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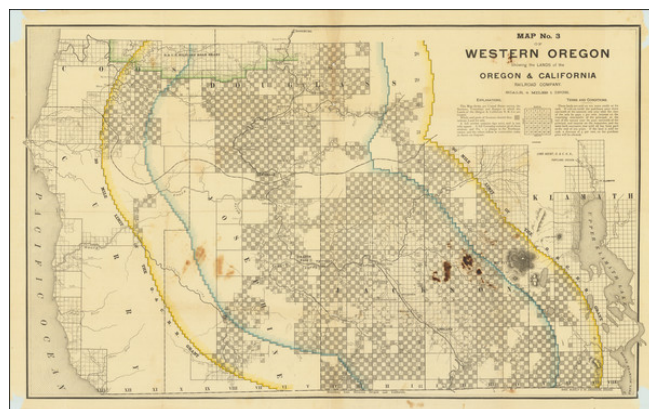
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Map No. 3 of Western Oregon Showing the Lands of Oregon & California Railroad Company

Stock#: 83448
Map Maker: Oregon & California Railroad Company / Rand McNally & Company
Date: 1889 circa
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: Good
Size: 36 x 21.5 inches
Price: SOLD



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 covers most of Douglass, Josephine and Jackson Counties, illustrating the thirty and twenty mile limit for the Oregon and California Railroad grant.

This map covers the southwestern corner of Oregon, west of Klamath Lake and south from Bandon, just below Coos Bay. Four bands of color show the limits of the grants to the Oregon & California Railroad to sell lands.

This appears to have been one of a set of three maps of company lands in Oregon, all very rare.

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 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



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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

Detailed Condition:

Minor loss at folds and some staining.