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### Goodspeed's Map of Fergus County Montana 1905

**Stock#:** 11799  
**Map Maker:** Goodspeed  
**Date:** 1905  
**Place:** Chicago ??  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 51 x 44 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Rare map of Fergus County Montana, published by the Fergus County Argus of Lewiston, Montana, as an early promotional work, with additional contemporary manuscript notes for what appears to be railroad survey east of Lewiston. Fascinating early map of Fergus County, at a time when it incorporated all of Petroleum County and much of Judith Basin, Golden Valley and Musselshell Counties. The map shows the course of the short-lived Montana Railroad from Ubet to Lewiston. Richard A. Harlow formed the Montana Railroad in 1895 to run from Lombard (named after chief engineer, A.G. Lombard) on the Missouri River to Leadboro in the Castle Mountains which was then at the height of a silver boom. Harlow decided in 1899 to extend the railroad into the Musselshell Valley and eventually to Lewistown. The present map shows a manuscript survey of the Route Traversed by Messrs. Dalzell and Benson. The route extends due east from Lewiston to Mosby, in Dawson County, with notations of the terrain as being either Smooth & Rolling, Rolling Level, Rough, Very Rough or Bench. The towns of Divide (apparently non-existent), Tiegens (Tiegen), Winnetts (Winnett) and Mosby are added in manuscript, each with elevations. Some older erasures in a green pencil are also present, including a Ross P.O. (now Ross Hall) north of Mosby on the Mussellshell River. The only reference to the map which we could locate was in the Fergus County Argus, dated March 25, 1909. A marvelous rare item, which warrants further study.

#### Detailed Condition: