mrcine)
				Uvodich	Uvodić	Split	Klis
				Vegar	Vegar	Hercegovina	Prapatnica
				Veselich	Veselić	Konavle	Pridvorje
				Vezielich	Vezilić	Konavle	Čilipi
				Valjalo, Vialo, Wayalo	Valjalo	Konavle	Dunave
						Primorje	Orašac

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Vidak	Vidak	Konavle	Gruda
Violich	Violić	Pelješac Primorje	Kuna Osojnik
Vlahovich	Vlahović	Primorje	Šmokovljani
Vlahutin, Vlautin	Vlahutin	Konavle	Gabrile
Vlasich	Vlasič	Primorje	?
		Župa	?
Vlastelica	Vlastelica	Konavle	Ljuta
Vojvoda	Vojvoda	Konavle	Palje Brdo
Vuicich	Vuičić	Konavle	Poljice, Popovići
Vukasovich	Vukasović	Primorje	Orašac
Vukich	Vukić	Konavle	Lovorno, Komaji
Yakovovich	Jakobović	Konavle	Ljuta
Zadielovich, Zadjelovich	Zadjelović	Primorje	Orašac
Zar, Car	Car	Konavle	Zastolje
Zar	Kušelj-Car	Konavle	Mikulići
Zeco	Zeko	Bosnia	Moštar
Zglav, Sglav	(see Sglav)		
Zivac	Živac	Konavle	Dunave
Zivanovich	Đivanović	Konavle	Ljuta
Zufich	Cufić	Dubrovnik	Dubrovnik
Zupan	Župan	Konavle	Čilipi
Zvone	Zvone	Primorje	Trnova

MAPS

These maps serve two purposes:

1. To geographically explain Croatia, Dalmatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.
2. To show the villages of origin of many of the Slav immigrants to Watsonville.



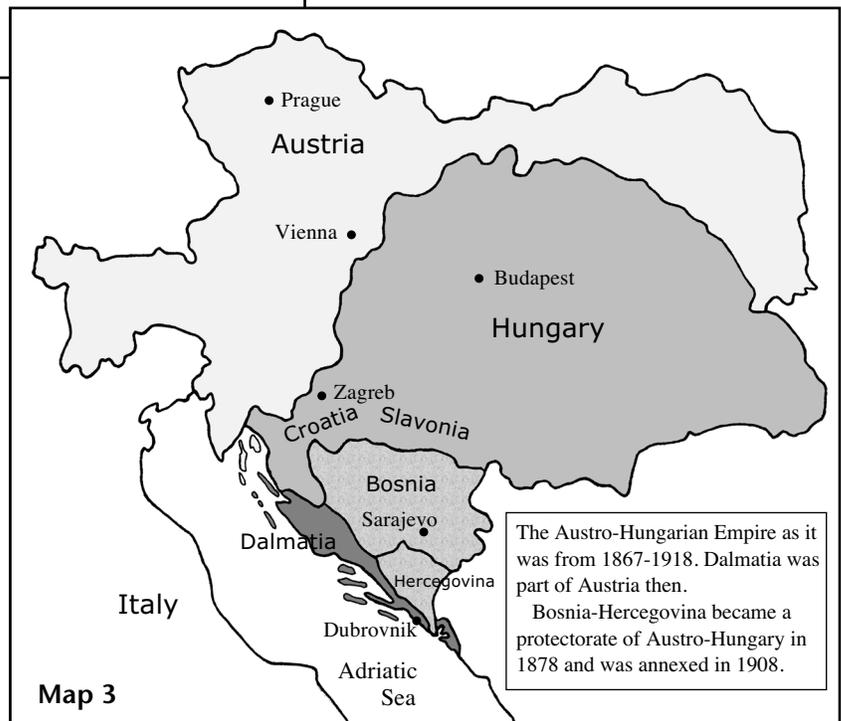
The early Slavic immigrants to Watsonville were Southern Slavs. Ethnically these tend to be either Croats or Serbs. But geographically it's not so simple. Countries called Croatia and Serbia have gone in and out of existence over the years. Regions and principalities called Croatia, Serbia and Dalmatia, parts of larger empires, have changed their borders many times over the years. Most of the early Slav immigrants to Watsonville were born in Dalmatia, which was a region within Austria at the time, but not part of the Austrian region called Croatia. Ethnically they were Croats but geographically they were not. (See Map 4.)

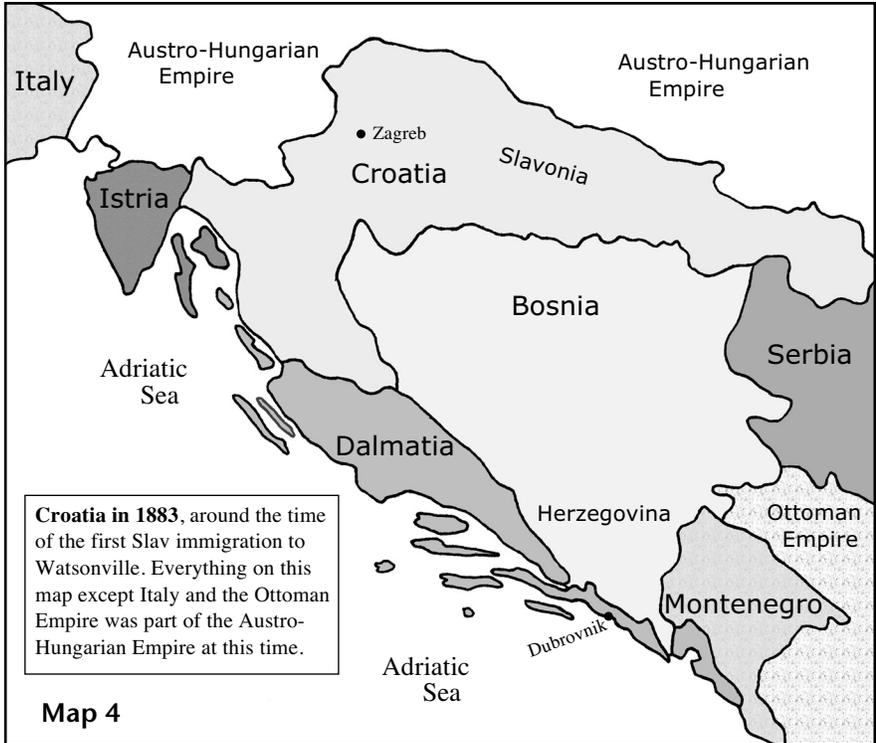
To make it more confusing most of them had to call themselves Slavonians because that was the West Coast American convention of the time. Map 5 shows that Slavonia



is a long way from Dalmatia. The immigrant Slavs all knew this, of course. But they gave in to the convention because it was too difficult to explain their way out of it using English. And for all they knew, "Slavonian," an English term, probably just mean "Slav." (In the Serbo-Croatian language Slavonians are called "Slavonci.")

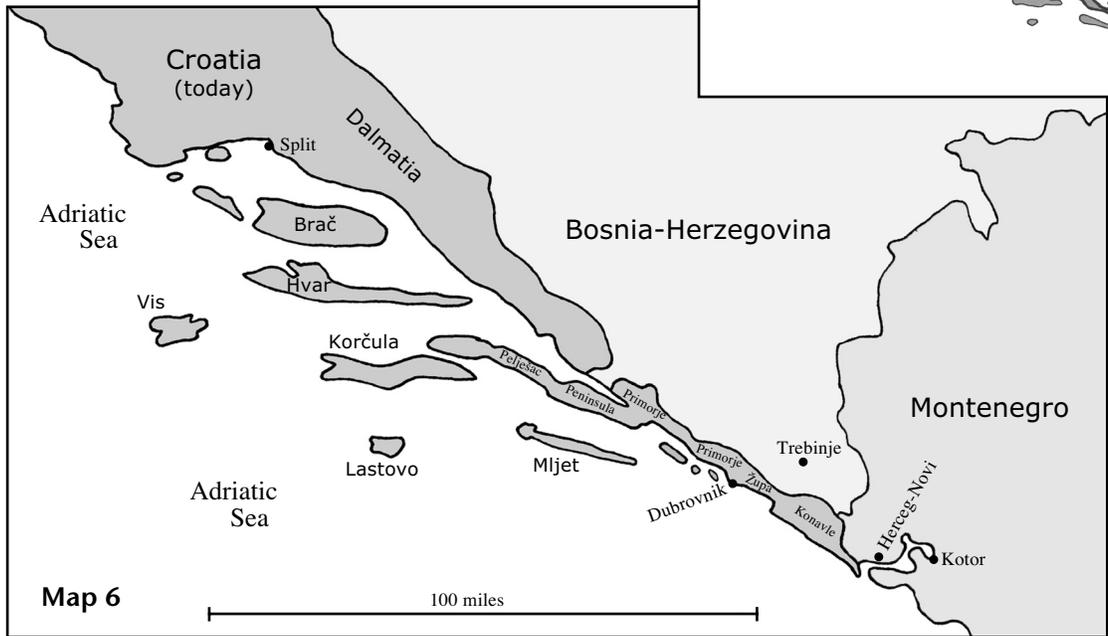
Today Dalmatia is part of the new country of Croatia. But it was not always part of Croatia even though most of its inhabitants were Croats.

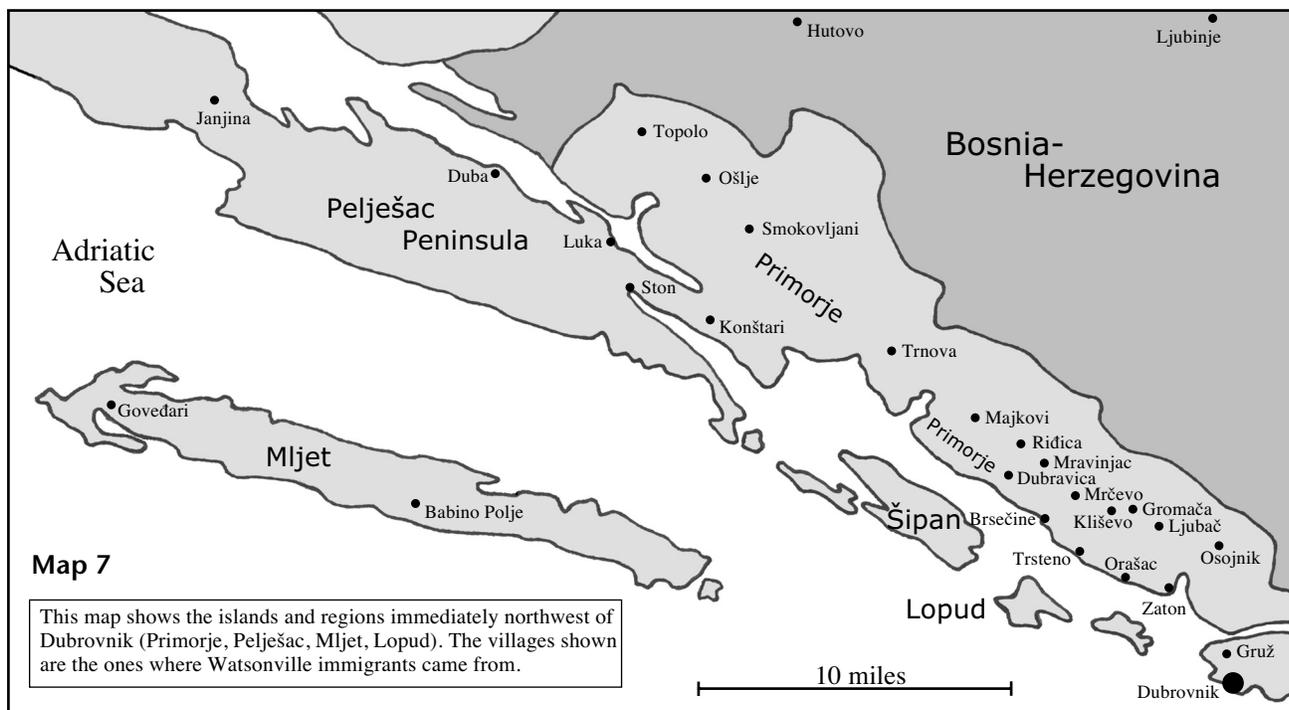


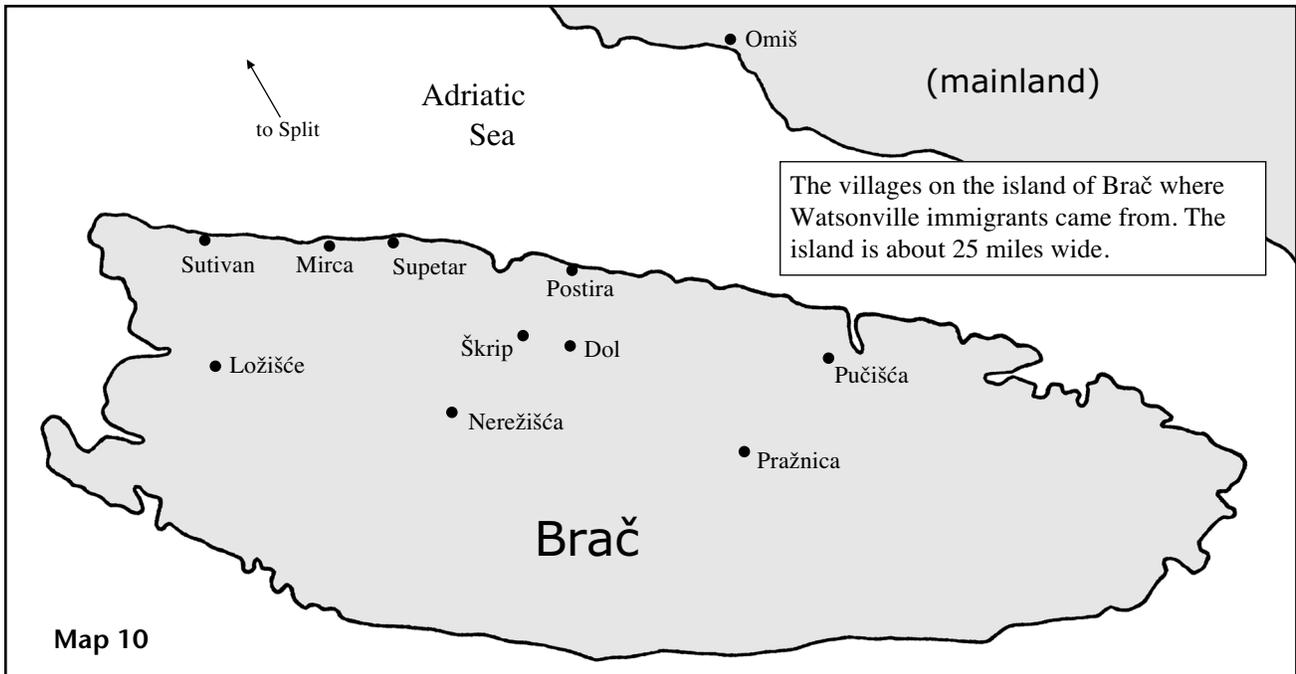


The vast majority of Slav immigrants to Watsonville (over 98%) came from the regions shown in Map 6. Some Serbs and a few Croats came from southwest Bosnia-Herzegovina. Some Serbs came from western Montenegro.

