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Rice's Sectional Map of Dakota . . . 1878

Stock#: 37594hf
Map Maker: Rice
Date: 1878
Place: St. Paul, MN
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 32.5 x 26 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine early large format map of Dakota Territory, published in St. Paul, by Rice.

During the 1870s, the interest in Dakota Territory grew tremendously, as settlement of the region pushed westward, the Northern Pacific Railroad expanded its lines into the region and the Sioux Indian Wars increasingly forced the Native American Tribes out of the region. By the end of the decade, Sitting Bull had been forced to flee to Canada (1879) and the expansion of settlement in the region was poised to explode.

The present map captures in stunning large format the extent of the expansion. The General Land Office had surveyed much of the region east of the Missouri River and a number of forts are now established in the western part of Dakota Territory. A number of early roads and trails are now located, including several early stage routes. The key identifies Finished Railroads, Proposed Railroads, Railroad Explorations, Wagon Roads and Trails, along with General Land Office locations, Towns, Forts, Indian Agencies, Stations and Indian Villages and Settlements.

The earliest edition of the map which we could locate was 1872. The map seems to have been updated regularly, as we note editions of 1874, 1875 and 1878, all of which are very rare.



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There are significant changes over the years, most notably the addition of counties and the continuation of the State Survey work.

Detailed Condition:

Pocket map, folding into black printed covers.