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Map of the United States and Territories, Showing the extent of Public Surveys and other Details. Constructed From the Plats and official sources of the General Land Office . . . 1867

Stock#: 29613
Map Maker: U.S. General Land Office
Date: 1867
Place: Washington
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 58 x 28 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Highly detailed large format map of the United States, illustrating the extent of the public surveys conducted by the General Land Office through 1867.

Beginning in 1866, the General Land Office began issuing this remarkable large format map of the United States, full of the most up to date information from surveys being conducted throughout the Western States, including the extent of the public surveys, locations of US Surveyor and Land Offices, the location of Land Grants in the West, Railroads and Proposed Railroads, Land Districts, and the mineral deposits known at the end of the Civil War. With the Civil War at its conclusion and the Transcontinental Railroad construction in high gear, it was time for America to compile a visual depiction which tracked the progress of the survey, settlement and commercial development of the lands west of the Mississippi in a single map.

Between 1866 and 1870, under the auspices of the General Land Office, a series of maps was produced to accompany the annual reports of the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Initially, the maps were also widely distributed outside the United States, with copies issued as separate maps, bound in covers which translated the title into French, German and other languages, providing notice to the world that the United States was exercising dominion over all its lands from coast to coast and was a ripe place for investment and immigration.

The present example is noteworthy for its depiction of the progress on the Transcontinental Railroad, with flags illustrating the progress of the three lines then under construction. An exceptional look at the Western United States, shortly after the creation of Montana Territory (created in May 1864) and on the eve of the creation of Wyoming Territory (first proposed in 1865 and formally created in 1868).



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Detailed Condition:

Several fold splits, repaired on verso.