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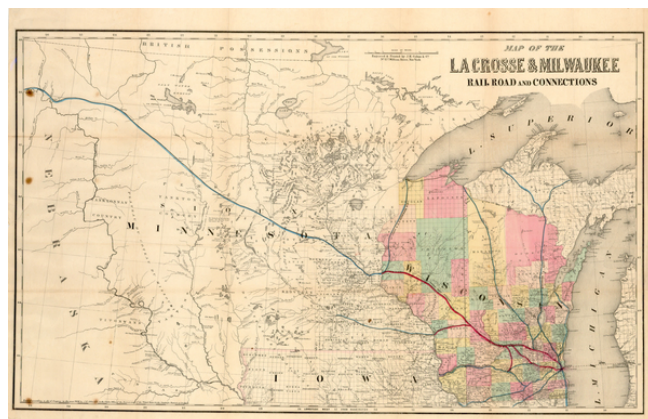
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Map of the La Crosse & Milwaukee Railroad and Connections

Stock#: 18307
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1856
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 35 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare large format map of the Upper Midwest, tracking the route of the LaCrosse & Milwaukee Railroad from the confluence of the Little Missouri River and the White Earth River in Nebraska Territory to its terminus in Milwaukee.

The La Crosse & Milwaukee Railroad was chartered in 1852 and failed shortly after the panic of 1857. Before its failure, the line succeeded in becoming the second railroad to connect Milwaukee to the Mississippi River. The map includes a marvelous treatment of Minnesota Territory only a few years after its creation. Many Indian Tribes and early settlements west of the Mississippi are noted.

This rare map accompanied the *Fifth annual report of the directors of the LaCrosse & Milwaukee Rail Road Company* (Milwaukee: Daily News Book and Job Steam Printing Office, Mason Street, 1857). A comparison of this map to Colton's 4 sheet wall map of the United States indicates to us that this map is not simply a section of the wall map, but in fact an entirely new plate, for which we are not aware of any other examples, except the copy in the Newberry Library. The Library of Congress and the University of Notre Dame owns copies of a similarly titled Colton map, but extending from Wisconsin to the Atlantic Ocean.

Detailed Condition: