

In the early days of San Francisco was very rotten politically. The stuffing of the ballot box became a common crime, and finally the citizens rose up and hanged some of the culprits.

The lynching was an excellent thing for the town, but after the passing of a generation the old habits came back to the politician and of late the climax of corruption has been reached. The more the probe goes into the dirty work, of the last campaign in San Francisco, the more does the rottenness become apparent. The climax was reached the other day in the appointment of Mose Gunst as a Police Commissioner. Markham was the man who made the appointment and it is for life.

Astonishing as such an appointment is, it is not to be wondered at, considering the question of Markham in the same breath. The people of California had a chance for several weeks of a campaign to inspect the tricky, hypocritical and senseless mug of Markham and if they elected him after that, they are entitled to no sympathy for the consequences of their folly.

Bad as Gunst is he is infinitely better than Markham. He is a sport, a sure thing gambler and a friend and associate of the toughs of the city, but he would not deny his hand-writing and after it was identified in Court pass the hat around among the officers of his staff and make them settle his perjury with coin.

But there are plenty of other fellows down there no better than Gunst and Markham. The Judges on the benches are most of them for sale. The members of the California legislature have been notoriously purchasable, the juries can nearly all be bought, and men are not as a rule appointed precinct officers who will not be ready to serve their party by falsifying the returns. Nothing but some impromptu hemp will ever change the way of running things down there, and the time will come when the people will rise up in San Francisco and begin to regulate affairs. A lynching bee would be worth as much to San Francisco as a new municipal charter.

**NEVADA ON THE FRONT ROW.**

It seems that some of the Republican speakers during the last campaign made a great mistake when they spoke of Nevada as an "insignificant" state. Is a state insignificant that has turned out the vast number of millionaires that Nevada has? And again we ask what state in the union the size of Nevada makes more cattle shipments both east and west than our "insignificant" state? We raise products here that compete with those of the world and carry off the medal for the same at both world and state expositions? We have both gold and silver mines. The latter it is true, mostly closed on account of the great fall in the price of silver; yet ready to start up and give employment to thousands of starving men at the first raise of the white metal to its old value? What soil produces so extensively and in variety as the soil of the Sagebrush state? To all these questions there is but one answer. Nevada, far from being insignificant, is way in the lead of larger and more populated states than any other in the union. All that we need are a few men of capital willing to come here and invest some of their money in the advancing of many an enterprise where a little capital is needed to make money.

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The charge that the Judge falsified the record, is a very serious one. If the charges were true there would be a legal way of proving it, and Dr. Guinan has his remedy.

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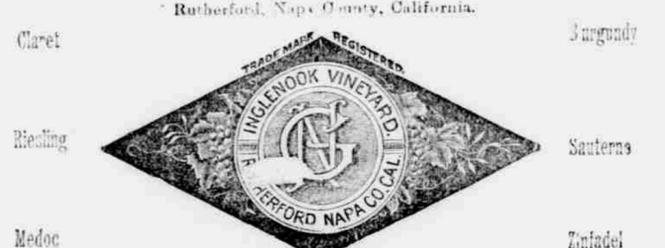
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