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Airplane Map of the State of Oregon

Stock#: 74828
Map Maker: Routledge
Date: 1929
Place: Portland, Oregon
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 32 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Wonderful vintage pictorial bird's-eye view of Oregon, by one of the state's best 20th-century mapmakers, Fred Routledge.

The map is oriented with north at the top, looking over the Pacific Coast and the southern part of the Cascades to the Columbia River. The topography is rendered in an exaggerated and pleasing fashion.

An inset of Portland to Mountain Hood ("The Columbia River Highway and Mt. Hood Loop") appears at the left. Numerous inset photos line the top and bottom edges on the right side.

The framing of the image as an "Airplane Map" indicates how air travel was beginning to influence American's understanding of geography. Although in the late 1920s, almost no one in the country had traveled on a commercial airplane, images taken from them were becoming more commonplace.

Rumsey has two examples, one dated 1916 and the other 1929, though truth be told, we cannot differentiate the two, and both have Routledge signatures that appear to be dated 1929.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map printed on both sides. Verso with clear tape stabilizing original folds.