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## Map No. 1 of Western Oregon Showing the Lands of the Oregon & California Railroad Company . . .

**Stock#:** 56778  
**Map Maker:** Oregon & California Railroad Company  
**Date:** 1889  
**Place:** Chicago  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 32 x 34.5 inches  
**Price:** \$1,400.00



### Description:

#### ***Lands Granted to the Oregon & California Railroad***

Rare separately published map of northwestern Oregon, printed by Rand McNally & Co. for the Oregon & California Railroad Company.

The map extends from the Columbia River to Yaquina Bay and Corvallis in the South. The map shows the coastal region and mountain range between Astoria and Sweet Home. The map also shows thirty and twenty mile limit for the Oregon and California Railroad grant, and also the military road grants for Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountains, and Corvallis and Yaquina Bay.

#### **The Oregon & California Railroad Company**

The Oregon and California Railroad was formed from the Oregon Central Railroad. The Oregon Central Rail Road was the name of two railroad companies, each of which claimed federal land grants that had been assigned to the state of Oregon in 1866 to assist in building a line from Portland south into California. The "East Side Company" of Salem (incorporated 1867), supported by businessman Ben



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Holladay, eventually received the grant for its line east of the Willamette River, and was reorganized in 1870 as the Oregon and California Railroad (O&C), which completed the line in 1887. The City of Portland supported the competing "West Side Company" (incorporated 1866), which only built to McMinnville, and was sold to the O&C in 1880.

In 1887, the line was completed over Siskiyou Summit and the Southern Pacific Railroad assumed control of the railroad. However, it was not officially sold to Southern Pacific until January 3, 1927.

**Rarity**

The map is very rare on the market. OCLC locates 2 examples (Oregon Historical Society and University of Oregon).

We previously offered an example for sale in 2016.

**Detailed Condition:**

A few minor fold splits.