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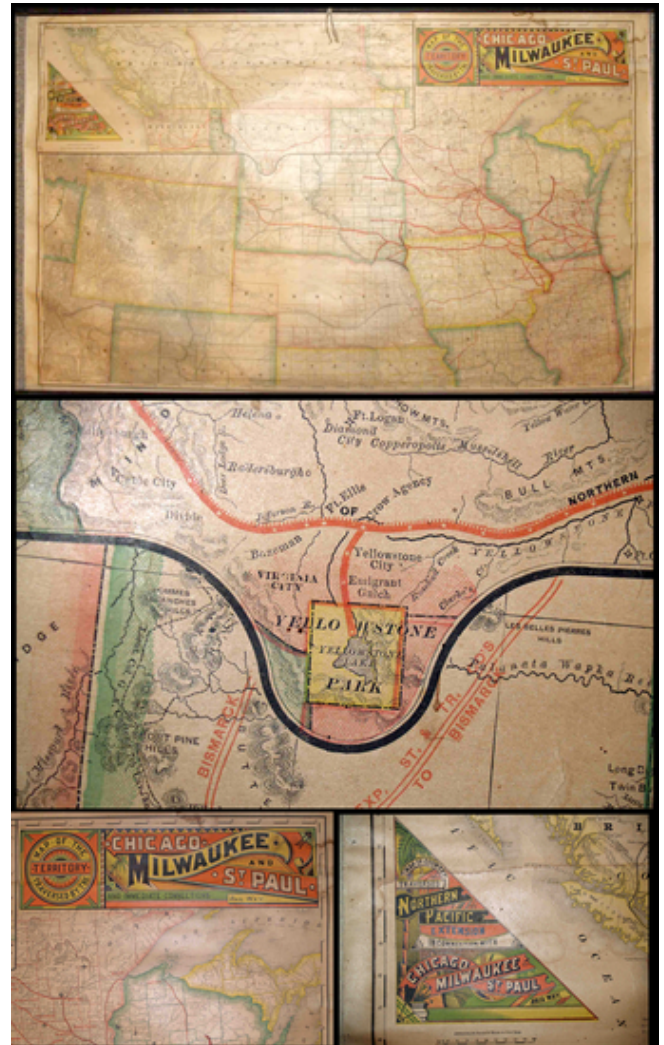
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## Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Map of the Territory Traversed by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Rail Way

**Stock#:** 19697  
**Map Maker:** Rand McNally & Company  
**Date:** 1874  
**Place:** Chicago  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 43 x 26 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Unrecorded early map of the Northern United States, showing the route of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad from Lake Michigan to Dakota, with a large inset map (10 x 26 inches) of the Northwestern U.S. and southwestern Canada (entitled Map of the Country Traversed Northern Pacific Extension Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Rail Way).

Both the main title and inset map title are very decorative, being brightly colored in orange, green and



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yellow. The inset map takes a small dip southward to show the proximity of the proposed line to the new Yellowstone National Park which is clearly highlighted. The main map also shows Yellowstone but does not feature it so as to make it stand out as clearly as the inset map. This is among the first generation of maps issued by Rand McNally, which issued its first machine-colored railway maps of the United States in 1874. This map can be dated from 1874 or 1875 from county configurations in Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado. This is an important map, therefore, both for its early depiction of Yellowstone Park and its position as one of the earliest cartographic productions of one of the most prolific and important map publishers of the 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad was first incorporated in 1847 as the Milwaukee & Waukesha Railroad when incorporated in 1847. Shortly thereafter, it changed its name to Milwaukee & Mississippi. By 1850, the first train ran from Milwaukee to Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and the first passenger train ran on February 25, 1851. In 1874, the name was changed to Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul. By 1887, the railroad had lines running through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The present map was issued shortly after the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, as an early promotional item and advertisement of the line's intention to reach Yellowstone. It should be noted that it would be another decade before the Northern Pacific Railroad finally did reach Yellowstone and it was not until 1928 that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad finally completed a continuous route to the Park.

**Detailed Condition:**

Unbacked wall map with original thin wooden rods. Light stain at top right, otherwise excellent condition. It is extremely unusual to find an unbacked paper map such as this in condition this fine without significant tears, fraying, or damage.