Of the Adriatic Croats, by far the largest numbers were from Konavle (Map 9). Others came from the other regions around Dubrovnik such as Župa and Ombla (Map 8), and Primorje, Pelješac and Mljet (Map 7). There was also a large influx from the island of Brač (Map 10).







APPENDIX D—

BIOGRAPHIES OF SOME EARLY PIONEERS

[* = birth; + = death; 1C1R = first cousin once removed]

Not all people that are mentioned in this book will be found in this Biography section. For more complete information and exact birthdates we suggest looking for the editor's database of the Slav immigrants to the Pajaro Valley which will eventually be located in the PVHA archive, perhaps even in book form.

Most of the people listed here were born in the old country and died in America, though some returned to Europe and died there (those are noted, when known).

Konavle was especially easy to get information on because several books have been published on the surnames of this region (see Bibliography), and because the editor was good friends with Niko Kapetanić, the co-author of the aforementioned books and the foremost Konavle genealogist in the world. Mr. Kapetanić answered many questions for us via email.

Genealogy from the rest of the area around Dubrovnik is the specialty of Nenad Vekarić, also a great genealogist, with published books on the surnames of Pelješac. His forthcoming books on the surnames of Primorje and Župa had not been published when we went to press with this book. But he answered many questions for us via email. Dr. Vekarić is the Director of the Institute for Historical Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Dubrovnik, and founder of Postgraduate doctoral study in the History of Population at the University of Dubrovnik.

The island of Brač was very difficult to research because the churches there were not forthcoming when the editor asked for help. The only exception was Fr. Kusanović at the church in Pučišća.

More research in the regions of Primorje, Župa, Pelješac and Brač will likely be done by the editor in person in the next few years. Be on the lookout for an addendum to this book, and for his database, mentioned above.

In this section most birth years of people born in the old country were taken from church records over there, especially for the people from Konavle. These birth years may differ from those as known to the families in California. Over 70% of birthdates of Slavs born in Europe before about 1890 are wrong as shown in official records (such as the Calif. Death Index), on tombstones, etc. That's because it was not a custom for these people to know their birthdays; they celebrated their "saint's days" instead, if they celebrated at all. In America they often made up a birthday for the authorities.

Alaga (orig: Alaga; vils: Bani and Mihanići, both in Konavle)

There were two Alaga families in Watsonville, from different villages in Konavle. They were not related. The Alagas from the village of Bani came to Watsonville at two different times. The first were 4 brothers and 1 sister, who arrived between 1894 and 1904. Mateo Lettunich was their uncle. Also, their 1C1R, Luka "Vuko," arrived in the late 1890s. Two brothers, John and Peter, arrived later and all Alagas in Watsonville today are derived from them.

Four Alaga brothers and one sister from Bani:

Nick (1874-1935; mar: Theresa Farlin)
Paul (1877-1957; mar: Alice Krausgrill)
Mitchell (1883-1909)
John (1885-1944; mar: Irene Catherine Burin)
Nike (1886-1974; mar: Peter Jano)

From Bani; 1C1R to the above siblings:

Luka "Vuko" Alaga (1871-1945; mar: Lucy Vlahutin)

From Bani; 2 Alaga brothers who were 2nd cousins to the 4 brothers and 1 sister, above:

John (1889-1961; mar: Mary Vlahutin)
Peter Nick (1898-1981; mar: Gizella Korotaj)

From Mihanići; 2 Alaga brothers; not related to the above:

Antone (1888-1978)
Nick John (1890-1965; returned to Konavle)

Alamat. See Lamat.

Allegretti (orig: Allegretti; vil: Uskoplje in Konavle)

John Allegretti (1859-1941; mar: Pauline Gluhan)
Children (both born in Cavtat):
Mary Allegretti (1897-1970; mar: John Zvone)
John Allegretti (1899-1974)

Arbanas/Arbanasin (orig: Arbanasin; vil: Ljuta in Konavle). Some of these branches are distantly related.

Teodor "Tomo" Tirić (orphan *1844) married Rade Arbanasin in 1869 and took her surname. They had 4 sons who immigrated to the Watsonville area:

Louis Arbanas (1872-1965; mar: Kate Secondo)
Mitchell Arbanasin (1879-1954; mar: Annie Strujich)
Eli Arbanasin (1882-1927; mar: Anna Janovich)
Vlaho "Charles" Arbanasin (1885-1960)

Paul Arbanas (1868-1927; mar: Pauline Lujak). Paul was an orphan adopted by Arbanasin.

John Arbanasin (1871-1944; mar: Kalich; mother was Arkulin)

Mitchell Arbanas (1896-1951; mar: Sarah Gomez)

Lucy Arbanasin (*ca1886; mar: Sam Margaretich)

Bachan (orig: Bačan; vil: Komaji in Konavle)

Luke George Bachan (1889-1968; mar: Teresa Larkin)

Bakich (orig: Bakić; vils: Čilipi in Konavle; Dol(?), Brač)

Eight Bakich siblings from Čilipi (their mother, Nike, was the oldest of the 8 Scurich siblings who immigrated to Watsonville; Nike immigrated in the 1920s as a widow; all her children were here):

Lucy (1888-1965; mar: Radonich)
Antone (1890-1964; mar: Lucy Skocko)
Anna (1892-1963; mar: Martin Tovaraz)
Nicolene (1893-1955; mar: Peter Chumo)
Mitchell (1895-1968; mar: Roseline Furtado)
Pauline (1898-1958; mar: Antone Resetar)
Mary (1901-1989; mar: Franusich)
Peter (1903-1981; mar: Ann Krlich)

Louis Bakich fm Čilipi (1875-1907, murdered in Watsonville; mar: Lucy Secondo)

Helen Bakich fm Brač (1901?-1975; mar: Charles Pokovich)

Marko Bakich fm Brač (1866-1943; mar: Frances Gospodnetich)

Balich (orig: Balić; vil: Lovorno in Konavle). The Balić family has died out in Lovorno.

Antun Balich (1845-1894) was in Watsonville in the early 1890s. He returned to Konavle and died there. His widow and

4 adult children immigrated to Watsonville in 1905. The oldest daughter, Anna, had immigrated earlier and married Pervetich in Lead City, SD. The mother and children were:

Nicoletta Kapetanić Balich (1850-1936)
 Anna (1871-?; died in Lead City, SD; married Pervetich)
 Andro (1875-1953; mar: Emily Rasmussen)
 Lucy (1879-1968; mar: Peter Kosovac)
 Luka (1881-1902)
 Anton (1885-1973; mar: Rhene Angot)

Balovich (orig: Baloević; vil: Dol, Brač)

Two brothers were in Watsonville (mother was Hrepić):

Nick (1852-1903; mar: Katie Vekosky)
 John (1856-1925; mar: Johanna Kiely)
 Sam, possible 3rd brother (1864- ?; mar: Lucy Hrepich)

Antoinette (1859-1940; mar: Sam Hrepich)

Banaz (orig: Banac; vil: Popovići in Konavle)

Nick N. Banaz was one of the earliest fruit brokers in Watsonville. He was a bachelor, made a lot of money in America, gave half of it to his nephew, Nick, returned to the old country in 1893, and died there in 1907. Unfortunately, his nephew lost it all and went bankrupt in 1900.

Nick N. Banaz (1844-1907)
 Nick Banaz (1868-1945; nephew)

Banicevich (orig: Baničević; vil: Smokovica, Korčula)

Nicholas Banicevich (1883-1952; mar: Katherine Katuran Strazicich; her 2nd marriage)

Banovac (orig: Banovac; vils: Mrčevo and Mravinjac, both in Primorje)

Two brothers fm Mrčevo (father: Vlaho; mother: Ivanković):
 Luke (1892-1969)
 Blas (1895-1985; mar: Anna Muhoberac)

Joseph B. fm Mrčevo (1876-1947)

Nellie B. fm Mrčevo (1881-1946; mar: Louis Lucich)

Nick B. fm Mravinjac (1877-1948)

Batinich/Battinich (orig: Batinić; vil: Kliševo in Primorje)

Uncle and niece:

Peter Battinich (1877-1961; mar: Matea Pecarevich)
 Mary Battinich (1898-1995; mar: John "Luko" Ivanovich)

George Battinich (1888-1953)

Nick Batinich (1887-1953)

Jele "Nellie" Batinich (1889-1980; mar: Steve Ivanovich)

Baule (orig: Baule; vil: Komaji in Konavle)

George Baule (1871-1947)

Maria Baule (1884-1909; mar: Antone Scurich)

Bilicich (orig: Biličić; fm island of Vis)

Luka Bilicich (1883-1953; mar: Frances Chargin [Kirigin])

Biskup (orig: Biskup; vil: Gornji Majkovi in Primorje)

Two brothers; their mother was Ivanović:

John (1880-1948)
 Louis (1887-1943)

Borina (orig: Borina; vil: Osojnik in Primorje)

Four siblings:

Nick (1889-1949; mar: Lucy Secondo)
 Martin (1894-1968; mar: Stane Sapro)
 Mary (1897-1991; mar: John Violich)
 Nikolina (1900-1974; mar: Peter Rajkovich)

Brailo (orig: Brailo; vil: Močići in Konavle)

Three sisters:

Mary (1887-1977; mar: Peter Scurich)
 Lucy (1893-1979; mar: Martin Franich)
 Nike "Nicolina" (1898-1960; mar: Mitchell Marinovich)

Braycovich/Brajkovich (orig: Brajković; vil: Zastolje)

John P. Braycovich (1883-1954; mar: Lucy Čumo)
 John brought his half-brother's 3 children to Watsonville when they were orphaned in 1915 in Konavle; he raised them and had no children of his own. They were:
 Peter (1908-1981; mar: Juliana Gurash)
 George (1909-1995; mar: Clementine Kusanovich)
 Mary Ann (1911-1982; mar: Peter Kulish)

Three siblings:

Louis Brajkovich (1880-1937; returned and died in Konavle)
 Stella Brajkovich (1882-1971; mar: John Stetta)
 Antone Brajkovich (1883-1974; returned; died in Dubrovnik)

Buak (orig: Bujak; vil: Orašac in Primorje)

Nick Buak (1865-?; died in San Jose between 1902 and 1905)
 His children, all born in San Jose: (their mother, Anna Dogo Buak, as a widow married Antone Novacovich in 1906; Anna died in 1908 and the Buak children were raised by Antone):

William (1893-1985; mar: Minnie Richman)
 John (1895-1965; mar: Lilian Silva)
 Kathryn (1902-1996; mar: Martin Rozich)

Butier (orig: Butijer; vils: Drvenik, Cavtat; all below were born in Drvenik except Lucy)

Michael P. Butier (1879-1971; mother: Letunić; mar: Catherine Miloslavich, widow of P.N. Lettunich).

Michael P. was related to Matiasovich, Radin and Miljas. He was IC1R to Mateo Lettunich, 1st cousin to the 3 Lettunich brothers (M.N., P.N. and E.B).

Two brothers (1st cousins to Michael P.):

Mitchell Butier (1882-1952)
 Nick Butier (1895-1973; mar: Catherine Lettunich)

Two brothers (father: Pero; distantly related to above):

Paul (1883)
 George (1889)

Lucy Butier fm Cavtat (1873-1934; mar: Martin Kulich; her father, Pavo, was born in Drvenik; she is 1st cousin to Paul and George)

Martin J. Butler (not Butier; he changed his name) (1894-1963; IC1R to Paul, George and Lucy)

Capitanich (orig: Kapetanić; vil: Lovorno in Konavle)

Two brothers:

John P. Capitanich (1875-1917; mar: Helen Vuicich)
 Peter P. Capitanich (1879-1929; mar: Isabelle Silva, Clara Larkin)

Božo "Ed" Capitanich (1878-1951; an orphan adopted into the Kapetanić family; mar: Mary Begovich)

Martin J. Capitanich (1887-1942; an orphan adopted into the Kapetanich family; mar: Lucy Germolis, Pauline Lamat)

Castrapelli/Castropelli (orig: Kastrapeli; vil: Trsteno, Primorje)
Two brothers:

John Castrapelli (1857-1912)
George N. Castropelli (1863-1928; mar: Lucy Dragich)

Chukovich (orig: prob. Čuković; prob. fm Herzegovina)
Rado Chukovich (1883-1935; mar: Lovina Huntsman)

Cikuth (orig: Cikut; vil: Mihanići in Konavle)
Two 1st cousins from this family were in Watsonville:
Luke P. (1873-1970; mar: Kate Scurich)
Božo “Edward” (1879-1954; mar: Stella Lamat)

Copriviza/Kopriviza (orig: Koprivica; vils: Radovčići, Gruda)
The Coprivizas in Watsonville came from two villages in Konavle. They were distantly related.
John Copriviza (Gruda; 1846-1920). He and his family left Watsonville in 1895 and moved to San Francisco. His daughter, Annie (ca1885-1934), was the first Slav child mentioned in the public school announcements in the paper.

Siblings fm Radovčići:
Mary Copriviza (1869-1951; mar: Martin Gera)
George Copriviza (1871-1939; mar: Annie Veseličić)

Siblings fm Radovčići:
Mary Kopriviza (1881-1977; mar: George Novacovich and Lucian Lettis)
Božo “Ned” Kopriviza (1888-1978; returned to Konavle and died there)

Nick Kopriviza (Radovčići; 1883-1968)

John E. Copriviza (1890-1962; mar: Katherine Urlin). An orphan born in Dubrovnik and raised by the Koprivica family in Gruda.

