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(Gold Rush Map with Routes To the Diggings) Rand McNally & Company's Alaska (and Gold Regions)

Stock#: 53756
Map Maker: Rand McNally & Company
Date: 1898
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 24 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Map of the Routes To the Gold Fields of Alaska and the Yukon

Unusual map of Alaska, issued by Rand McNally & Co. in the year after the start of the Alaska Gold Rush.

While titled as a map of Alaska, the map is clearly intended as a guide map for gold seekers. The main map, rather than focusing on Alaska, extends from Fort McKenzie and the Yukon River south to San Francisco, giving an overview of the main routes to the Klondike Region from the Pacific Coast. The map has been significantly improved from the Ft. Selkirk area to Fort Yukon, with the Dalton Trail and Bounds

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Trail shown beginning north of Chilkat Pass.

Along the Yukon River, Tanana, St. James Mission, Fort Hamlin, Lower Ramparts, Weare, Ft. Yukon, Circle and Charles Village all reflect the interest in this region, where gold had also been located, as does the note referencing Peavy Trading Post, where gold had recently been discovered.

At the top right, a detailed inset of the region from Cudahy and the Forty-Mile District to Fort Selkirk is shown, with excellent details along the major diggings of the creeks south of Dawson.

At the left, a second inset map shows the area between Juneau and Ft. Selkirk, tracking the various routes to the Gold Diggings and locating both the Dalton Trail and the Bounds Trail, as well as suggesting a route mostly by water via Lake LeBarge.

A fine and quite scarce map, which likely was issued for about 1 year in Rand McNally's Commercial Atlas.

Detailed Condition: