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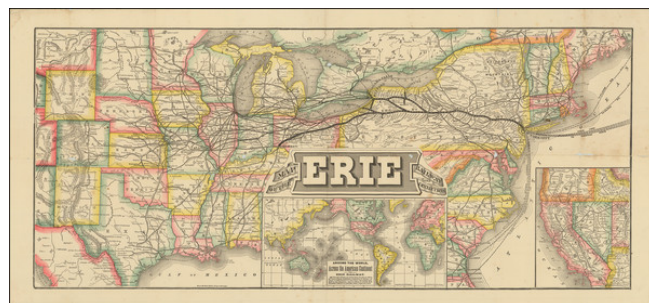
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Map of the Erie Railway and Connections

Stock#: 91623
Map Maker: Rand McNally & Company
Date: 1879 circa
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 32 x 14 inches
Price: \$ 495.00



Description:

Map of the Erie Railway and Connections produced by Rand, McNally & Co., Engr's of Chicago offers a detailed perspective of the extensive railroad network that proliferated in America during the late 19th century. Accompanying this primary portrayal is an inset titled *Around the World, Across the American Continent via Erie Railway*, showcasing the global vision of the railway company during this time of accelerated growth in international transport.

Established formally in 1861, the Erie Railway was one of the significant railroads instrumental in driving America's westward expansion and industrial advancement in the late 19th century. The *Map of the Erie Railway and Connections*, crafted by the esteemed Rand, McNally & Co., represents more than the physical blueprint of this railway's numerous links. It mirrors the period's transformative growth in infrastructure, indicative of the United States' shift from a largely agrarian society to a nascent industrial superpower.

The inset map, *Around the World, Across the American Continent via Erie Railway*, illustrates the prominent worldview of the era—global interconnectedness, advancement, and a shared aspiration towards globalization. By placing the Erie Railway within a grand, worldwide expedition, this inset map communicates the railway's ambitions, signaling an era where rail travel was seen as a potent tool for shrinking vast geographical distances.

The proficiency reflected in the construction of this map, apparent in its detail and precision, showcases the sophisticated lithographic techniques wielded by Rand, McNally & Co. As a historical document, this map captures the ascent of the United States as an industrial nation, the ambitions of its railway corporations, and the aspirations of the era for global connection and progress. It offers an opportunity for appreciation beyond the technical and industrial progress, into the wider historical milieu within which these advancements were realized.



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The date was roughly estimated based on the other railways illustrated.

Rare.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map with some small holes and wear.