Dubreta/Dubretta (orig: Dubreta; vil: Dunave in Konavle)
Antone Dubreta (1867-1938; an orphan raised in the Dubreta house; mar: Kate Živac)

John Dubreta (1887-1925; returned to Dunave; died there)

Farlin (orig: Frlan, Frlen; vil: not known, prob. near Rijeka)
Louis Farlin and his wife Teresa Kinkela were both from around Rijeka somewhere. We haven’t been able to track it down closer than that. Louis was a “boatman” in the Eureka/Arcata region of California. Between 1875 and 1890 they had 6 children, and then Louis died in 1891. The oldest daughter, Rose, married Mateo Lettunich in 1894 in Eureka. Mateo built 2 houses next to each other on Maple Ave. in Watsonville (see Fig. 1-27)—one for he and his wife, and the other for his widowed mother-in-law (Teresa Farlin) and her children, who all moved to Watsonville around 1898. Rose died of TB in 1900 and then the Farlin family all moved in with Mateo and the other house was rented out. The youngest, Anna, went on to become the secretary of the Apple Annual and Watsonville Chamber of Commerce. She married Otto Stoesser in 1915.

Louis (ca1836-1891). Wife: Teresa Kinkela (1856-1929)

Children:
Rose (1875-1900; mar: Mateo Lettunich)
Mae (1876-1962; didn’t marry)
Theresa (1878-1977; mar: Nick Alaga)

Frank (1882-1955; twin; mar: Rose Westphal)
Louis (1882-1937; twin; mar: Mary Ellen Hatch)
Anna (1890-1979; mar: Otto D. Stoesser)

Franich (orig: Franić; vil: Čilipi in Konavle)
The two Franich brothers, John and Martin, immigrated in 1901 and 1903 respectively; their sister, Pauline, in 1906. The Franić family in Čilipi has died out.
John (1885-1944; mar: Lucy Scurich)
Martin (1887-1972; mar: Lucy Brailo)
Pauline (1879-1960; mar: Edward Boskovich)

Gera (orig: Gera; vil: Gromača in Primorje)
Two brothers:
Martin Gera (1872-1945; mar: Mary Copriviza)
Peter Gera (1882-1943)

Glage/Glege/Glech/Gleg/Gledg/etc. (orig: Gled; vils: Gunjina in Konavle [part of Vodovađa]; Šumet in Ombla. Gled rhymes with “edge”; Glage rhymes with “page.”)

Two brothers, prob. fm Šumet:
Michael Glage (ca1866-1925; mar: Stepanovich; father of Mike, George, Mary, Anna and Louise; Anna mar. Bishop; Louise mar. Skocko)
John Glage (1868-1944)

Michael G. Glage (1894-1938; prob. fm Šumet)

John Mitchell Glage (1892-1958; origins not known)

Ivan Gledj (ca1858-1922; origins not known)

Three first cousins fm Gunjina:
John Peter Glage (1888-1947; mother: Alaga; mar. Germolis)
Andrew N. Glage (1873-1924)
Peter J. Glage (ca1888-1938; prob. raised in Gunjina; maybe an orphan)

Glavich (orig: Glavić; vil: Gruda in Konavle)
Mark Glavich (1852-1940)
Mark’s 3 nieces (sisters):
Lucy Glavich (1880-1969; mar: Mike Ceo)
Pauline Glavich (1881-1971; mar: Antone Stolic)
Marie Glavich (1884-1984; mar: Blas Pista)

Siblings:
Luke Glavich (1893-1948)
Lucy Glavich (1895-1965; mar: Mike Chetkovich, John Pusich)

Grassi (orig: Grassi; fm Dubrovnik and Lopud)
Joe Grassi (1890-1967; mar: Mary Labaš)

Gluhan (orig: Gluhan; vil: Uskoplje in Konavle)
There were 2 Gluhan families in Watsonville, both from the same village. It is not known how they are related to each other, if at all.

Siblings:
Katie (1869-1944; mar: John Miljanich)
Antone (1871-1953; mar: Anna Scurich)
Pauline (1874-1947; mar: John Allegretti)
Božo “Ned” (1881-1924; mar: Helen “Nellie” Nirich)

Sisters:
Lucy (1887-1961; mar: Perovich)
Annie (1893-1912)

Gospodnetich (orig: Gospodnetić; vil: Dol, Brač)

There are many branches of this family, each with its own clan name. When known, these are given, below, in parentheses.

The children of this family, below, came over at various times before 1908. The parents immigrated in 1911 in their retirement. The father died only 3 years after he came here.

Jerry (clan name: Kozle)(1842-1914)

Wife: Tomasina Gutunich (1850-1936)

Children: Katie (1876-1959; mar: John Hrepich); Antone (1881-1939; mar: Katie Novakovich); Marija (1882-1961; mar: Frank Hrepich); Joseph (1884-1945; mar: Lucy Hrepich); John (1889-1952; mar: Antoinette Slavich).

Two brothers (clan name: Rušo):

Martin (ca1862-1918)

Kosmos (1871-1958)

John G. (Rušo) (1895-1955; mar: Josephine Domich; nephew of Kosmos)

John P. (Rušo) (ca1862-1902; mar: Anna Feri)

Louise (Zalonović) (1894-1990; mar: Antun Matulich)

Jerry (1891-1941; mar: Maria Novakovich)

Frances (Pinka) (1891-1971; mar: Marko Bakich)

Grizich (orig: Grizić; vil: Močići in Konavle)

1st cousins:

Paul Grizich (1861; +1905 Fresno; suicide)

Son: Stephen (1888; +1962 Watsonville)

Mato "Matthew" Grizich (1869-1919; mar: Stane Zar)

Gurash (orig: Đuraš; vil: Dubravka [Mrcine] and Popovići)

Antone Gurash (1878-1937; mar: Mabel Germolis; he was an orphan raised in the house of Niko Đuraš in Mrcine)

Two brothers from Popovići:

Peter N. Gurash (1872-1929; wife: Anna Stolich)

Nick N. Gurash (1878-1936)

Hidza/Iggia/Eggea/etc. (orig: Hidža; vil: Komaji in Konavle)

John Iggia (1866-1911; mar: Mary Veseličić)

John's 3 nieces (sisters):

Ellen (1883-1911; mar: Peter Stolich)

Lucy (1886-1965; mar: Michael Resetar)

Mary (1896-1971; mar: Mitchell Resetar)

Hrepich (orig: Hrepić; vil: Dol, Brač)

Vincent "William" (1837-1927; mar: Ana Dragičević; came to this country as a widower to follow his children, all of whom were born in Dol)

Children: John (1875-1932; mar: Kate Gospodnetich); Mary (1879-1966; mar: Sam Hrepich); George (1885-1923; mar: Amelia Nicolai); Lucy (1888-1987; mar: Joseph Gospodnetich)

Sam J. (1876-1956; mar: Mary Hrepich)

Kate (1885-1941; mar: Jack Matulich)

Sam P. (1863-1941; mar: Antoinette Balovich)

Dau: Lucy (1891-1926; mar: Jasper Simunovich)

Frank (1870-1949; mar: Marija Gospodnetich)

Lucy (ca1863- ?; mar: Sam Balovich)

Peter (1874-1908)

George J. (1878-1920)

Ivanovich (orig: Ivanović; vil: Ridica in Primorje)

Louis John Ivanovich (1888-1986; mar: Klare Ivancovich)

John Louis "Luko" Ivanovich (1892-1929; mar: Mary Bat-tinich)

Jagich (orig: Jagić; vil: Mrcine in Konavle)

John Jagich (1885-1958; mar: Stella Obad)

Jano/Giano (orig: Đano; vil: Dubravka in Konavle)

Peter Jano (1880-1979; mar: Nike Alaga)

Antone Giano (1866-1934; an orphan born Antonio Abramović in Dubrovnik; raised in the Đano family)

Jerinich (orig: Jerinić; vil: Radovčići in Konavle)

Anton Jerinich (1864-1914; mar: Nike Đurin)

Daughter:

Marie Jerinich (1897-1982; born in SD; mar: Louis Secondo)

Antone Jerinich (1881-1945; mar: Mary Arkulin)

Kalich (orig: Kalačić; vil: Čilipi)

One brother and 2 sisters (mother was Bačan):

Mary (1880-1928; mar: Antone Novacovich)

Mitchell L. (1884-1938; mar: Rose Biele)

Lucy (1885-1914; mar: John Arbanasin)

Four brothers (mother was Letunić):

Luka (1854- ?; father of the 3 above; did not immigrate)

Peter (1859-1942)

Mitchell P. (1868-1912)

Božo "Joseph" (1875-1967)

Katuran (orig: Katuran; from the island of Vis)

Siblings:

John Katuran (1866-1905)

Katherine Katuran (1878-1963; mar: Steve Strazicich, Nick Banicevich)

Kesovia/Maleta (orig: Kesovija-Maleta; vil: Lovorno; family nickname was Maleta)

Four siblings:

John Kesovia (1883-1952)

Nick Maleta (1885-1972; mar: Anna Kovacich)

Pauline Kesovia (1887- ?)

Vido Kesovia (1896-1962; mar: Pauline Cupich; he was an orphan raised in this family)

Peter Kesovia (1864-1939)

Kissich (orig: Kišić; vil: Buići in Župa)

Anton Kissich (1885-1953; mar: Eleanor Balovich)

Korach (orig: Korać; vil: Gruda)

Four siblings:

Pauline (1889-1955; mar: Pasco Bubich)

Kate (1890-1971; mar: Marko Mekis)

Andro (1892-1985; return to Konavle; mar: Kate Mihatović)

Nick (1896-1995; mar: Ella Oreb)

Knego (orig: Knego; vil: Brgat in Župa)

Two Knego brothers, both named Steve, came to Watson-

ville in the early to mid-1890s. Their brothers, Peter and John, came a little later. Other Knegos also came. We are not sure exactly how these others are related.

Four brothers:

Steve P. (1867-1927; mar: Mary Kordić)
 Stephen (1873-1968)
 Peter P. (1884-1953; mar: Kate Kordić)
 John (1887-1907)

Siblings (the mother of these 4, below, was related to Basich):

Kate (1882-1941; mar. John Mataich)
 Peter V. (1884-1968)
 Mary (1887-1968)
 Mitchell V. (1894-1978)

Antone (1884-1918)

Robert (Božo) (1892-1964)

Konsuo (orig: Konsuo; vils: Topolo and Dubrovnik)

Two sisters born in Dubrovnik married 2 brothers (their father, Nikola, was born in Topolo and moved to Dubrovnik. In Dubrovnik he often went by Glumašić, which was the family's nickname; his daughter Anna's birth record is under Glumašić):

Mary Konsuo (1864-1907; mar: George Strazicich)
 Anna Konsuo (1873-1907; mar: Andrew Strazicich)

Siblings:

Anna Konsuo (1880-1973; mar: Steve Pavlovich; was prob. born in Topolo but not proven; her father's name was prob. Antun; there was an Antun Konsuo born in Topolo in 1849 but no record of a daughter Ana)

John O. Konsuo (1881-1972)

The relationship between the above two Konsuo families is probable but not proven.

Kopriviza/Koprivica. See Copriviza.

Kosovac (orig: Kosovac; vil: Kuna in Konavle). The Kosovac family has died out in Konavle.

Two half-brothers were in Watsonville:

Peter (1873-1956; mar: Lucy Balich)
 Edward (1894-1961; mar: Catherine Marinovich)

Kralj (orig: Kralj; vils: Dunave, Gabrile, Pridvorje and Čilipi)

Vlaho "Charlie" Kralj (Dunave; 1895-1997; mar: Anna Alaga)

Three brothers fm Gabrile:

Antone (1868-1945)
 John (1872-1964; mar: Katie Katusich)
 Martin (1879-1917)

John Steve Kralj (Pridvorje; 1890- ?)

George Kralj (Čilipi; 1890-1958)

Nick Kralj (ca1891-1929; prob. born in Herzegovina)

Kulich (orig: Kulić; vil: Razvode, Knin)

Martin Kulich (1867-1952; mar: Lucy Butier)

Kusanovich (orig: Kusanović; vil: Pražnice, Brač)

Two brothers (clan: Selačić):

Frank (1878-1964; mar: Domina Buvnich)
 George (1884-1970; mar: Lucy Mihovilovich)

Lamat/Alamat/Lamont (orig: Alamat; vil: Zastolje, Konavle)

Ivo Alamat (1858-1907) was born to Niko and Stane Alamat. Niko was an orphan born in Kotor, Montenegro, with the name of Niko Beran and adopted into the house of Alamat. Niko's adoptive-father was also an orphan, Antun (surname not known), who married Pave Alamat, a widow in the house of Alamat. Pave's maiden name was Martinović. And so none of these Alamats carried the blood line of Alamat; instead they inherited the surname of the house. Ivo travelled a lot. He married his wife, Elizabeth Ludwig, in 1886, either in New Jersey or California (sources vary); his oldest dau. Stella was born in Plymouth, Calif., in 1887; his oldest son, John, was born in S. Dakota in 1890; his next dau. was born in S. Dakota in 1894 but died 2 years later in Zastolje. And his last 4 children were born in Zastolje. Ivo died in Zastolje in 1907. His wife returned to the States in 1920 with her 3 youngest children. The other children had already immigrated.

Ivo Alamat (1858-1907; mar: Elizabeth Ludwig)

Children (all went by Lamat):

Stella (1887-1946; mar: Ed Cikuth)
 John (1890-1940)
 Kate (1894-1896)
 Pauline (1896-1972; mar: Martin Capitanich)
 Lucy (1900-1978; mar: John Bragulin)
 Niko (1902-1924)
 Bob (born Antun-Božo, 1905-1984)

Three siblings fm Zastolje, not related to above:

John Lamat (1877-1917; died in Colfax; buried in Wats.)
 Annie Lamat (1880-1938; mar: Andrew Zar)
 Nick Lamont (1882-1925; returned to Konavle; died there)

Lasich (orig: Lasić; vil: Dunave in Konavle)

Peter Lasich (1869-1943; mar: Luce Lazarevich)

Vlaho Lasich (1893-1918)

Lettis (orig: Letis; vil: Herceg Novi, Montenegro)

Lucian Lettis (1880-1968; mar: Mary Copriviza Novacovich; her 2nd marriage)

Lettunich (orig: Letunić. vil: Mihanići in Konavle)

Over the years 15 Lettuniches immigrated to Watsonville from the old country. They all came from the same village and all are related, though two of the branches were last related back in the early 1700s. In 1864 the original Letunić house was divided for the first time. Until that date they all lived under the same roof. The 1831 census in Konavle shows 26 Letunićes living in the same house, not counting children.

The first Lettunich in Watsonville was M.N. who arrived around 1886. Next was Mateo who first arrived in the early 1890s (nickname: Batara). Below are the 3 branches:

1st Lettunich branch:

Mateo "Batara" (1857-1938; mar: Rose Farlin)

Four brothers (1C1R to Mateo):

M.N. (1864-1955; mar: Grace Mengola)
 Peter N. (1873-1904; mar: Catherine Miloslavich)
 John B. (1874- ?; maybe a foster brother)
 Edward B. (1880-1919; mar: Stella Milcovich)

Three brothers (1C1R to Mateo; 1st cousins to the 4 bros. above; 2nd cousins to the 3 bros. below):

Martin J. (1883-1968; mar: Lucille Lettunich)
 Cvijeto "Chester" (1884-1911; mar: May Milcovich)
 Peter (1891-1933). Returned to Konavle; died there.

