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Mapa de la red telegráfica y de los itinerarios generales de la República Mexicana. formado segun datos oficiales

Stock#: 67830
Map Maker: Britton & Rey / Labadie
Date: 1884
Place: San Francisco, California
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 28 x 21.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Beautiful color-lithographed folding map of Mexico, produced by Felipe Labadie and lithographed by Britton & Rey, in San Francisco in 1884.

The focus of the map is on the extensive communications networks that had recently been constructed (or were currently under construction) throughout Mexico. The legend in the lower-left elaborates this point; it mentions railroads completed; wagon roads; state boundaries; international boundaries; railroads in construction; telegraphs; submarine cables; steamship lines; the red numbers on the map record the distance to Mexico City in miles; and the W.F. markers indicate offices of Wells Fargo.

This map was published at the end of the González Interregnum, the period between 1880 and 1884 when General Manuel González held the presidency after Porfirio Díaz had stepped down. The period was marked by increasing openness to investment by U.S. nationals and an attempt by the Mexican government to make the country seem like a safe and attractive place to invest. This map clearly means to advance that cause by displaying Mexico's advanced national communications network.

In 1885, Felipe Labadie was acting as Mexican Consul in San Francisco.

Rarity

OCLC records one example at the Bancroft Library, UC Berkeley. The Library of Congress has a pen-and-ink tracing of the map.



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Detailed Condition:

Dissected and mounted on old (probably contemporary) linen. Original red cloth case, gilt-lettered: Mapa de la red telegráfica y de los itinerarios generales de la República Mexicana - Published by Grégoire, Tauzy & Co. San Francisco Cal." Some linen splits repaired.