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Birds Eye View of Pueblo South Pueblo & Pueblo County, Colorado, 1874, On the Line of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway

Stock#: 22642
Map Maker: Strobridge Co. / Glover
Date: 1874
Place: Colorado Springs
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 9.5 x 6.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare birdseye view letter sheet of Pueblo, Colorado, based upon a larger birdseye view.

The original Glover/Strobridge view of Colorado is a view drawn from the north-east, looking south-west and includes a key to mountains, public buildings and manufactories. The oversall size is 53 x 67cm. OCLC locates only 3 known examples (Colorado Historical Society, Colorado Special Library and Denver Public



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The present view is a near exact reduced size reproduction, prepared in letter sheet format, of which OCLC locates only a single example in the collection of the DPL, an "Informal family letter from Mary Jane to father & mother, brothers & sisters. Written on letterhead of J.J. Thomas, wholesale and retail dealer in coal, lime, brick, etc.."

The present letter is written November 27, 1874, by the writer to his brother Philander, which is written from Del Norte in the San Juan Countrry (175 miles west of :Pueblo). The writer informs his brother of the loss of \$25,000 in Pueblo (in connection with the losses of Jay Cook), which forced him into involuntary Bankruptcy. The writer now reports that his fortunes seem improved in the mineral and agricultural booms associated with the fortunes of the San Juan region. The writer goes on to express regret that he cannot be with their mother, but that his wife is well and his children are fairing well in both the San Juan region and California.

Del Norte, Coloado was founded in 1871 as a service center for the gold mining activities going on in the area and quickly became the supply and financial center in the western part of San Luis Valley. Rio Grande County was formed in 1874 with Del Norte as the county seat. The Rio Grande's full name is "Rio Grande del Norte." The writer was one an early visitor to this boom town, driven here by the apparent failure of his business, which was related to the Panic of 1873, caused by the failure of Jay Cook's bond financing scheme of the early 1870s to construct the Northern Pacific Railroad.

A fabulous piece of Colorado frontier visual and personal history, providing a very personal look into the fortunes of this particular western family.

Detailed Condition:

Rare Birdseye View and letter sheet