Three brothers (nephews of Mateo):

Nick V. (1881-1946)
Thomas V. (1884-1955; mar: Martha Reed)
Mitchel B. (1892-1974; mar: Lucy Kulich)

2nd Lettunich branch:

Two brothers:

Antone B. (1874-1948; mar: Amelia Zarick)
Peter John (1882-1953)

Peter Edward (1911-1969; mar: Anna Butier; nephew of the two brothers, above)

3rd Lettunich branch:

Nicholas John (1911-1982)

Lister (orig: Listar; vil: Ozalj, near Karlovac)

Vido Lister (1878-1940; mar: Vica "Louise" Zadjelovich)

Lucich (orig: Lučić; vils: Brotnice in Konavle; Mrčevo in Primorje; Martinovići in Župa)

Two brothers from Mrčevo, maybe 3; family nickname: Čago:

Louis L. Lucich (1882-1945; mar: Nellie Banovac)
Nick (1886-1937; mar: Stella Raicevich)
Vlaho Lucich (ca1873-1905; possibly bro. to above)

Peter P. Lucich (1881-1960; also Čago; not sure of relationship to above)

Two brothers from Mrčevo:

Nicholas J. Lucich (1889-1939; mar: Marija Seko)
John J. Lucich (1891-1975; mar: Anna Banovac)

Mary Lucich fm Mrčevo (1883-1951; mar: Andrew Gulierovich; family nickname: Bekina)

Charles Lucich fm Martinovići in Župa (1889-1956)

Two brothers from Brotnice in Konavle:

Anton Lucich (1876-1949; mar: Anna Arkulin)
Peter (1887-1958; mar: Pauline Kušelj-Car [Zar])

Martin Lucich (ca1868-1923; origins unknown)

Lukrich (orig: Mihovilović-Lukrić; vil: Pražnica, Brač; Lukrić is the clan nickname for this Mihovilović family)

Two half-brothers:

Antone Lukrich (1872-1939)
John Lukrich (1894-1979; mar: Mary Klobucar)

Maleta. See Kesovia.

Marinovich (orig: Marinović; vils: Pridvorje, Mikulići)

Three branches of Marinovich from Pridvorje were in Watsonville—distantly related:

Filip P. (1864-1938; mar: Nike Pulisevich). Filip was the uncle of George and John Pekoč, and 1st cousin with John Miovich. He was also the uncle of:

Peter N. Marinovich (1890-1912)

Two half-brothers fm Pridvorje:

Mitchell Nick (1890-1935; mar: Nike Brailo)
Mike (1892-1962)

Siblings fm Pridvorje:

Jack G. (1889-1967; mar: Ida Littlejohn)
Katherine (1891-1982; mar: Božo "Edward" Kosovac)

Helen Marinovich fm Mikulići (1893-1966; mar: Gozdenica)

Matiasевич (orig: Matijašević; vil: Popovići)

Four siblings:

Ana (1880-1974; mar: Mato Saulovich)
Nicholas (1882-1920; mar: Lucy Vukich)
Louis (1885-1960; mar: Mary Scheck)
Peter (1895-1976; mar: Estelle Cushey [Kušelj])

Matson/Matzon/Mazan (orig: Macan; vil: Gruda in Konavle)

Marko "Mike" Matson (1861-1932; mar: Anna Germolis, Anna Cucalo)

Matulich (orig: Matulić; vil: Dol, Brač)

Two brothers:

Anton V. Matulich (1881-1958; family nickname: Pavlić; mar: Vica "Louise" Gospodnetich)
Martin Matulich (1876-1965)

Frank R. Matulich (1879-1955; mar: Elena Jaksich and Madeline Jaksich, 2 sisters)

Jack Matulich (1878-1916; mar: Kate Hrepich)

Nicholas A. Matulich (1883-1957; mar: Frances Salamunovich)

Dominik Matulich (1889-1979; mar: Flossie)

Mark Paul Matulich (1890-1979; mar: Margaret Gospodnetich)

Paul Dominic Matulich (1881-1959; mar: Domina Berticevich)

Mekis (orig: Mekiš; vil: Poljice in Konavle)

Marko Mekis (1882-1961; mar: Kate Korać)

Mengol/Mengola (orig: Mengol or Mengola; island of Hvar, village not known; Cavtat in Konavle)

Siblings fm Hvar (father: Prosper):

Peter Mengol (1869-1936; mar: Edna Sanders)
Lucretia "Grace" Mengola (1870-1965; mar: M.N. Lettunich). It is not known why one went by Mengol and the other Mengola.

Oliva "Olga" Mengola (Cavtat; 1897-1974; mar: Saulovich)

Mihovilovich. See Lukrich.

Miladin/Milladin (orig: Miladin; vils: Brotnice, Bani)

Two brothers fm Brotnice:

Paul Peter (1877-1967)
Martin P. (1881-1976)

Two half-brothers, from Brotnice; their mothers were sisters; they are 1st cousins with the 2 brothers, above:

Peter (1873-1912). Lived in NY for 22 years. Died in Wats.
Paul George (1885-1967).

Nephew of the above half-brothers, from Uskoplje:

Mark "Mike" (1888-1982). Mark's father, Pavo, was full brother with Peter (*1873) and half-bro. with Paul (*1885). Pavo moved to his wife's house in Uskoplje. That's why Mark was born in Uskoplje instead of Brotnice.

Not related to above, from Bani. Returned to Konavle.

Ivo (1885-1941)

Milanovich (orig: Milanović; vil: Brsečine in Primorje)

Siblings:

Mary Milanovich (1862-1917; mar: Charles Smith; mother of George W. Smith)

Chris Milanovich (ca1871-1916)

Milcovich (orig: Milković; vil: Mrcine in Konavle)

Two brothers:

Rafael Milcovich (1861-1941; mar: Mary Marnich)

Martin L. Milcovich (1869-1937; mar: Emily Hoffman)

Anna Milcovich (1886-1945; mar: Jack N. Moncovich)

Miljanich (orig: Miljanić; vil: Uskoplje in Konavle)

John Miljanich (1866-1948; mar: Katie Gluhan). He was probably an orphan; no record of him can be found in Konavle.

Uncle and niece:

George Miljanich (1884-1953; mar: Marija Sambrailo, Nike Dalmatin)

Mary “Sele” Miljanich (1899-1998; mar: John Gurovich)

Miljas/Milias (orig: Miljas; vil: Mihanići in Konavle)

Anna Miljas (1897-1984; mar: Vukasovich and Madonich)

Kate Miljas (1856-1940; mar: Miho Radin; mother: Butijer)

Bozo M. “Ed” Miljas (1877-1965; mar: Katherine Stolich)

Paula Miljas (1884- ?; mar: Nick Sresovich)

Kate Miljas (1890-1915; origins unknown)

Mioceovich (orig: Mihočević; vil: Pridvorje in Konavle)

Antone Mioceovich (1848-1931) was an orphan born in Dubrovnik and baptized Antun Arnulić. He was raised by the Mihočević family of Pridvorje. He was one of the first Croats in Watsonville—before Scurich or Lettunich.

Miovich (orig: Mijović; vil: Mihanići in Konavle)

John P. Miovich (1866- ?; mar: Zadjelovich fm Orašac; 2nd wife was Curić). He returned to Dubrovnik in 1908 after many years of successful business in Watsonville as a fruit broker. First cousin to Filip Marinovich; grew up in small hamlet in Mihanići called Nosanovići—same hamlet as Luke Cikuth.

Moncovich/Monkovich (orig: Monković; vil: Ljuta in Konavle)

Three brothers:

Paul Monkovich (1880-1903; returned to Ljuta; died there)

Nickolas Monkovich (1883-1927; returned to Ljuta; died there)

George Monkovich (1890-1967; mar: Jele “Nellie” Senjo)

Four brothers:

Jack N. Moncovich (ca1878-1938; an orphan raised in Monković family; mar: Anna Milcovich)

Mitchell Peter Moncovich (1882-1971)

John P. Moncovich (1884-1920)

Peter P. Moncovich (1886-1913)

Brother and step-sister:

John Moncovich (1881-1960; returned to Ljuta; died there)

Anna Monkovich (1887-1975; possibly an orphan raised in the Monković house; mar: Steve Cupich)

Mortizia (orig: Mortizija; vil: Ljuta in Konavle)

There were 2 Mortizias in Watsonville, both named Nick; they were 1st cousins.

Nick G. (1872-1953; mar: Celeste Zanelli)

Nick N. (1873-1945; mar: Helen Sambrailo)

Nirich/Nerich (orig: Njirić; vils: Zaton in Primorje; Ljuta in Konavle; Škrip on Brač)

Two brothers fm Zaton:

Paul P. Nirich (1855-1936; mar: Lucy Miloš)

Vicko “William” Nirich/Nerich (1863-1898)

Domenica “Minnie” Nirich (Škrip, Brač; 1870-1925; mar: Mike Salamunovich)

Vlaho “Charles” Nirich/Nerich (Ljuta; 1887-1943)

Novakovich/Novacovich (orig: Novaković; vils: Čilipi in Konavle; Dol, Brač)

Two brothers fm Čilipi:

Antone (1863-1926; mar: Anna Dogo, Mary Kalich)

George (1874-1912; mar: Mary Copriviza)

Nephew of Antone and George:

John (1888-1917; mar: Mary Šemeš)

Siblings from Dol, Brač:

Madeline (1884-1951; mar: Nick Vlahovich)

Katie (1888-1963; mar: Gospodnetich, Lazaneo, Diklich)

Peter (1892-1948; mar: Domina Chargin)

Maria (1901-1978; mar: Gospodnetich, Gutunich)

Novcich (orig: Novčić; vil: Zrvanj, Hercegovina)

Jakov “Jack” Novcich (1888-1991)

Opusich (orig: Opušić; vils: Popovići and Gruž)

Luke Opusich (no years available). The newspaper in 1894 called him “one of the oldest fruit packers in this section” when it announced his departure to Austria. He came back in 1895 but returned for good in 1899. Nothing more is known of him. The paper announced that his brother, Rafaele, died at his (Luke’s) house in Watsonville in 1898. But although Rafaele’s information can be found, there are no church records for Luke.

Rafaele Opusich (1845-1898). An orphan raised in the Opušić house in Popovići.

John Opusich (Popovići; 1848-1908)

Vido Opusich (Gruž; 1880-1939). He spent 9 years in San Quentin for 2nd degree murder. Was a sergeant in Company L during WWI. His grandmother was born in Popovići. She married an orphan in Gruž and their children had her surname.

One of the oldest fruit packing companies in Watsonville was called Gravosa Fruit Co. Gravosa is the old name for Gruž. Because of this association it is likely that one or more of the Opusiches started that company.

Papac (orig: Papac; vils: various)

Three brothers fm Glumina, Hercegovina:

John Papac (1891-1966; mar: Katherine Vlahovich)

Dates and information on the other brothers, George and Martin, is uncertain.

Vido “William” Papac, origins unknown (1891-1947; mar: Anna Ogresta)

Nicholas Papac, origins unknown (1888-1956; mar: Louise Nirich)

Pavlovich (orig: Pavlović; vil: Ston, Pelješac)

Two brothers:

Steve (1880-1950; mar: Anna Konsuo)
Joseph J. (1889-1923)

Pekoch (orig: Pekoč; vil: Pridvorje in Konavle)

Two brothers (nephews of F.P. Marinovich):

George Pekoch (1889-1951; mar: Marie Bachan)
John Pekoch (1898-1969)

Stephen Pekoch (1860-1918; an orphan raised in the Pekoč house; mar: Anna Tomaš)

John Pekoch (1882-1957; an orphan raised in the Pekoč house; mar: Frances Dežulović)

Perovich (orig: Perović; vil: Dubravka [Mrcine] in Konavle)
Mitchell Perovich (1874-1944; mar: Lucy Gluhan)

Pista (orig: Pišta; vil: Ljuta in Konavle)

There were 3 Pista brothers and one sister who immigrated to Watsonville. They were 1C1R with Mateo Lettunich.

Vlaho "Blas" (1874-1961; mar: Maria Glavich)
John (1876-1970; returned to Konavle; died there)
Mitchell (1885-1965; mar: Katherine Knego)
Kate (1888-1967; mar: Antone Viscovich)

Pokovich (orig: Poković; vil: Lovorno in Konavle). The Poković family in Lovorno has died out.

Vlaho "Charles" Pokovich (1880-1938; mar: Helen Bakich)

Puhiera (orig: Puhiera; vil: Dubravica in Primorje)

Vlaho "Blas" Puhiera (1858-1909; mar: Mary Liban). In 1883 he immigrated to America on the same ship as Luke Scurich. He also traveled with Luke in 1901 when they both returned to Austria for the first time since 1883.

Pulich (orig: Pulić; vil: Mrcine in Konavle)

Luke Pulich (1866-1949; mar: Annie Guljelmovich)

George Pulich, born in Plymouth, Calif. (1886-1952; mar: Helen Leddy)

Pulisevich (orig: Puljzević; vil: Zaton in Primorje)

Vicko "Vic" Pulisevich (ca1842-1898; mar: Anna Zložilo)

Children: Nick (1863-1947); George (1867- ?); Nike (1871-1945; mar: Filip Marinovich); William (1874-1956); Anna (no years available; mar: Pecharevich).

Rabasa (orig: Rabasa; vil: Janjina, Pelješac peninsula)

Marco Rabasa (1827-1900) was in California in 1851. He was a charter member of the Slavonian Benevolent Society of San Francisco and lived mostly in San Jose. He lived in Watsonville for a few years in the mid-1890s, and is credited with being the pioneer apple buyer in the Pajaro Valley.

Radovich (orig: Radović; vil: Čilipi)

Baldo "Barney" Radovich (1892-1970; nephew of the 8 Scurich siblings; mar: Kathryn Dubreta)

Resetar (orig: Rešetar; vil: Čilipi)

Three branches of Resetars were in Watsonville.

Four brothers:

Anton (1885-1971; mar: Pauline Bakich)
Michael (1887-1970; mar: Lucy Hidza)
Mitchell (1889-1967; mar: Mary Hidza)
Louis (1892-1973; mar: Anna Matson)

Peter M. (1871-1954). 1st cousin with the brothers, above.

