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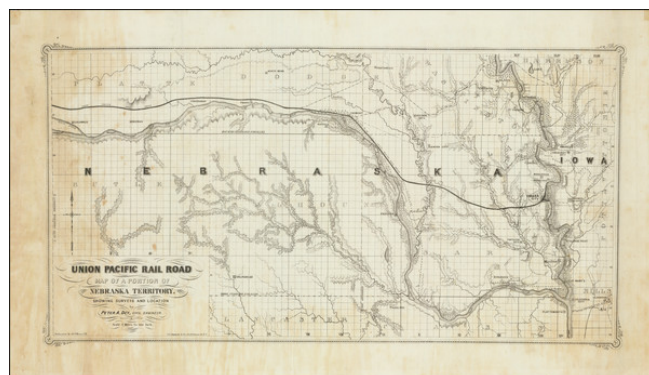
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## (Westward Expansion) Union Pacific Rail Road | Map of a Portion of the Nebraska Territory. Showing Surveys and Location

**Stock#:** 91724  
**Map Maker:** Dey  
**Date:** 1865  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 28 x 14 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *The First Map of the Union Pacific.*

This is the second known example of the final version of Peter Anthony Dey's map of the first section of the Union Pacific Railroad, the map which would establish the first portion of the route of the Transcontinental Railroad.

In 1862, Anthony Dey, with the assistance of Grenville Dodge, undertook a survey on behalf of the Union Pacific Railroad. The survey set both a primary proposed route and other preliminary lines of survey (1) over the Cheyenne Pass and the Bridger Pass, (2) between Omaha and the Platte Valley, and (3) between Bellevue and the Platte Valley, and several other preliminary lines. The results of the survey appear on this map.

The map illustrates the routes surveyed by Dey across the eastern portion of Nebraska Territory. A version of the map, either an early printed version or a manuscript version, was presented by Dey and Thomas Durant to Abraham Lincoln, and it was Dey's work that persuaded Lincoln to choose Omaha as the starting point on the Missouri River for the route of the Transcontinental Railroad from Omaha to the Pacific Ocean.

Later, Dey would be named the Chief Engineer of the Union Pacific Rail Road and remain in this position until resigning in 1865, in protest of the business dealings of the Railroad, which would become known as the Crédit Mobilier scandal.

#### Union Pacific and Transatlantic Railroad



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The Union Pacific Railroad was a crucial part of American history, connecting the east and west coasts of the United States for the first time. Construction of the Union Pacific began in 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railroad Act into law. The Act provided government support and land grants to two railroad companies, the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific, to build a transcontinental railroad.

The Union Pacific was tasked with building the railroad westward from Omaha, Nebraska, while the Central Pacific was responsible for building eastward from Sacramento, California. The two companies were in a race to meet in the middle, with the goal of connecting the entire country by rail. A number of other railroad lines are shown, all in heavy black lines.

### **States of the Map and Rarity**

The present example is one of two known states of the map.

**The first state** appears to pre-date the first construction of the railroad. It is substantially larger than the present map (at 89 x 183 cm). There is less topographical detail, the railroad line is not cross-hatched, the map lacks a compass, and the title is in simple block letters, lacking the J & O Seymour imprint. It also lacks a decorative border. OCLC locates 2 examples of the first state (Library of Congress and Penn State).

**The second state** includes a decorative border, title with flourished lettering, additional topography, additional railroad routes in dashed lines, and the J & O Seymour imprint, among other additions. This is a photo-lithographic reduction probably published around 1865, as the railroad construction was under way.

OCLC locates only 1 example of the second state (Yale).

### **Detailed Condition:**

Soiled, primarily at the left side and in the blank margins.