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Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road and its Connections | B and O The Only Line from New York via Washington to the West

Stock#: 86702
Map Maker: Rand McNally & Company
Date: 1878 circa
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size:



Price: SOLD

Description:

The Eastern Span of the Great Highway of the Continent from across Rivers and Lakes, across Prairies, Over the Alleghanies, Down the Valley of the Potomac, to the Sea.

Extremely rare, nationwide map showing the extent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at the end of the 1870s.

The map is an early example of a Rand McNally railroad map of the sort that would become ubiquitous in the late 1880s and 1890s. The map shows the route of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as it heads westward along the continent, and, notably, shows all the connecting routes, which combine to produce a fabulous mapping of the early railroads in the Transmississippi West. The map even includes the Pacific Coast in a marvelously-designed inset that lines up the state boundaries of Utah and Idaho with the states that are not in the inset.

The map includes a vignette in the lower right showing the maritime terminus of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad with several tall ships at harbor. The verso includes a number of timetables.

Provenance

From the collection of an Englishman gentleman who traveled across the United States and onwards to the Sandwich Islands in the year 1880 and 1881.

Rarity

All editions of this map are scarce. This, (apparently earliest) edition with the inset of the marine terminus of the B and O in the lower right, is extremely rare.



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We locate only a copy at Harvard University (dated 1878) that also has the vignette. An example from the Rutherford B Hayes Presidential library does not have sufficient information to confirm the edition, although it appears to be later.

We find no examples of this map having traded.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map. Printed both sides. Minor red stain in the leftmost part of the map.