Two brothers, distantly related to the above:

Peter P. "Pepo" (1884-1969; mar: Eleanor Kasperett)
John "Jack" (1887-1915)

Rilovich (orig: Rilović; vil: Radovčići in Konavle)

The village of Radovčići has many Rilović families. Their origins go back a long way and in many cases it is not known how they are related. In some cases, they are not related at all.

To Watsonville in the 1890s came two brothers: George and Martin. Each married a Rilovich from the same village:

Martin (1860-1919; mar: Kate Rilovich)
George (1862-1951; mar: Rade Cetkovich, Lucy Rilovich)
Kate (1872-1951; wife of Martin)
Lucy (1893-1981; 2nd wife of George)

Edward B. (1888-1961; 1C1R to Martin and George)

Antone B. (1883-1956)

Sambrailo (orig: Sambrailo; vils: Zastolje in Konavle; Makoše in Župa)

Three Sambrailo families were in Watsonville. Two came from Zastolje and one from Župa. The two from Zastolje were distantly related; the one from Župa was unrelated to the others.

Sambrailos from Zastolje:

Peter Sambrailo (1852-1921; mar: Stella Miloglav)
Sons:

Vlaho "Charles" (1901-1963; born in Zastolje)
William (1906-1972; born in Calif.)
John "Jake" (1908-1975; born in Calif.)

Peter's nieces (3 sisters):

Anna Sambrailo (1882-1970; mar: Michael Cordich)
Marija Sambrailo (1883-1919; mar: George Miljanich)
Helen Sambrailo (1893-1979; mar: Nick N. Mortizia)

Peter's foster brother:

Paul Sambrailo (orphan born Salvatore Salvić; 1848-1911)

Also from Zastolje:

John J. Sambrailo (1861-1945; mar: Pauline Zar)

Daughters:

Lucille (1907-1962; * Zastolje; mar: John Ucovich)
Catherine (1911-1994; * Calif; mar: Nick Lettunich)

Sambrailos from Župa:

Jacob "Jack" Sambrailo (1884-1929; son, Steve, was a post-man in Watsonville)

Rose Bjele Kalich (1888-1977; mother was a Sambrailo)

Sapro (orig: Šapro; vil: Zastolje in Konavle)

Siblings:

John Sapro (1890-1984; mar: Mary Raše)
Stane "Stella" Sapro (1897-1971; mar: Martin Borina)

Saveria (orig: Saverija; vil: Obod in Konavle)

John Saveria (1862-1941; an orphan raised in the Jozović family of Duba, Konavle; mar: Frances Arčanin of Obod)

Sons (both born in Obod):

John (1901-1908)
Frank (1902-1991; mar: Mary Sapro)

Scurich (orig: Skurić; vil: Čilipi)

Scurich branch: **Grčić**:

Four brothers and three sisters from this branch immigrated to Watsonville from around 1886 to 1904. Another sister, Nike,

immigrated to Watsonville in the 1920s as a widow, after all of her children had already immigrated to California. Their mother was a Stolić. They were first cousins with the “Kukara” Stolich brothers.

Nike (1862-1939; mar: Pero Bakich)
 Luke (1864-1932; mar: Maria Vlahutin)
 Steve (1868-1944; mar: Lucia Zar)
 Antone (1875-1939; mar: Maria Baule, Anna Radonich)
 Peter (1876-1956; mar: Mary Brailo)
 Anna (1880-1951; mar: Antone Gluhan)
 Lucy (1882-1958 mar: John Franich)
 Kate (1885-1981; mar: Luke Cikuth)

Scurich branch: **Penzer**:

John Scurich (1864-1931). His company was J. Scurich & Co. He and his wife returned to the old country in the 1920s and both died there. They had no children. His nephew, John (1898-1962), immigrated to Watsonville and married Mary Ann Strazicich. John's brother, Nick (1874-1955), was part of Scurich & Jerinich Co. Nick had 5 children in Watsonville; his son was Peter “Pansy” Scurich.

Scurich branch: **Penzer** (sub-branch: **Antunić**):

Antone “Čuče” Scurich (1863-1946). His mother was of the Stolić-Kukara family.

Secondo (orig: Sekondo; vil: Lovorno in Konavle)

Mato “Martin” Secondo and his oldest son, Joe, arrived in Watsonville in the early 1890s. Sons John and Martin came around 1898. The wife and the rest of the family came in 1901. Mato's father was Josip Kapetanić. Josip married Kate Sekondo and took her surname.

Mato “Martin” (1851-1930; mar: Mary Radin)

Children:

Joseph (1877-1967; mar: Jennie Dubreta)
 John (1879-1899)
 Martin (1880-1967; mar: Anna Zaputil; moved to Roslyn, Washington, then later to Tieton, Washington)
 Louis (1882-1930; mar: Marie Jerinich)
 Mitchell (1884-1946; mar: Katherine Shuliak)
 Kate (1886-1977; mar: Louis Arbanas)
 Lucy (1888-1941; mar: Luke Bakich, Nick Borina)
 Peter (1890-1976; mar: Nellie King)

John Peter Secondo, below, arrived in 1900. No relation to the others. John's father was born Pero Kesovija. Pero was an only child but Pero's father had many brothers, who were all married and living in the same house. It was decided that Pero would go live with his aunt and officially be her son. His aunt, Luce Kesovija, was married to a Sekondo and Pero took her married surname. And so John was born a Sekondo but was not blood-related to them.

John Peter (1882-1933; mar: Lucy Arkulin; father of Marjorie and Isabel)

Sersen/Srsen (orig: Sršen; vil: Govedari, Mljet)

Peter Sersen (1883-1954; nephew of George and Andrew Strazicich; mar: Mary Dabelich)

Nick Srsen (1887-1960)

Simunovich (orig: Šimunović; vils: Smokovljani and Ošlje, both in Primorje)

Siblings fm Ošlje:

Jasper (1878-1947; mar: Lucy Hrepich)
 Helen (1879-1943; mar: Vuksan)

Mateo (1885-1934; records show him in Watsonville in 1904 and 1910; returned to Ošlje; married there; died there)

John J. fm Smokovljani (1889-1946; 1st cousin to the above; mar: Jennie Branson)

Skocko (orig: Skočko; vil: Ljuta in Konavle)

Natale (Božo) Skocko immigrated to the Jackson, Calif., area in the 1870s and worked in the mines. His first 4 children were born there. His wife, though born in Europe, came to Calif. at the age of 2 or 3 and was thoroughly Americanized. The family moved to Watsonville in 1900.

Natale Skocko (1857-1916; mar: Mary Germolis)

Children:

Peter (1890-1964; mar: Edith Caddy)
 Lazarus (1892-1947; mar: Catherine Claich)
 Lucille (1894-1990; mar: Antone Bakich)
 Christopher (1899-1986)
 John (1902-1995; mar: Louise Glage)

Smith, George Washington (1887-1928). Born in Tombstone, Arizona.

George's mother (Mary Milanovich; 1862-1917) married Charles Smith in Tombstone, AZ, in 1886. Her 4 children were born in Arizona. She and her children (no husband) show up in Watsonville in 1898. It is not sure if she was widowed or divorced. She was born in Brsečine in Primorje. Mary had a brother, Chris, who was a fruit dealer in Watsonville and Salinas.

George grew up speaking the Croatian language. He was quite a charismatic person and was elected D.A. of Santa Cruz Co. in 1914. He became city attorney for Santa Cruz in 1918.

Sresovich/Srezovich (orig: Srezović; vils: Popovići in Konavle; island of Lopud). The two families are not related.

Luke George Sresovich fm Lopud (1848-1908; mar: Caroline Christenson). His fruit-selling brokerage was based in San Francisco; he did not live in Watsonville.

The first person of this family was an orphan born around 1753 who lived in Dubrovnik. The family moved to Lopud around 1841. [info from Dr. Vekarić in Dubrovnik]

Three siblings fm Radovčići (mother: Rilović):

Lucy Sresovich (1884-1969; mar: Božo “Ed” Zar)
 Nicholas P. Sresovich (1888-1947)
 Anna Sresovich (1891-1984; mar: Sitton)

Nick Srezovich fm Radovčići (1871-1917; mar: Paula Miljas)

Stanovich (orig: Stanović; vil: Čilipi)

John Stanovich (1876-1949; mar: Edith Constable)

Stojanovich (orig: Stojanović; vil: Zaton Doli (Konštare) in Primorje)

Nicholas Stojanovich (1855-1924; mar: Clara Roleri)

Stolich (orig: Stolić; vil: Čilipi)

Two branches of the Stolich family came to Watsonville—Kukara and Šanje. They lived next door to each other in their village and they are related distantly.

Kukara branch:

Three brothers:

Marko “Mike” (1868-1941)
 Peter (1873-1952; mar: Ellen Hidza, Helen Pecharevich)
 Nick (1882-1966; mar: Catherine Balovich)

Siblings (nephew and niece of the above brothers):

Kate (1891-1939; mar. Antone Diklich)
Mitchell (1893-1948; mar. Kate Vukich)

Katherine (1890-1915; 1C1R to the 3 bros. above; 2nd cousins to Kate and Mitchell; mar. Ed Miljas)

Šanje branch:

Marko Peter (1869-1928; half bro. to siblings below)

Siblings:

Antone (1873-1929; mar. Pauline Glavich)
Peter P. "Longo" (1875-1946; mar. Stella Arkulin)
Anna (1885-1955; mar. Peter Gurash)

Strazicich/Strazich (orig: Stražičić; vil: Govedari, Mljet)

Mljet is the southern-most Adriatic island. It can be seen from Dubrovnik. This surname derives from "Straži," which means "guards." These were the people on Mljet who guarded the summer palaces of the Dubrovnik patricians.

Two brothers, George and Andrew, arrived in Watsonville in the late 1880s as did their cousin, Steve. The Straziciches were always involved in hotels, restaurants and saloons. Some of them occasionally dabbled in fruit brokerage but not seriously. George and Andrew's older sister, Anna (1854-1942), married a Millich (also from Mljet) and settled in Santa Cruz in the mid-1880s. Her brothers probably followed her there and eventually made their way down to Watsonville.

George (1861-1938; mar. Mary Konsuo)

Andrew (1872-1968; mar. Anna Konsuo, Mary's sister)

Steve (1863-1914; cousin to the above; exact relationship not known; mar. Katherine Katuran)

Violich (orig: Violić; vil: Osojnik in Primorje)

Two brothers:

Nickolas Violich (1886-1970)
John Violich (1887-1954; mar. Mary Borina)

Vlahutin/Vlautin (orig: Vlahutin; vil: Gabrile in Konavle)

Paul Vlautin (1826-1894) and his brother, Jacob (1833-1885), were in California during the Gold Rush and lived out their lives in San Francisco. These were uncles of Maria Vlahutin Scurich, below.

Maria Vlahutin (1865-1949; mar. Luke Scurich; aunt of Mary Raše Sapro, Mary Vlahutin Radin, Mary Vlahutin Alaga and Peter Vlahutin)

Siblings:

Mary Vlahutin (1895-1977; mar. Peter Radin)
Peter Vlahutin (1906-1986; mar. Lucille Zar)

Mary Vlahutin (1906-1973; mar. John Alaga)

It is not known how these below are related to the others:

Luce Vlahutin (1887-1947; mar. Luka "Vuko" Alaga)

Two brothers:

Nick M. Vlautin (1870-1922)
Tom Vlautin (1878-1925; returned to Konavle; died there)

Vojvodich (orig: Vojvodić; vil: Brgat in Župa)

Two brothers:

Peter (1888-1954; mar. Marija Medo)
Anton (1893-1978)

Vukasovich (orig: Vukasović; vil: Orašac in Primorje)

Three brothers (mother: Bagatela):

Vicko "William" (1881-1920; mar. Mary Vojvoda)
John (ca1885-1927; mar. Katie Novak)
Martin (1887-1953; Ane Miljas)

Vukich (orig: Vukić; vils: Komaji and Lovorno in Konavle)

Siblings fm Komaji:

Lucille Vukich (1888-1959; mar. Marko Lubich)
Paul Vukich (1889-1934)

John Vukich fm Komaji (1855-1918; mar. Lucy Vojvoda)

Uncle and niece fm Lovorno:

Antone Vukich (1869-1959 mar. Pauline Arkulin)
Kate Vukich (1902-1984; mar. Mitchell Stolich)

Zadielovich/Zadjelovich (orig: Zadjelović; vil: Orašac)

Kate Zložilo Zadjelovich was in Watsonville with her 4 adult children (she was a widow) and returned to Dubrovnik in 1908 with her daughter, Ana, and Ana's husband, John Miovich.

Her children were:

Bernard "Ben" (1872- ?)
Antone (1875-1947?)
Vica "Louise" (1880-1955; mar. Vido Lister)
Ana (1882-1913; mar. John Miovich)

Zar (orig: Car; vil: Zastolje in Konavle)

Zar (orig: Kušelj-Car; vil: Mikulići in Konavle)

Stjepan Silva was an orphan born in Dubrovnik (1829-1917). He married Stane Car in Zastolje and changed his name to Pero Car. Three of their children moved to Watsonville and went by Zar:

Edward B. (1869-1951; mar. Lucy Sresovich)
Andrew P. (1872-1930; mar. Annie Lamat)
Stane (1875-1938; mar. Matthew Grizich)

Pauline Zar fm Zastolje (1872-1968; mar. John J. Sambrailo)

John Zar fm Zastolje (1851-1908)

Marco Zar (1848-1900; mar. Magdalena Grusich). He was born Marko Kušelj-Car in Mikulići (Car was the family nickname). Several people from this family became Zar in America. He was the father of Lucia Zar Scurich, wife of Steve Scurich.

Four siblings (Kušelj-Car) from Mikulići (1C1R with Marco Zar):

Nick Zar (1881- ?; returned to Konavle)
Pauline Zar (1883-1977; mar. Peter Lucich)
John Peter Zar (1887-1968)
Nicolene Zar (1891-1977; mar. Martin Drobac)

Zufich (orig: Cufić; vil: Dubrovnik)

Andrew Zufich (1884-1957; mar. Teresa Rappe)

Zupan (orig: Župan; vil: Čilipi in Konavle)

Two half-brothers:

Mitchell Zupan (1881-1948; mar. Kate Simovich; father of Steve Zupan)
Nicholas (1888-1928)

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AB = Ann Backovich
 ABL = Antoinette Balich Lukrich
 ACR = Ann Cikuth Rowland
 ACS = Ann Capitanich Scurich
 AJV = Anita Jano Vidak
 AM = Andy Mekis
 BEP = Borina estate photo
 BGC = *The Builders of a Great City = San Francisco's representative men.* vol. 1. Pub. = San Francisco Journal of Commerce Pub. Co. 1891. p. 318. Google books.

