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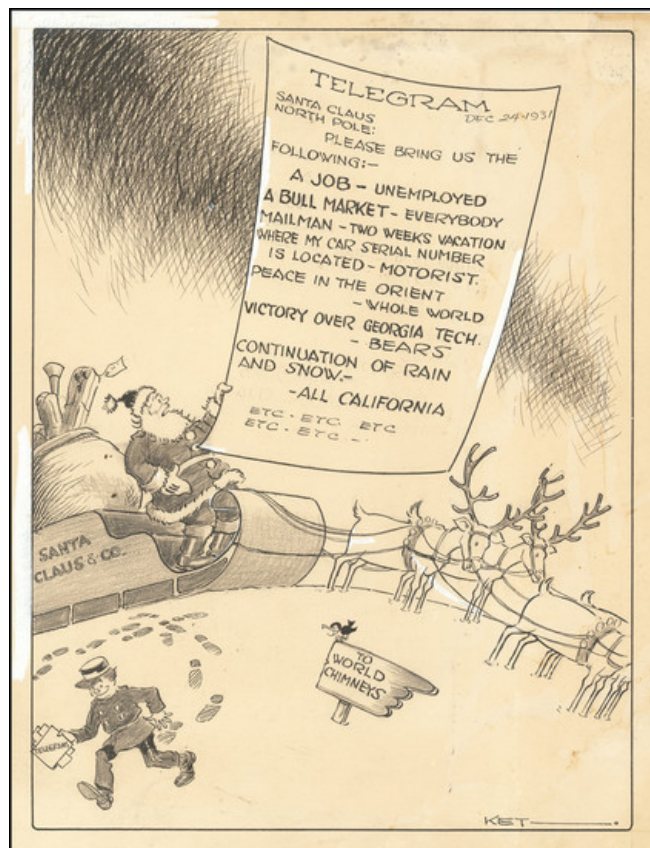
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Stock#: 68586
Map Maker: Kettlewell
Date: 1931
Place: Oakland
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 12 x 16 inches
Price: \$295.00



Description:

Original Pen and Ink Cartoons on Artist's Board

This is a great vintage cartoon reciting the many problems faced by Americans, Californians, and others on Christmas Eve, 1931. This is a great example of a work by the famed early 20th-century Californian cartoonist Frank Kettlewell, who was working at the time for the *Oakland Tribune*.

The cartoon itself shows Santa Claus receiving a telegram filled with an extensive list of requests ranging from the monumental to the minor, but most of them unlikely to occur. The woes listed touch on major world events and provide interesting insights as to the popular conscience regarding the issues of the day. The Depression is at the top of the list, with the unemployed looking for a job and everyone hoping for a bull market. Peace in Manchuria is also mentioned, showing that there was a surprising amount of global interest and dismay at the Japanese invasion. The California drought is touched on, the cartoon hopes that the rain and snow would continue, but the drought would go on to last another three years.



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Other minor humorous issues abound. It is hoped that Berkeley beat Georgia tech (they would, 19-6). Car owners can't find their serial numbers and mailmen are sick of all the Christmastime work. In all, this is a great and humorous cartoon, touching on issues still relevant today.

Detailed Condition: