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State Geological Survey of California J.D. Whitney, State Geologist. Map of California and Nevada... 2nd Edition Revised by Hoffman and Craven and issued by authority of the Regents of the University of California given May 12th 1874

Stock#: 15536
Map Maker: Whitney
Date: 1874
Place: New York
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 41 x 34 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Large format map of California of the highest importance. "Only a decade after California was admitted to the Union, the State Legislature approved funding for a wide-ranging scientific survey of the region. A major result of this was a map, which for the first time showed the lineaments of the highly varied physical geography of California and Nevada with a high degree of accuracy" -- Norman J.W. Thrower in California 49.

The different geographical regions of the state are shown in detailed, shaded relief including the Basin and Range country of the eastern interior; the southern Cascades and Klamath Knot of the north; the high Sierra Nevadas forming California's inland boundary; the almost continuous Coast Ranges with small coastal plains; the Great Valley of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers; the Transverse Ranges and Plateaus of the south; and the High and Low Deserts of the southern interior. Mount Whitney is shown, named for the surveyor of this map, which is the highest point in the contiguous 48 states. "Whitney gathered around him in California a remarkable team of field workers, including Clarence King and



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William Brewer who, with others, surveyed the State using triangulation... it was through this experience of surveying and mapping in California that the great Federal, post-Civil War surveys of the western interior of the United States were initiated. One of these was led by King who in 1879 became the first Director of the United States Geological Survey" -- California 49.

Detailed Condition:

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