BM = Bill Moncovich
 BP = Barney Perovich
 BR = Bernice Radovich
 BS = Ben Secondo
 BSY = Barbara Scurich Yoakum
 CC = Calvary Catholic Cemetery, San Jose
 CF = Charles Franich
 CR = Carmen Rilovich
 CS = Clare Sullivan
 CSC = Charlotte Strazicich Car
 DK = Diann Kane
 EGF = Ed Gluhan family
 ES = Elizabeth Suddjian
 FSD = Fran Saveria Dobler
 GLT = Grace Lettunich Taylor
 HMU = Helen Marinovich Ukestad
 IB = Ivo Banac
 JCH = Judy Caldwell Hager
 JE = John Evans
 JL = John Lasich
 JS = John Scurich
 JSP = Jeanne Sambuck Petersen
 JZ = John Zvone
 KBB = Karen Butier Basiulis
 KGH = Katherine Gurash Heitzman
 KM = Kathleen Moe
 KZC = Katherine Zar Copriviza
 LLC = Lynn Lettis Clough
 LSS = Lucille Sersen Semenza
 MC = Mato Cikut
 MG = Matt Grizich
 ML = Mateo "Bud" Lettunich
 MP = Mark Pista
 MPM = Mary Ellen Pavisha Morgan
 MS = Mae Stolich
 MSD = Mildred Secondo Davis
 MSF = Mary Scurich Farris
 NA = Nick Alaga
 NR = Nevenka Radich
 NZ = Nick Zar
 PCL = Patty Copriviza Lester
 PFM = Print from microfilm
 PH = Peter Harris
 PK = Peter Knego
 PKF = Paula Kralj Fagini
 PVHA = Pajaro Valley Historical Assn.
 RG = Ross Gibson
 RH = Richard Hernandez
 RK = Roseann Kalich
 RS = Richard Skocko
 SF = Saveria Family
 SM = Susan Matulich
 SP = Steve Pista
 SS = Steve Skochko
 SZ = Steve Zupan
 TL = Tim Lister
 TN = Tom Ninkovich
 VBV = Virginia Buksa Vukasovich
 WK = William Kell
 WM = William Marinovich

APPENDIX F—

NAMES & LANGUAGE

Names—**Correction of misspelled names.**

In this book we have often corrected misspellings of surnames (and occasionally first names) by placing the corrected version in [brackets] after the original version. We have done this only in cases where we have evidence of the correction. If in doubt, we have shown “prob.” or “maybe” in front of the correction. Many names that are obviously misspelled have gone uncorrected because we have no evidence of the correct spelling. The corrected spellings are the versions as they were known in this country, not the original spelling in Croatian. In some cases we have used the spelling as it was known later on—for example, from the person’s or family’s death records. For this purpose we have relied on our collected database of Pajaro Valley Slavs, which at the time of printing of this book contained over 9200 entries.

Name changes.

Most Slavic first names were changed in this country. Some were direct translations of Slav to English, such as Ivo/Ivan = John. But many were just conventions of time and place. California, in particular, saw many unusual name changes not found elsewhere, such as Mato = Martin; Vlaho = Charles; Baldo = Barney. By the way, no names were ever changed at Ellis Island; that story is a myth. The changes were made by the individuals themselves, long after they left their port of entry, and often using suggestions from their own ethnic communities.

Mato is actually Matthew in English; it has no relation to the name Martin. But most Matos became Martins in California. A few became Matt. Matthew Grizich is the only Mato to become Matthew in Watsonville. The difficulty with Matthew, by the way, is because there is no “th” or “w” sounds in the Croatian or Serbian languages.

Bozo always looks strange when printed in the newspapers. The original is Božo and is pronounced BOH' ZHO (the ZH sound is like the “s” in “treasure”). In Italian it is Natale and means “nativity.” Božić is “Christmas” in the Slav language. So someone with this name should be called Nat or Nate in English. But Ned is as close as anyone got. Other Božos went by Bob, Edward or Ed. There was only one Natale in Watsonville (Natale Skocko).

Vlaho is Blas in English. There were only 3 or 4 Blases in Watsonville. Most went by Charlie or Charles. It is Biagio in Italian.

Marko usually became Mark but sometimes was Mike. Miho usually changed to Mitchell but also sometimes became Mike. Cvijeto is Florio in Italian and here often went by Laurie (male name) or Chester. Luka = Luke, Louis, Lewis, Lucas.

Gašpar is Casper in English but often became Jasper. Šime/Šimun usually became Sam or Simon. Baldo often became Barney but sometimes Bob. Stijepo was directly translated to Stephen. Vicko is Vincenzo in Italian and Vincent in English but often became William in California. Ivo/Ivan = John. Jakob = Jack. Jerko/Jerolim became Gerald or Jerry. Rado became Rafael.

The woman’s name of Stane (Stanislava) usually became Stella. Jelena is Helen in English and usually went by that name or Ellen but sometimes Nellie.

Pave is Pauline in English but often became Lena. Domina often was changed to Minnie or Domie. Rade became Rafaella.

Nike is the feminine of Nick and should be Nicoletta or Nickie in English but often went by Nellie, Anita or Nita. Ivanica/Jovanina became Nina. Vica often became Louise.

Luce is Lucy or Lucille in English but often became Louise or Lois.

Pronunciation of Americanized surnames.

Almost all Slavic surnames in America are no longer pronounced as they were in the original language. Even simple Croatian surnames such as Alaga and Bachan are not pronounced as the originals. That’s mostly because certain American vowel sounds, which do not occur in the Slavic languages, have taken over (see next section). Also, in any surname ending in -ić/-ich, the “i” is Americanized to the “i” sound in “sit,” and that particular sound does not exist in Slavic languages. In Slav the last syllable would sound like the English word “each” rather than “itch.”

There are also changes in some consonants, especially “j.” For example, there are people living today (2011) with the surnames of Miljanich and Jagich (and who speak Croatian perfectly well) who pronounce their names with the English “j” sound (as in “jar”) rather than the Slavic sound of “y.”

The problem is “do you want it to look right or sound right?” In most cases you can’t have both. Jakobović, for example, opted for the latter and they spell their name Yakobovich (though the last syllable still sounds like the American “itch”).

And often the stressed syllable does not survive Americanization. Here are some examples (the apostrophe shows the stressed syllable):

Letunić, LEH TOO' NEECH. Lettunich, LEH' TUH NITCH
Rešetar, REH SHET' AHR. Resetar, REH' SUH TAR

And the Slav letters with diacritical marks (š, ž, č, ć) often did not fare well. Some examples:

Lučić, LOO' CHEECH; Lucich, LOO' SITCH.
Župan, ZHOO' PAWN; Zupan, ZOO' PAN.

Language—**The Croatian Language (spelling and pronouncing).**

A note to those whose first language is Croatian: Very few Croatians younger than the first generation born in America can speak or write the Croatian language. And, when they try, their pronunciation of Croatian is very bad. Hence this section to help them out.

This is addressed to people whose first language is English and is meant to be a simple, basic guide for the average person. Linguists must go elsewhere.

There are no silent letters in Croatian, and each letter is *always* pronounced the same. That’s because they had the luxury of having had their alphabet invented not too long ago (1830-1850). They were smart enough to standardize it then, and few linguistic changes have occurred since to muddle up the works (as in English). For this reason, once you learn the rules, Croa-

tian is fairly easy to spell and pronounce—assuming, of course, you can wrap your tongue around some of those letter combinations. It would seem that spelling tests would be redundant in Croatian schools.

Vowels. There are only 5 vowel sounds in Croatian (unlike English which has 12 or 13). The vowels are *always* pronounced the same, as follows:

a = ah (as in father)

e = eh (as in get)

i = ee (as in meet)

o = oh (as in over)

u = oo (as in food, but not as in good or foot)

One more time: These vowels are *always* pronounced the same. There are no variations.

There is no “ih” sound (as in sit). Or “uh” (as in nut). And, especially, there is no American-type “aah” sound (as in American “dance”). Even the Brits hardly ever use this sound.

Consonants. Consonants are pronounced as in English except for:

J, j = y (as in yellow)

C, c = ts (as in cats) (Cavtat is TSAHV' TAHT)

R, r = single-rolled r (not the multiple-roll that is found in Spanish)

Then there are the letters with diacritical marks over them:

Č, č = ch

Ć, ć = ch

Š, š = sh (as in she)

Ž, ž = zh (like the s in treasure)

Note: The above 2 ch sounds are different to Croatians but they sound the same to English-speakers. So we won't go into the difference. Notice that none of the 3 Croatian Cs (Č, Ć or C) is pronounced like any version of the English C. (Read that again; it's important.) In English the C is usually pronounced as S or as K. In Croatian it is *never* pronounced as S or as K. The island of Cres is not KRES; it is TSRES.

Then there is the d with a horizontal line through the stem.

Đ, đ = j (as in jar)

Ligatures (digraphs). These are two letters together, treated as a single letter:

Nj, nj = like ny in canyon

Lj, lj = like the ly sound in million

Dž, dž = j (to Croatians it is slightly different than the English j but most English-speakers cannot tell the difference)

Alphabetical Order. As was mentioned, the above 3 configurations (nj, lj, and dž) are treated as single letters. So in an alphabetized list, a word like njegov (his) or a surname like Njire is found after the N's, not with the N's. Likewise, lj comes after l in the dictionary, and dž comes after the regular d. This is important to know when looking up surnames in phone books or on-line databases. Also there are no double letters (same two letters together).

Here is the order of the Croatian alphabet (total of 30 letters):

a, b, c, č, ć, d, dž, đ, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, lj, m, n, nj, o, p, [no q], r, s, š, t, u, v, [no w, x or y], z, ž

Remember, there are no silent letters in Croatian and each letter is *always* pronounced the same. Perhaps English will make it to this stage some day.

APPENDIX G—

MISCELLANEOUS

AABS Charter Members (1898).

Austrian-American Benevolent Society charter members of 1898. From “*100th Anniversary of Slavic-American Benevolent Society*,” a small pamphlet located in PVHA archive and published by the Slavic-American Benevolent Society in 1998. (In 1948 the group changed its name).

Luka Alaga, Niko Alaga, Pavo Alaga, Simo Balovich, Jozo Balanac, Nikola Balovich, Petar Banovac, Stiepo Beusan, Niko Culich, Marko Car, Pero Diklich, Nikola Gojkovich, Mato Gera, Nikola Gjivovich, Marin Gianovich, Simo Hrepich, Mato Kulich, Jakob Katuran, Stiepo Knego, Ivan Kastropeli, Andro Karaman, Marko Kukuljica, Mato Letunich, Niko Letunich, Marko Lazarevich, Filip Marinovich, Ivan Miglias, Pavo Miladin, Antun Miocevic, Niko Monkovich, Nikola Market, Ivan Nemanich, Jozo Njirich, Ivan Opusich, Vlaho Puhiera, Niko Paljetak, Mato Paljetak, Mato J. Radovich, Mato Rilovich, Luka Skurich, Stiepo Skurich, Pero Stolich, Jozo Srsen, Pero Srsen, Stiepan Strazicich, Nikola Stojanovich, Andro Strazicich, Gjuro Strazicich, Ivan Tomasevich, Niko Vuicich, Miho Vojvodich.

Manifest of ship *La Gascogne*, arr. N.Y. 20 May 1901.

In early 1901 Luke Scurich traveled to his homeland for the first time since he immigrated in 1883. On his return to Watsonville he brought many Konavlians with him.

The people below are the ones on the ship’s manifest who were listed as being from “Ragusa” [Dubrovnik]. The information is from the Ellis Island website; names have been edited from the original. The numbers are the ages.

Kate Arbanasin, 18; Ivo Arbulich, 18; Ivo Bagoje, 19; Anton Basse(?), 17; Vlaho Borovonich, 29; Miho Boskovich, 14; Anton Brcich, 28; Mato Butier(?), 24; Ivo Coprivica, 26; Antonio Diklich, 19; Ivo Franich, 16; Ivo Givanovich, 28; Filomena Givovich, 26; Vlaho Grbich, 18; Ricolo Grbich, 18; Pavo Grizich, 40; P. Guras, age 19; Ivo Hidje, 35; Luce Karaman, 22; Miho Koric (or Kordich), 19; Marko Kuric, 11; Marko Kuselj, 31; Marko Lazarevich, 14; Coniato Letunic, 17; Svah Letunic, 17; Pero Mazavai(?), 18; Marko Mekis, 19; Nikolo Metkovich, 18; Martin Milkovich, 45; Anton Peko, 18; Stjepo Perak, 31; Blas Puhiera*, 41; Luka Radonich, 23; Marko Resetar, 14; Anna Sambrailo, 19; Anna Scurich, 21; Anton Scurich, 37; Antonio Scurich*, 1; Luke Scurich*, 36; Maria Scurich, 31; Maria Scurich*, 35; Vlaho Scurich, 17; Marko Sergota, 25; (Ivo Sisa?), 28; Niko Sresovich, 29; George Vidak, 24; Niko Vlahutin, 48 (widower).

*Some of these people were already citizens or residents of the U.S. who were visiting the old country and now returning to the U.S. There may be others who are not marked.

Domazet. In much of what is now Croatia, a family with only daughters would often find a man who was willing to marry one of the daughters, live in her house, and assume her surname. This arrangement would perpetuate the surname and keep the property in the family. This was very common and persisted well past 1900. It was called a “domazet” arrangement (doma = home; zet = son-in-law).

Croatian Genealogy—

Nenad Vekarić and Niko Kapetanić are two of the best genealogists in the world, and they happen to specialize in the regions where most of the Croatian immigrants to Watsonville came from: the area around Dubrovnik.

These two men have computerized every church record in these regions, and have researched most of the civil records in the Dubrovnik Archives for information on local surnames (over 3000 names). This required a monumental effort, and all of us whose ancestors came from this area are very fortunate. There are few places in the world where this type of information has been gathered in this way.

Kapetanić specializes in Konavle, Vekarić in the regions that once were the Dubrovnik Republic. They can be found via the various search engines, on-line. If you are reading this many years from now (2011), you can be on the lookout for their databases which, hopefully, have been preserved for posterity.

The End—

This is the end of this book but I hope very much that it isn’t the end of Slavic history research for the Pajaro Valley. There is much more to do. This book just shows one aspect.

We challenge future researchers to dig out the rest of it. We challenge future writers to use the collected material and write a definitive history of the Slavs of Pajaro Valley. And if that book has been written, we challenge other writers to write other, even better versions. There is no end to revising and “getting it right” when it comes to history.

