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**Title:** Records of the San Francisco Graft Prosecution,

**Identifier/Call Number:** BANC MSS C-B 447

**Acquisition Information**
The Photographs Related to the San Francisco Graft Trial were possibly transferred from the Carl Hoffman Papers, BANC MSS C-B 377.

**Scope and Content**
The Photographs Related to the San Francisco Graft Trial collection contains 15 photographic prints taken mostly in 1907-1908. The collection features many of the important individuals involved in the San Francisco graft trials of 1907 and 1908. The trials occurred during a period of governmental reform following the earthquake and fire of 1906 and the subsequent rebuilding of the city. In the trials, Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, political boss Abe Ruef—who helped bring Schmitz to power—and other individuals were charged with bribery, acceptance of bribes, extortion, and other acts of corruption. Responsible for the original exposés of the corruption were assistant district attorney Frances J. Heney, *San Francisco Bulletin* editor Fremont Older, progressive reformer Rudolph Spreckels, and former San Francisco mayor James D. Phelan. After being wounded by a gunshot while acting as prosecuting attorney, Heney was replaced by Hiram Johnson. Schmitz and Ruef were both convicted, though a higher court would overturn the Schmitz decision and Ruef would be pardoned after serving less than five years at San Quentin.

Individuals pictured in the collection include Abe Ruef, Frances J. Heney, Fremont Older, Rudolph Spreckels, detective William J. Burns, defendant Pat Calhoun, and defense attorneys Stanley Moore and Henry Ach.

The photographers are unidentified. The collection includes 4 duplicate prints.

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**The "Curly Boss." Abe Ruef during the graft trials. 1907. [With enlarged copy print.]**
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**The "Big Four" graft prosecutors (left to right) Frances J. Heney, William J. Burns, Fremont Older and Rudolph Spreckels. [With duplicate print captioned: "Heney, Burns, Older, R. Spreckels."]**
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BANC PIC 1905.02615--A  ark:/13030/tf5t1nb521

[Abe] Ruef -- (pointing).
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**Additional Note**

Unidentified woman identified by a researcher, as Cora Older, wife of Fremont Older.

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[Unidentified men in car, outside of court house.] BANC PIC 1905.02618--A  ark:/13030/tf3t1nb4hn

**The Misses Calhoun, Pat Calhoun, Stanley Moore and Earl Rodgers. Graft prosecution. San Francisco. 1907-1908.**
BANC PIC 1905.02619--A  ark:/13030/tf2q500608

Pat Calhoun. Going to court before Judge Lawlor. 1907. BANC PIC 1905.02620--A  ark:/13030/tf8p301021

Pat Calhoun (right) and a friend during a court recess. 1908.
BANC PIC 1905.02621--A  ark:/13030/tf767nb6ri

Abe Ruef on way to San Quentin. BANC PIC 1905.02622--A  ark:/13030/tf5q2nb5c1

Henry Ach -- one of Abe Ruef attys. in whispered conversation with Ruef. Ex Chief Biggey at left. [With two duplicate prints.]
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