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Map of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway with its Western Connections...

Stock#: 61085
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1867
Place: New York?
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Fair
Size: 25 x 26 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

1860s Minnesota-Wisconsin Railway Wall Map.

Antique wall map of Minnesota and Wisconsin, lithographed and colored by hand, showing the railroad, potential extensions, and tributaries of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

The map differentiates four kinds of railroads in its key:

Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway 261 Miles	Colored [solid red]
" " Contemplated Extension	Colored [dashed red]
Roads used by Mil: & St. Paul Railway 108 Miles	Colored [solid blue]
Roads under contract and being Constructed	
Tributary to Mil: & St. Paul Railway,	
Winona to Owatonia 80 Miles	
Owatonia to Minneapolis 60 Miles	
St. Paul to Watab 80 Miles	
220 Miles	Colored [brown]



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The Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway

The railroad that became the Milwaukee Road began as the Milwaukee and Waukesha Railroad in Wisconsin, whose goal was to link the developing Lake Michigan port city of Milwaukee with the Mississippi River. The company incorporated in 1847 but changed its name to the Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad in 1850 before construction began. As a result of the financial panic of 1857, the Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad (M&M) went into receivership in 1859 and was purchased by the Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien in 1861. In 1867, Alexander Mitchell combined the M&PdC with the Milwaukee and St. Paul (formerly the LaCrosse & Milwaukee Railroad Company) under the name Milwaukee and St. Paul. Critical to the development and financing of the railroad was the acquisition of significant land grants. Prominent individual investors in the line included Alexander Mitchell, Russell Sage, Jeremiah Milbank, and William Rockefeller. The railroad would eventually come to be known as the Milwaukee Road.

Unrecorded in OCLC.

Detailed Condition:

Fair-condition wall map. Original wooden dowels, linen-backing, and selvage. Varnish darkened and somewhat brittle with a few attendant cracks. Dampstain along left and right edges, and particularly in the top margin, where it has caused some stronger staining and paper cracking (not into the image). Dampstain also proceeding down into the top half of the map. The map would benefit from professional conservation and is priced accordingly. All of the map image is present and original.