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[Panoramic View -- San Antonio To Chicago] Houston and Texas Central Through Route to Texas the Field of Agriculture and Commerce

Stock#: 105504
Map Maker: Rand McNally & Company
Date: 1877
Place: Chicago
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 38 x 7.125 inches (size of view)
Price: P.O.R.



Description:

Rare Texas and Mid-Continent Panoramic View and Timetable

Fascinating stylized birdseye view of the Central Route of the Houston & Texas Central Railway, extending from Chicago to the Gulf of Mexico and naming several dozen cities.

Pictorial wrappers with top wrapper depicting a sweeping Texas landscape entitled "View of Waco." The unique foldout image shows the "*Directness of the route, as well as the character of the country and beauty of the landscape over which it passes.*" The route from Galveston to Chicago crosses over rivers and through towns. Native Americans are seen in the foreground looking down on the line.

The scenes pictured below the map include the court house in Austin, the Alamo, and the suspension bridge spanning the Brazos River in Waco. Pictorial wrappers show a "*View of Waco.*" Includes 1877 timetables and fare rates. Also includes a route map for the Houston & Texas Central Railway, with the cover art featuring a view of Waco, Texas.

The 1877 promotional text for the Houston & Texas Central Railway, known as "The Central Route," highlights its unparalleled advantages for passenger and freight transportation in the Southwest. It emphasizes the route's access to prosperous cities and fertile lands across central Texas, suitable for diverse agricultural and commercial ventures. The text underscores the strategic connections with major northern, eastern, and western rail lines, urging travelers to choose the Houston & Texas Central Railway for direct and efficient travel to and from Texas.

Rarity



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The timetable and view are extremely rare.

OCLC locates 2 examples of an 1878 edition (Houston Public Library and Texas Tech University).

We note an example of the 1878 edition offered at auction by Heritage Auctions in 2018 which sold for 2,375.00.

Provenance: Pencil note on covers "Miss Dora Martin 1877."

Detailed Condition:

Outer covers stained.