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Railroad Communication Across The Continent, with an account of the Central Pacific Railroad of California . . . 1868 [Pamphlet with Railroad Map]

Stock#: 24610
Map Maker: Anonymous
Date: 1868
Place: New York
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 6 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of the May 1868 issue of this early transcontinental railroad pamphlet, which includes a folding map showing the route of the Central Pacific to San Francisco.

The full title is *Railroad Communication Across The Continent, With an Account of the Central Pacific Railroad, of California: The Character of the Work, Its Progress, Resources, Earnings and Future Prospects, and the Advantages of Its First Mortgage Bonds*. An earlier edition of the pamphlet, which appears to be the more common edition, was published in New York in May, 1867. The first edition (with a slightly different title) included a folding map published by the Colton firm, which is different than the present map. This edition includes 32 pages of text and a printed map.

Early piece concerning the Central Pacific Railroad, which later became the Southern Pacific. The pamphlet offers an interesting description of the transcontinental railroad as it was being built, the difficulties to be faced (such as crossing the Sierra Nevada), the expected cost when completed, likely profit to investors, etc.

The pamphlet is scarce, with no recorded examples appearing at auction in the past 30 years.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map in original pamphlet, with wrappers and text.