But the research must come before the writing of the history. That is the natural order of things. In the next few generations we would like to see:

- An electronic version of this book. Or at least a searchable pdf. Look for it. (A searchable pdf would allow for non-Slav names and un-indexed terms to be found more easily.)
- The idea of this book taken further up the years. First, let’s collect the newspaper info for the next ten years to 1930; then to 1940; and so forth. We are very fortunate to have an uninterrupted series of microfilmed newspapers for Watsonville. We should extract everything we can from these newspapers. (The decade of the 1920s, the prohibition years, should prove very interesting.)

A database has been started for the Slavs who immigrated to the Pajaro Valley. Right now (Jan. 2011) it is up to 9200 individuals. These include non-Slav spouses, often their parents, and the Slav lineages in Croatia, sometimes back into the 1700s.

There are over 80 sources that were used in creating this database, such as census records, WWI draft cards, vitals (births/marriages/deaths), Diocese records, cemetery records, funeral home records, etc. But there is more to do. The 1930 census has not been transcribed; and soon the 1940 census will come out. At some point this database should be made into a book in surname order. The database itself should, at some point, be on file on disk at PVHA and other local archives.

Also look for addendums to this book.

If any of these above mentioned books or items haven’t yet been created, then please take it upon yourself to create them.

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Databases belonging to Nenad Vekarić, Niko Kapetanić and Tom Ninkovich.

EXTRA PHOTOS

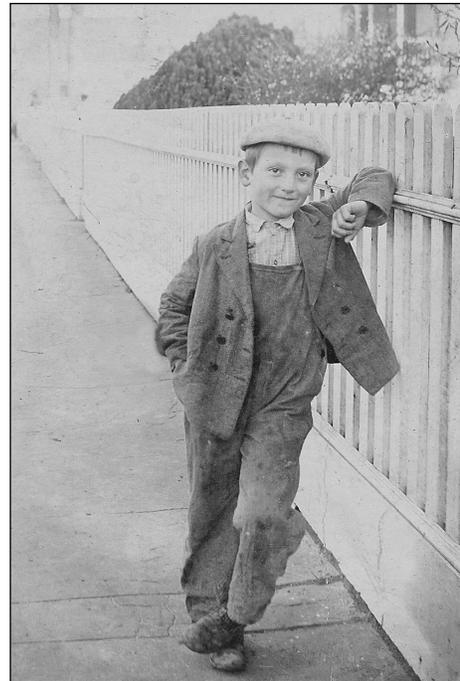
We came into several of these photos after this book had been paginated; others we had all along but forgot to include. We are including them here at the end where we have a few extra pages to play with.



Antonio Miocevic (1848-1931). The earliest known Slav resident of Watsonville.



Steve Kulich (1898-1956) and brother Paul (1900-1959).

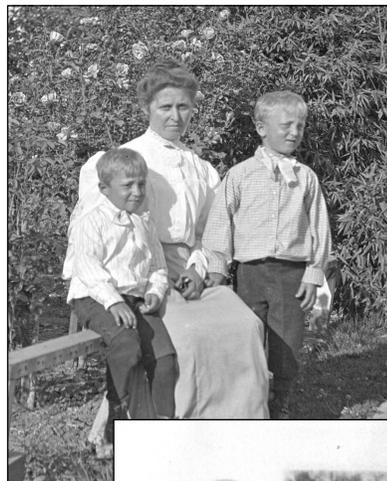


Tony Grizich (1900-1914).



Martin Secondo (1851-1930).

Marie Rilovich (1907-2003) and sister Ann (1913-2003).



Frances Arčanin Saveria (1865-1955) and her sons, Frank (left; 1902-1991) and John (1901-1908).



Gold Medal won at the 1910 Apple Annual by Matthew Grizich. Front and back shown. It is 2 inches in diameter.



The Resetar brothers, l. to r.: Anton, (1885-1971), Mike (1887-1970), Mitchell (1889-1967), Louis (1892-1973).



"The Maple Avenue Girls." Photo taken around 1913 in front of 125 Maple Ave., home of Kathryn Strazicich (middle, front) and her sister, Helen (right), daughters of Steve and Katherine Strazicich. Others unknown. The house location is now part of a parking lot for Cabrillo College, Watsonville campus.

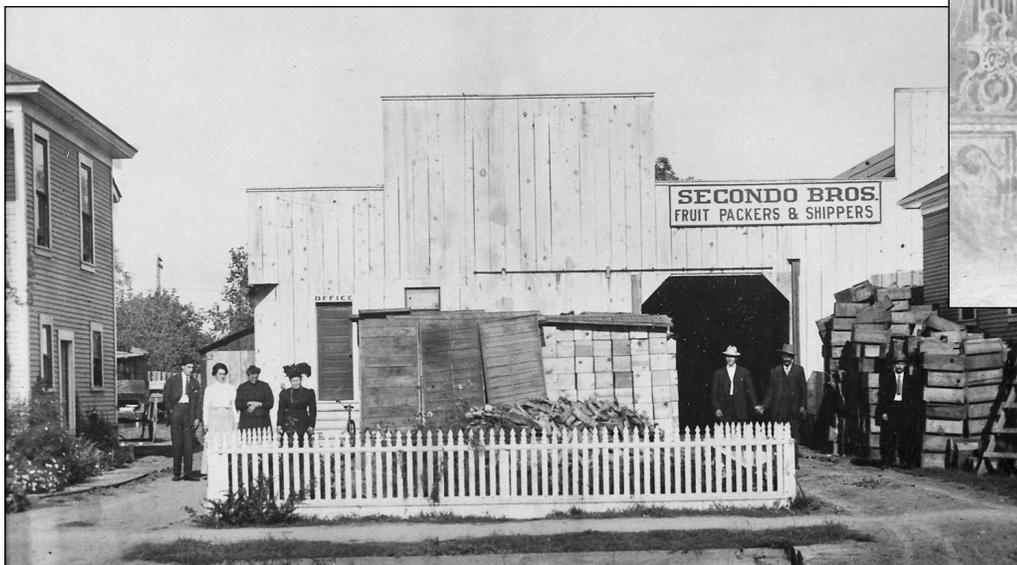
The daughters of Luke and Kate Cikuth. L. to r.: Lucille (1909-2008), Rachel (1905-1975), Ann (1906-2010), May (1911-2006).



2nd and 3rd from left are Nike Kapetanić Balich (1850-1936) and her daughter Lucy Kosovac (1879-1968). Others unknown.



Mitchell Marinovich (1890-1935) in his WWI uniform.



Secondo Brothers packing house on Rodriguez St.

**Front row (l. to r.):**

Joe Secondo, father of Mateo
 Mateo Secondo, son of Joe & Jenny
 Martin Secondo, Jr., son of Martin & Anna
 John Secondo, son of Martin & Anna
 Anita Secondo, dau. of Louis & Marie
 Mildred Secondo, dau. of Louis & Marie
 June Borina, dau. of Nick & Lucy
 Mary Ann Borina, dau. of Lucy
 Rudolph Secondo, son of Mitchell
 Bernard Secondo, son of Mitchell

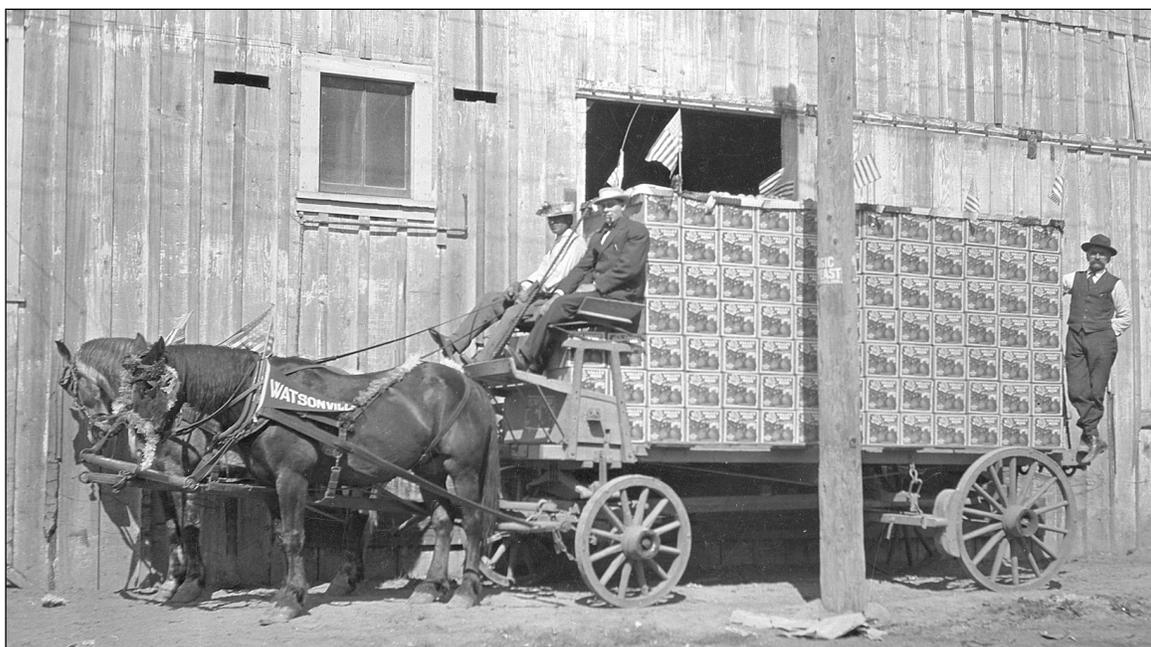
Middle row (l. to r.):

Jenny Dubreta Secondo, wife of Joe
 Anna Zaputijl Pozarich Secondo, wife of Martin
 Katherine Secondo, dau. of Martin & Anna
 Marie Jerinich Secondo, wife of Louis
 Lucy Secondo Borina
 Kate Secondo Arbanas
 Mary Pozarich, step-daughter of Martin
 Anne Pozarich, step-daughter of Martin
 Mitchell Secondo, father of Rudolph & Bernard

Back row (l. to r.):

Pete Secondo, father of Stanley
 Nellie King Secondo, wife of Pete
 Stanley Secondo, son of Pete & Nellie
 Louis Secondo, father of Anita & Mildred
 Martin Secondo, father of Martin Jr, John
 & Katherine

[Secondo reunion, June 1928]



A load of apples, probably in front of Steve Scurich's packing house. The boxes carry the Valley Rose label, which was Steve's label. This photo is from a collection of 300-400 old negatives recently discovered by Steve's grandson, John Scurich. Photo taken around 1910-12.



The Lettunich Building, corner of Main St. and Beach St., Watsonville, Calif.

Built in 1914 by Mateo Lettunich and his cousin, M. N. Lettunich. Mansion House, which occupied this corner, was moved to the left of this building (part of it can be seen), and then this building erected in its place.

OK Restaurant, corner of Walker St. and W. Lake Ave., Watsonville, Calif. Across from the depot. Note the barbershop in the back.



The banner in the back of the room says, "Watsonville Primary School, 1st Year." Around 1900; the Strazich boys are probably in the photo but can't be positively identified.

Skurić-Grčić family of Čilipi, Croatia, and Watsonville, California.



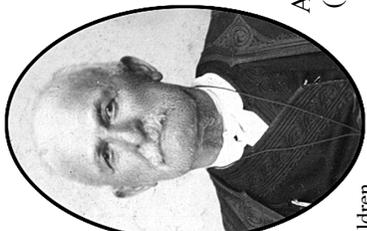
Nike (Bakić)
(1862-1939; 8/19)

(children/grandchildren)



Ana (Stolić)
(1841-1914)

11 children
52 grandchildren
93 great grandchildren

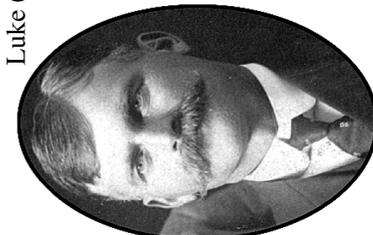


Antun Skurić
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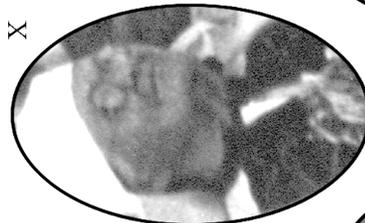
Nike (Bošković)
(1888-1967; 4/1)

X



Luke (1864-1932; 1/4)

X



Marija (Radović)
(1866-1950; 9/24)

X



Steve (1868-1944; 3/6)



Kate (Cikuth) (1885-1981; 4/4)



Lucy (Framich)
(1882-1958; 3/3)



Anna (Gluhan) (1880-1951; 5/6)



Peter (1876-1956; 4/12)

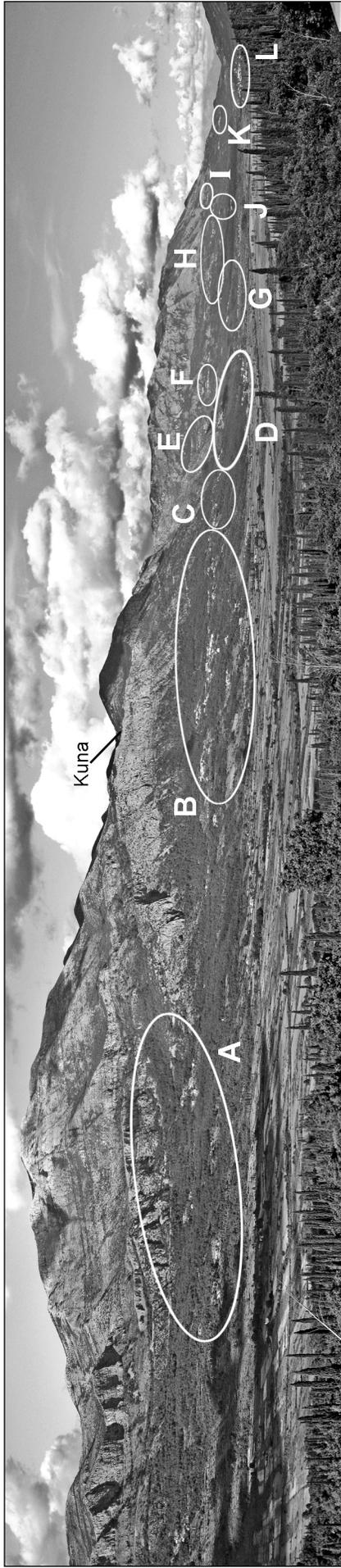


Antone (1875-1939; 4/3)



Ivo (1871-1956; 7/11)

[X = did not immigrate]

**A. Mihanići**

Alaga
 Čikuth (Čikut)
 Kovacich (Kovačić)
 Kukuliza (Kukuljića)
 Letunich (Letunić)
 Milijas/Milijas (Milijas)
 Miovich (Mijović)
 Radin

B. Pridvorje

Caput
 Dragich
 Kralj
 Marinovich
 Maslach (Maslač)
 Miocevic (Mihoević)
 Obad
 Pekoch (Pekoč)
 Pilo (Popjevalo)
 Procuriza (Prokurica)

C. Lovorno

Arkulin
 Balich
 Capitanich (Kapetanić)
 Kesovia (Kesovija)
 Maleta (kesovija)
 Pokovich
 Secondo (Sekondo)
 Vukich

D. Ljuta

Arbanas/Arbanasin
 Bremis (Birimiša)
 Moncovich (Monković)
 Mortizia (Mortizija)
 Pista (Pišta)
 Skocko (Skočko)
 Vlastelica
 Yakobovich (Jakobović)
 Zivanovich (Đivanović)

E. Mrcine/Dubravka/Dunave

Bagoye (Bagoje)
 Basor
 Caput
 Dubreta
 Germolis (Grmoljez)
 Gurash (Đuraš)
 Jagich
 Jano (Đano)
 Kralj
 Kulish (Kuliš)
 Lasich
 Milcovich/Milkovich
 Perovich
 Pustich
 Rosovich
 Valjalo

F. Pičete

Miloglav
 Pulich

G. Zastolje

Braycovich
 (Brajković)
 Lamat (Alamat)
 Salatich
 Sambrailo
 Sapro (Šapro)
 Ucovich
 Zar (Car)

H. Vodovada

Cicisly
 (Cicijelj)
 Cupich
 (Čupić)

K. Gunjina

Fiorovich
 Lazarevich
 Pierovich

Glage (Gled)

L. Gruda

Bokariza (Bokarica)
 Copriviza (Koprivica)
 Derania (Deranja)
 Glavich

I. Bani

Alaga
 Staka
 Miladin

Kuna

Bete, Kosovac,
 Luitch

J. Palje Brdo

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This photo fits onto the left of the upper photo but there is a missing gap between the two photos. The white arrow is where the photo on the next page was taken from.

