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Map of the Central Pacific Rail Road of California (from) Sacramento to the Big Bend of the Truckee River

Stock#: 44903
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1865
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 35.5 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Only Surviving Example of This Detailed Map of the Central Pacific Railroad Showing the Completed Route from Sacramento to the Nevada Border.

Detailed map of California, Nevada and Utah, focusing on the proposed route of the Central Pacific Railroad.

The map shows the completed route of the Central Pacific Rail Road from Sacramento to Truckee River, and the projected route from the Truckee River to Salt Lake City.

The map extends east to about the eastern border of Utah; and north-south about 42.5° to 36.5°. This map is drawn from a section of Bancroft's "Map of the Pacific States", with Bancroft's copyright notice. Colton did not have such a large scale map which may be why he borrowed it.

Streeter describes the map as follows:

The title of this map is not fully descriptive, for the route of the Central Pacific is shown not only to the Big Bend of the Truckee, but all the way into Salt Lake City, the route - as with my 1864 Bancroft map and other early maps - going south of Great Salt Lake. The route is shown as finished to east of Donner Lake indicating a later date in 1865 for this map... No terminus west of Sacramento is indicated. Though the 1864 Bancroft map is followed for the route of the Central Pacific, Bancroft's incorrect showing of San Francisco and Marysville is not repeated here. The map continues to the eastern border of Utah and goes as far south as the parallel of Monterey."



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The map is an exceptional rarity. The title of the map suggests that it was inspired in some way by Theodore Judah's *Map of the "designated route" of the Central Pacific R.R. of California: showing its general location from the city of Sacramento to eastern boundary of Cala., and to Big Bend of Truckee*, a copy of which survives only in facsimile.

The present example is the Warren Heckrotte copy, acquired from Florian Shasky in 1984. Prior to this example, the only known example was the Thomas Streeter Copy, sold as #2894 in his sale of Western Americana in the 1960s. We surmise that this is quite likely the same example of the map as was offered in the Streeter Sale.

Detailed Condition:

Backed on linen. Printer's crease at top left.