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New Grapho-Politico Map of the State of California Compiled From The Latest And Most Authentic Official And Special Surveys

Stock#: 103199
Map Maker: Whitaker & Ray Co.
Date: 1902
Place: San Francisco
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 63.75 x 67.25 inches
Price: \$ 7,500.00



Description:

A Graphic(o-Political) Tour de Force

Extremely rare and remarkable wall map from 1902, produced by the San Francisco-based publisher and educational supply company Whitaker & Ray. The map is housed in an unusual spring-powered wooden case at the top with a wooden roller at the bottom.

The primary map is an exceptional example of the use of color and printing techniques to show relief, offering a sense of depth. The impressive composition consists of a central color relief map of California surrounded by eight thematic inset maps. The central map is graphically striking and highly informative. In the lower-left corner are tables detailing altitudes and recent census demographics, as well as two inset maps showing the location of historic missions and the state's congressional districts.

The thematic maps are a series of more complex, data-driven inset maps is found on the right side of the main map. These include explanatory texts and cover a variety of datasets, including yields like agriculture and timber, climate zones, geological and mineral profiles, and the extent of petroleum wells and deposits

Drawer Ref: Rolled Maps
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in the state. The map even provides an early overview of California's emergent viticulture industry. A scroll with printed information on the state's history sits alongside the insets.

Each of the thematic maps' core concepts are incorporated into the the smaller maps. For example, regarding viticulture, the map is color coded in grey to show areas largely devoted to viticulture, with single diagonal lines showing "sparsely located vines".

The map was the first of Whitaker & Ray's "Grapho" maps, and would be following in 1907 by a [Grapho-Relief Map of the Bay Counties](#) . . .

Rarity

The map is exceptionally rare.

The present example is apparently the unknown first state of the map. OCLC locates 1 example of the 1903 state of the map (UC Berkeley) and 1 example of the 1906 state of the map (UC Berkeley).

Detailed Condition:

The wooden case has minor damage. The map has some minor creasing and wear. Tear at left side, entering the Petroleum text.