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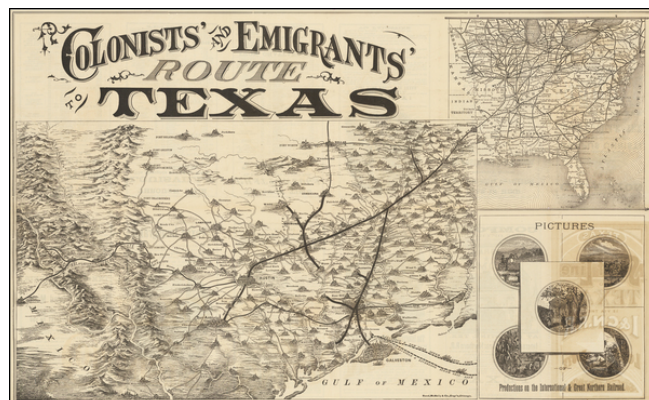
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Stock#: 65542
Map Maker: Woodward, Tiernan & Hale
Date: 1878 circa
Place: St. Louis
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 24 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Rare Texas Railroad Promotional Map

Rare topographical birds eye view style map of Texas showing the lines of the International & Great Northern Railroad.

The map provides a fascinating pictorial representation of Texas cities, towns, and military posts in European fashion, as if built on a hill, while locating the lines of the International & Great Northern Railroad and the Steamship lines into Galveston, along with early roads.

On the verso are the usual timetables and promotional text.

Rumsey dates the map 1878?.

International & Great Northern Railroad

The International - Great Northern Railroad (I&GN) was a railroad that operated in Texas. It was created on September 30, 1873, when the International Railroad and the Houston and Great Northern Railroad merged. The railroad was officially incorporated as the International & Great Northern Railroad Company.

Originally, the I&GN operated 177 miles of track from Hearne to Longview, but at its peak it owned 1,106 miles of track. As the railroad expanded, it reached Rockdale in 1874 and Austin on December 28, 1876. The line extended to San Antonio in 1880 and finally to the US-Mexican border town of Laredo on December 1, 1881.

The I&GN, like other railroads of its time, had many financial troubles and went into receivership on



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several occasions. Jay Gould acquired control of the I&GN in December of 1880. Due to his control of the Missouri Pacific (Mopac) and the Texas and Pacific Railroad, the three were operated as one system, although they each retained their separate corporate identities and seniority districts.

Rarity

The map is very rare on the market, this being the second example we have ever offered for sale.

Detailed Condition: