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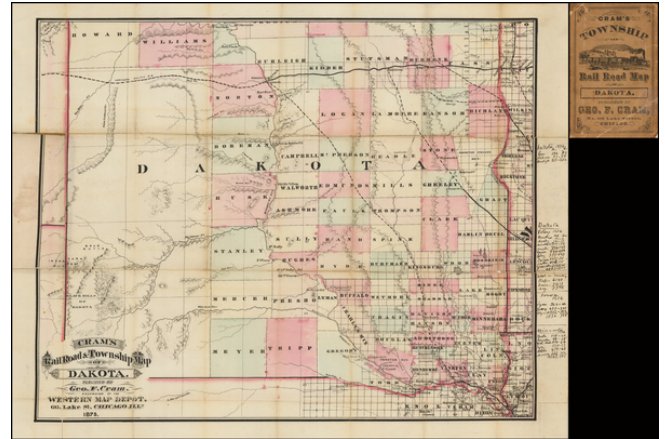
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Cram's Rail Road & Township Map of Dakota.

Stock#: 47186
Map Maker: Cram
Date: 1875
Place: Chicago
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 15.5 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Election-related map of the Dakota Territory, immediately pre-dating the Great Sioux War of 1876.

A special example of Cram's hand-colored folding map of the Dakotas, this example with manuscript additions of voter statistics in the margin.

Dakota was still a territory when this map was produced in 1875, and it would still be so during the presidential election of 1876. Thus the election data in the right margin refers to a local election, which the Republicans carried handily. It is possible, maybe likely, that the map was used for official purposes by the canvassing territorial board, or by the state election authority.

The map holds further interest as it comes immediately before the Great Sioux War of 1876, which was spurred by U. S. efforts to wrest the Black Hills (and its presumed gold wealth) from the hands of the local Sioux tribes. The Black Hills are named on the map, but no settlements are shown.

George F. Cram (1842-1928) was a Civil War veteran, who joined his uncle's map business and would later go on to become the most important American publisher in the field during the latter part of the 19th century.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map. Original paper covers.