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### Map of the Texas & Pacific Railway "Gould System" Lines and Connections.

**Stock#:** 48824  
**Map Maker:** Woodward & Tiernan Printing Company  
**Date:** 1890 circa  
**Place:** Chicago  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG-  
**Size:** 35.5 x 16.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Rare promotional map for the Texas & Pacific Railway, advertising the so-called "Gould System" Lines and Connections.

The second title states "West Texas 'Land of Opportunities' and an Ideal Climate. . . " and calling the area "The California of Texas," a fascinating slogan focused on encouraging migration to Texas.

The map includes a smaller map of the United States, identifying the "True Southern Route to and from California via El Paso (in red), as well as a photograph showing a Harvest Scene in West Texas.

#### The Gould System

The Gould System is the name used to describe a vast network of railroad lines which were controlled by the railroad financier Jay Gould. *The Official History of the Great Strike of 1886 on the Southwestern Railway System* described the Gould System as follows:

***The Gould system embraced a vast territory in Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Nebraska, with a total mileage of four thousand one hundred and fifteen miles, divided as follows: In Missouri, 1391 miles; in Kansas, 820 miles; in Nebraska, 116 miles; in Indian Territory, 320 miles; in Texas, 1,408 miles; in Arkansas, 460 miles. This does not include the Texas and Pacific Railway, 1,487 miles long, which was then, as it is now, in the hands of a receiver, appointed by the United States Court. This vast system employed some 14,000 men in its various departments.***



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**Detailed Condition:**

Some minor loss at a few fold intersections below the title.