From the region behind these mountains came:

Jozovich (Duba)
 Raše (Stravča)
 Miladin (Brotnice)
 Lucich [Lučić] (Brotnice)

M. Uskople

Allegretti
 Gluhan
 Miljanich

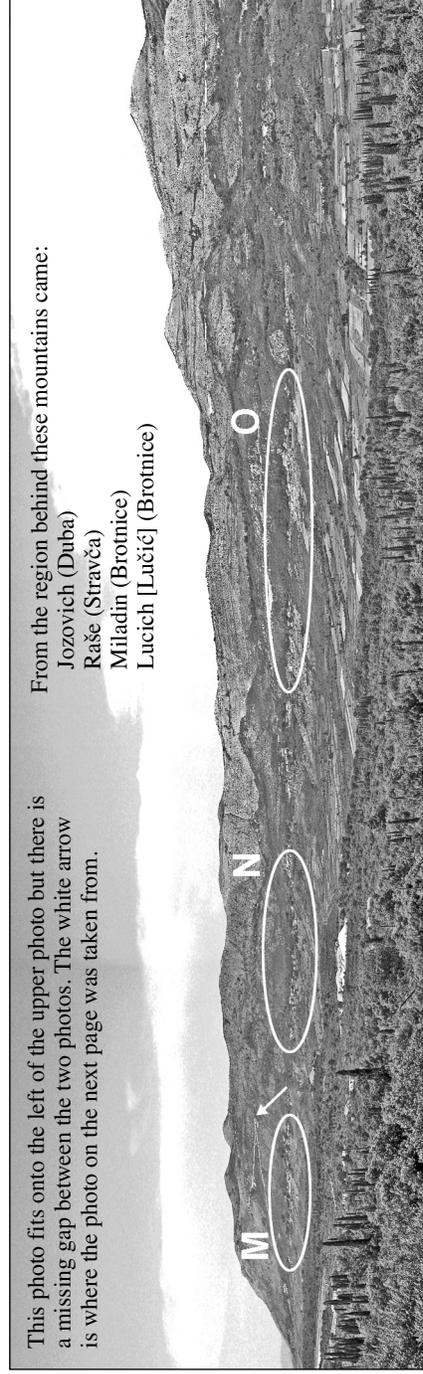
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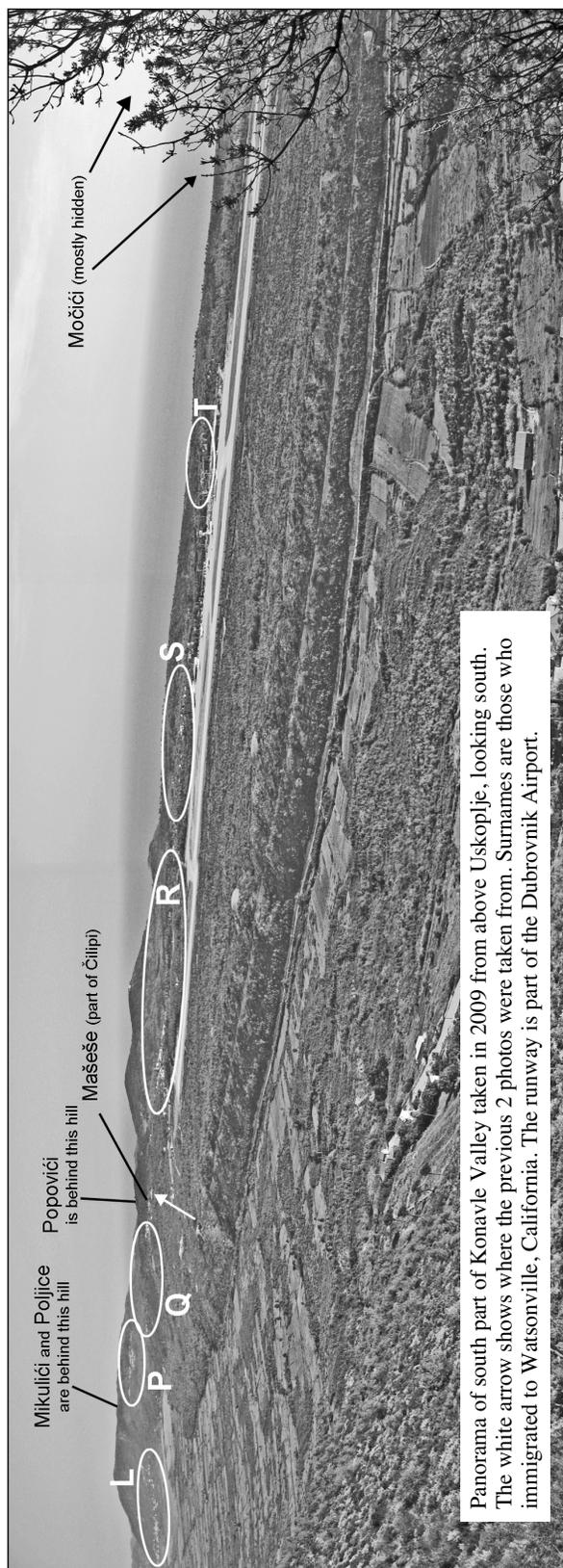
Cordich (Kordich)
 Vlahutin

O. Drvenik

Butier (Buttjer)
 Madesko (Madeško)
 Milias (Milijas)

Panoramas of Konavle Valley, Croatia, taken from the Čilipi cemetery in 2009, looking northeast. Surnames are those who immigrated to Watsonville, California.





Panorama of south part of Konavle Valley taken in 2009 from above Uskoplje, looking south. The white arrow shows where the previous 2 photos were taken from. Surnames are those who immigrated to Watsonville, California. The runway is part of the Dubrovnik Airport.

L. Gruda (see previous page)

P. Radovčići

Bekich
 Chetkovich (Cvjetković)
 Copriviza (Koprivica)
 Jerinich
 Lubich (Ljubich)
 Rilovich
 Sresovich (Srezović)
 Veseličić

Mikulići

Cushey/Kusely (Kušelji)
 Marinovich
 Zar (Kušelji-Car)

Poljice

Mekis (Mekiš)
 Paljetak
 Vuicich-Zglav
 Zglav/Sglav

Q. Komaji

Bachan (Bačan)
 Baule
 Drobac
 Iggia/Eggae (Hidža)
 Kukuliza (Kukuljica)
 Pendo
 Vukich

Popovići

Banaz (Banac)
 Matjasevich (Matijašević)
 Opusich (Opušić)
 Relia (Relja)

Mašeše (part of Čilipi)

Bjelokosich
 Kalich (Kalačić)
 Radovich

R. Čilipi (also see Mašeše and Miočići)

Bakich
 Borovonich/Bronich
 Boskovich
 Franich
 Krilanovich
 Novak
 Novakovich
 Resetar (Rešetar)
 Ruso
 Stanovich
 Vezilich
 Zupan (Župan)

S. Miočići (part of Čilipi)

Scurich (Skurić)
 Stolic

T. Dobrota (part of Močići)

Brailo
 Gurovich (Đurović)
 Milich
 Piplica
 Pervetich (Prvitić)

Močići (also see Dobrota)

Borkovich
 Brautovich
 Chumo (Čumo)
 Dalmatin
 Diklich
 Dragovich
 Grizich
 Kovacich
 Pendo
 Ruso
 Shuliak (Šuljak)

APPLE SECRETARY, PIPPIN OF PUBLICITY

Energetic Young Woman Promoter of California, Who Has Achieved Notable Success, Tells of Her Work And Its Inspiring Variety

By PHOEBE SHIRLEY

THOUSANDS of us in the East who sometimes are moved to pay ten cents apiece for apples that fill the eye with beauty and make the mouth champagne in anticipation, have only the vaguest idea of the vast and complex amount of business industry which finally lands the fruit, more than 3000 miles away from the area of production, into the hands of the consumer who pays the highest price. And let me here give my testimony that there is both poetry and substance in California apples.

Of course, there are others which put forth their charms in no ineffective manner, but the California apple is of the royal blood. Miss Anna Farlin could express this thought with much more beauty and clarity, at the same time fusing it with some concrete, commercial idea. For Miss Farlin is the successful boomer, promoter and publicity power in the biggest apple producing organization in the world.

Miss Farlin, not unnaturally and with peculiar appropriateness has been styled "a pippin of publicity," and she has justified the title both personally and in her business activities.

SHE is the Secretary of the Commercial League of Watsonville and the Pajaro Valley, Cal., and was selected, not as any sentimental experiment, but because she had the experience, the technical equipment, general knowledge of the business and an enthusiasm for the work which made her the best possible person to fill the position.

THE attitude of the Commercial League of Watsonville toward its business in the world at large is exemplified by this cordial motto, which, while it breathes a welcome spirit still has something of an invocation in it—"Give us this day our daily Stranger."

MISS FARLIN in a statement regarding her work in the apple country says:

"Early in the year of 1910, a few prominent citizens of Watsonville, Cal., the metropolis of

packers of this Valley, for one year previous having been connected with the largest green fruit house in the state, I was selected to serve as assistant secretary of The Watsonville Apple Annual

of valuable publicity. The superlatives stand out sharply here, but, I assure you they are justified in fact.

"FROM that time, The Watsonville Apple Annual Association, through its successes of 1911 and 1912, has made rapid progress until now the 1913 California Apple Show and the Festival of the Apple will be participated in by every apple producing section of the State.

"The premium lists are contributed to by firms all over the United States, which fact proves that the California Apple Show of Watsonville is now of national reputation.

"Few persons realize the enormous amount of work that is necessary for an undertaking of this kind, both during the promotion and completion of the Show, and more especially during the week that the event takes place.

"The experience I have gained as assistant secretary has brought me in direct contact with and given me a splendid idea of general promotion work. It has also fitted me for the position I now occupy, that of secretary of The Commercial League of Watsonville and the Pajaro Valley, which is a Chamber of Commerce under a different name.

"I BELIEVE my position will tend to open up a new field of endeavor for my sisters, many of whom are capable but lack the initiative to undertake any work of responsibility.

"Personally, I like promotion work very much, as it is exceedingly interesting and lacking the sameness that is prevalent in so many other forms of business.

"I consider myself honored indeed to have been elected secretary of our organization and trust that not many years will pass before my sex is well represented in Chambers of Commerce throughout the United States, as well as in any other public walks of life."



ANNA M. FARLIN

Secretary of the Commercial League of Watsonville and the Pajaro Valley, California. Publicity expert in the great apple growing district.

the Pajaro Valley, which, area considered, is the greatest single apple producing centre in existence, gathered together and conceived the idea of holding an annual California Apple Show in this city as a means of advertising the apples.

"Being familiar with many of the fruit growers and apple

Association, under whose auspices the California Apple Show is annually held.

"The Show in 1910 was a huge success, more than twenty-nine carloads of apples being on exhibition, making the event the largest exposition of its kind ever held in the world and reaping for Watsonville thousands of dollars

Above is a facsimile of an article from *Town Development* magazine, July/August 1913, p. 109. The text was re-typeset by us, holding as true as possible to the original format. The photo is exactly as it came to us; as you can see, the quality is very poor. A better photo of Miss Farlin can be seen in Fig. 3-56. Anna Farlin was born near Eureka, California, in 1890 and came to Watsonville as a child in 1899. Both her parents came from around Rijeka, Croatia (then Fiume, Austria). She was a sister-in-law of Mateo Lettunich. The original magazine is held at the New York Public Library.

INDEX —

THIS INDEX is “Slav-centric”—that is, only the Slav names and Slav businesses have been indexed. The exceptions are non-Slav spouses. To find non-Slav names or unindexed topics, we suggest searching this book in digital form.

Abbreviations and symbols next to the page numbers:

* = birth; + = death; m = marriage;
ml = marriage license; f = figure (photo or ad);
ad = advertisement;
A = Advertised Letter List (ALL);
U = Unclaimed Letters (UL);
nat = anything to do with naturalization (usually applying for citizenship or being granted citizenship).

Abbreviations in school reports:

prom. = promotion; hon. = honorable
[2] = 2 people with same name in same report.
All “honor roll,” “prom. by exam,” “school prom.” and “hon. prom.” are for the public grammar schools, not Moreland Notre Dame Academy. MNDA rarely printed school reports in the paper. Note that some children may have attended both schools, though, of course, not at the same time.

You will see in this index that many first names, and occasionally surnames, have been combined. For example: Alaga, Nicholas/Nick/N. This means that a particular page number (that follows the name) may pertain to any one of these combinations. This does *not* mean that they are all the same person. Also “N.” may not stand for “Nick.”

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