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## SAN FRANCISCO CRIMINAL RECORD

The San Francisco gangsters, who paid the penalty of their nefarious crimes on a lyncher's limb, doubtless got a part of what was coming to them; the other part they will get "beyond the river", but at that we have no patience with a civilized community that has to resort to lynching in order to protect itself from such thugs as were lynched by that California mob. San Francisco had swung wide her gates and extended an open invitation to such murderous gangsters to flock to its rendezvous in order to bring money to its business men. To be sure San Francisco is getting the money and, from a financial standpoint, she leads all other cities on the Pacific Coast, but getting the money is a poor compensation for the criminal record she is building up for herself. Better by far for a city to have less money and business, but more peace of mind. But to return to the spirit of lynching; it is a dangerous one to encourage. If the law is not sufficiently strong to deter such gangsters it is because those entrusted to enforce the law are in sympathy with the gangsters and the reason the executors of the law are in sympathy with such law breakers is because the supposed law enforcers are a part of the notorious gangsters, and that even extends to the lawyers at the bar. If it is impossible to convict a criminal in the courts it is because the court is more or less under the influence of the controlling spirits of the community. There is altogether too much law and too little law enforcement in this country. The lawyer is altogether a too-important personage. His modus procedure in court and the toleration of the presiding judge with his quibblings and hair splittings in the defense of dirty criminals are nauseating to the lay citizens and if the lynching of human beings is ever excusable it is in those communities where its next to impossible to convict a person accused of crime, even when such person admits he did it and defiantly asks, and what are you going to do about it? In Seattle bootleggers almost brazenly practice their profession on the streets and yet it is next to impossible to convict them. Enforce the law and there will be no excuse for lynchings.

The proposition that is now agitating the public mind of Seattle to force the packing houses to move from their present locations is nothing short of commercial suicide and we venture the prediction that if they are forced to move they will move from Seattle and even if they do not move from Seattle the plants will be idle the balance of the winter and thereby add another army of unemployed to the already many woes of Seattle. No one doubts that the packing houses have an unpleasant odor about them, but it seems to us that all concerned could overcome that just as they have in other cities. In the center of Kansas City are to be found many large packing houses and in their present locations they have been for

the past half century. It is our opinion that if the city council of Seattle votes to have the packing houses move from their present locations the businessmen of the city will be the losers thereby. Seattle is suffering today from a shortage of bucket brigades and she can ill afford to lose any that she already has.

## OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT

Cayton's Weekly wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and it truly hopes that its subscribers will to it return the compliment and the editor hereof further hopes that you will send with that greeting your annual subscription. For the past two years an overwhelming majority of the subscribers hereof have sent in their subscriptions at this season of the year which we took as our Christmas gift. We will greatly appreciate it if every subscriber to Cayton's Weekly will, between this and Christmas Day send his or her subscription to our office. Journalistically speaking we look forward to the coming of December with pride and pleasure because during that month so many of our readers reciprocate for what we have sent them the past twelve months. Hoping to hear from you P. D. Q.

Very truly,

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov.—Reduction of Southern representation is going to get an inning in Congress. A number of outspoken newspapers have commented strongly on the subject. The Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph, one of the leading daily newspapers of Pennsylvania, speaking on this important subject, says:

"With the 1920 Census figures before it, Congress will soon have to take up the question of reapportioning the membership of all the House. There are now 423 members on the basis of one for 210,504 persons. A reduction, rather than an increase of membership, is being strongly urged. This could be accomplished by apportioning representation on the basis of the Presidential vote instead of upon the basis of population. This would reduce the entire membership, but would especially affect the Southern representation.

The states which do not allow Negroes to vote would be particularly hard hit. Section 2, of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution provides that when the right to vote is denied any male inhabitant of such state, being 21 years of age and citizens of the United States or in any in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the same proportion which the number of such citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens 21 years of age in such state."

The eleven states of the "Solid South," have a fifth of the nation's population, but out of a total Presidential vote of 18,528,743 they cast only 1,796,108 ballots. A condition where eleven Southern States, plus Oklahoma have fewer votes than Illinois, but five times its representation in Congress and in the electoral college certainly calls for correction.

"The situation mentioned does not take

into consideration the new woman vote. Southern members of Congress did not hesitate to declare, when fighting the enabling resolution for submission of the woman suffrage amendment, that Negro women would never be allowed to vote in their section. If the South persists in its policy of deliberate disfranchisement, it cannot complain if it suffers legal consequences of its course and has its representation reduced in Congress and the electoral college to accord with its actual vote at the polls."—The Freeman.

## DIRTY POLITICS

Somewhat on a par with the literature issued by the Democratic State Committee of Ohio, in seeking to arouse racial prejudice in the recent election, was a more insidious device employed by New Jersey Democrats to try to bring about the defeat of Dr. Walter G. Alexander, who was on the ticket for Assembly. This device took the form of a post card which was sent to about 10,000 white voters, in order to influence them to vote against Dr. Alexander.

It was made to appear that the card was paid for by the "African-American League of Essex County", an organization that has no existence in fact. The wording was artfully contrived so as to appear to be an appeal to colored voters to insure the election of a colored man, and the card was sent to the white voters, so as to arouse racial antagonism.

Fortunately, the hard headed and sensible voters of New Jersey were not to be fooled in this way. They voted for Dr. Alexander despite the device of the enemy and elected him, the first member of his race to occupy a seat in the legislature of New Jersey.

How the leading Republicans of the county regarded the matter was shown by the comment of the president of the Republican League at a testimonial dinner given by the victors, where Dr. Alexander was well up on the list of those highly toasted. Mr. Vanderbilt said:

"I think one of the most despicable bits of politics occurred when certain people, Democrats suspected, sent out very disagreeable postal cards directed against Dr. Alexander. I understand the prosecutor's office has taken it up and it will be handled in a stringent way."

The moral is that dirty politics does not always pay, and that it is harder to fool the voters than it used to be.

Seattle will have better times financially when Seattle has a bigger bucket brigade. In Seattle there is entirely too much real estate boosting instead of factory fostering.

An election November 2nd, an election December 4th, and an election December 9th, all in Seattle are entirely too much election especially from an expense standpoint.

Rev. D. A. Grahamb and family have moved to their home at 1032 Thirdty-second north. They recently purchased the property.

Mrs. N. J. Barbour after a lingering illness passed away last Saturday. The body was shipped to Texas where she once lived, and was accompanied by her daughter.