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Birdseye View of the City of San Francisco, Showing The Pacific Ocean, The Golden Gate, and San Francisco Bay, The Great Inland Harbor, Golden Gate Park, in the Foreground, One of the Proposed Sites for the Panama-Pacific World's Fair of 1915

**Stock#:** 21692

Map Maker: Britton & Rey / Baumgartner

**Date:** 1910

**Place:** San Francisco

**Color:** Color **Condition:** VG-

**Size:** 26 x 19.5 inches

**Price:** SOLD



## **Description:**

Extremely rare view of San Francisco, showing the proposed sites of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, prepared for consideration by the so called Committee of Citizens, Robert Behlow, President and Chas Stoltz, Secretary.

The view is an extremely early Panama-Pacific piece and an unusual view, being one of the only views we have ever seen showing the San Francisco from a perspective that includes the Pacific Ocean from the Southwest. The present view, dated 1910, pre-dates the official ground breaking for the Fair on October 14, 1911 and is unquestionably one of the earliest visual images of the fairgrounds. The view includes a lengthy text below the image, extolling the virtues of the location, along with a remarkable view of Golden Gate Park, the beach and the city.

The view is apparently very rare, as we could find no other examples in any source. While a  $4 \times 3$  inch image of the proposed site was copyrighted in 1911, it does not appear that an earlier graphic image exists.

## **Detailed Condition:**

Some restoration in upper left corner and upper right top part of map