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Trans Continental Route Illustrated Crossing The Switzerland of America

Stock#: 45593jc
Map Maker: Rand McNally & Company
Date: 1976
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 50 x 6 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest Rand McNally Maps

Fine early map of the Trans-Continental railroad route from Chicago to California along the Chicago Rock Island, Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads.

The outer part of the map also gives an out of scale depiction connections from Chicago to the East Coast and then by steamer to Europe as well as routes from San Francisco to Asia and Australia.

The map is projected as a panorama, with the topography shown pictorially and dozens of tiny vignettes depicting natural wonders and other landmarks of interest to travelers. Other vignettes contrast the ease and comfort of travel in 1876 with the hardships of just a quarter century earlier. One shows an Indian warrior, armed to the teeth and with drawn dagger, labeled "The Fellow that used to collect fare on the Overland Route in 1851." Another, "Sleeping accommodations on Overland Route in 1850," shows settlers sleeping on the ground beside their Conestoga wagon, rifles at the ready.

Above the map, a long travelogue highlighting major points of interest on the route, along with fare information, a timetable and other information of use to would-be travelers. The verso bears ads for The Grand Pacific Hotel and the Commercial Hotel, both in Chicago.

The map is apparently quite rare. We note only a single example on the market in the past 30 years.

Detailed Condition: