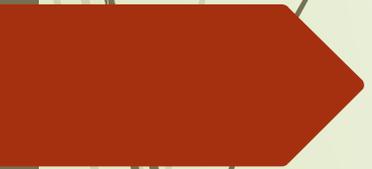


Module 3: From Continental to World Power

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19	Reconstruction & the New South	1863-1900	April 15th
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22	A world power emerges	1890-1904	June 3rd

American History

Talk 20: Conquest of the West (1860-1900)



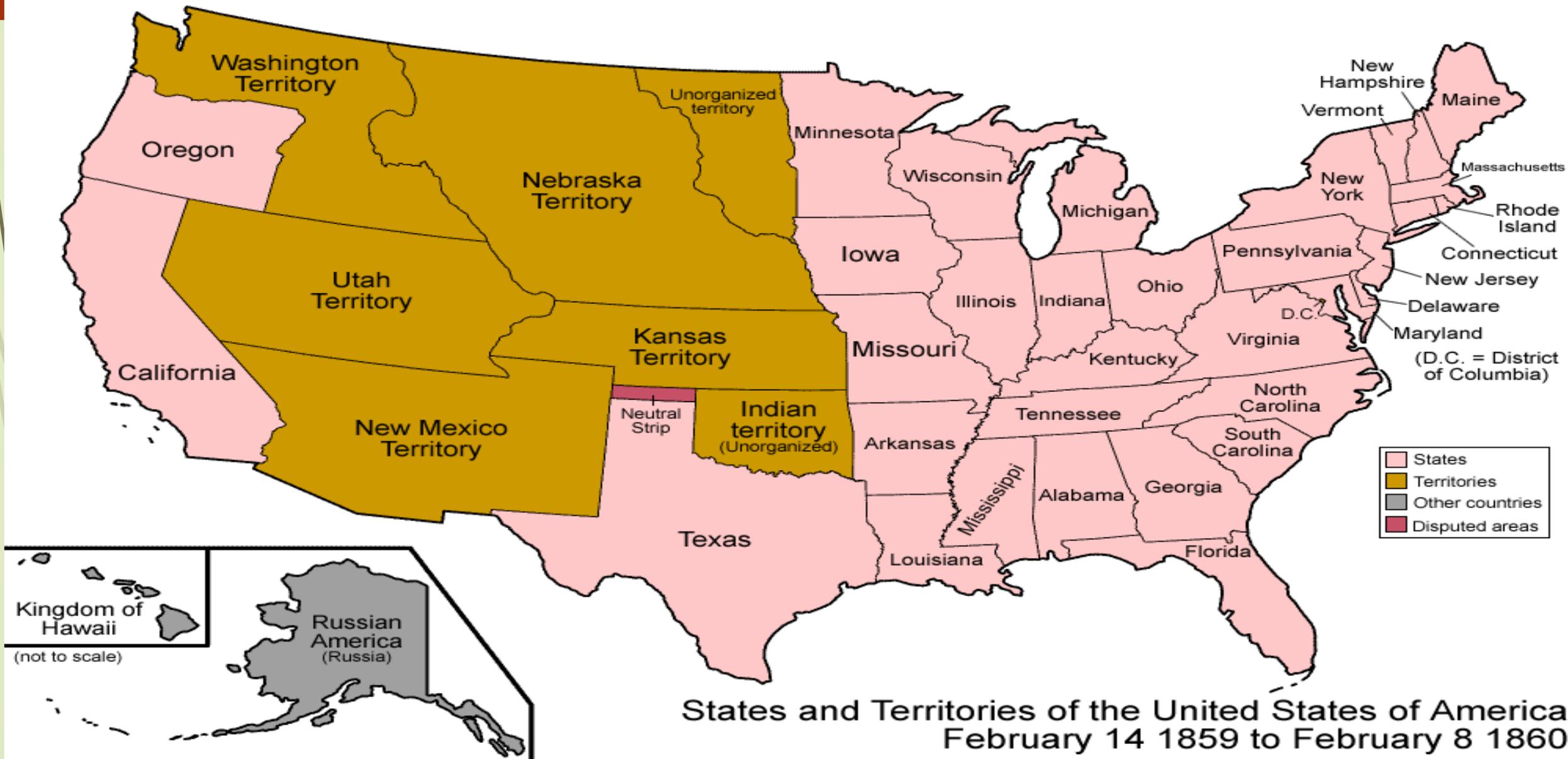
Overview

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- The West 1860
 - West during the Civil War 1861-1865
 - Indian Wars 1860-1890
 - Wild West 1869-1880's
 - End of the Frontier 1880-1890
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The West 1860

The West 1860



1. The "West 1860

...Less than 1 million people, no city > 100,000

Kansas Territory ^[12]	107,206
New Mexico	93,514
Utah Territory	40,273
Colorado Territory	34,277
Nebraska Territory	28,841
Washington Territory	11,594
Nevada Territory	6,848
Dakota Territory	4,837
California	379,994
Oregon	52,465
The "West"	759,849

Major cities	
San Francisco (California)	56,802
Sacramento (California)	13,785
Salt Lake city (Utah)	11,000
Los Angeles (California)	5,000

2% of US population of 31 million

Native American population approximately 400,000 (from 5 million prior to 1600)

Plus 35 million buffalo

The "West 1900" ...7 million people,

California	1,485,053
Kansas	1,470,495
Oklahoma	790,391
Colorado	539,700
Washington	518,103
Oregon	413,536
South Dakota	401,570
North Dakota	319,146
Montana	243,329
New Mexico	195,310
Idaho	161,772
Arizona	122,931
Wyoming	92,531
Alaska	63,592
Nevada	42,335
	6,859,794

Major Cities	
San Francisco (California)	343,000
Los Angeles (California)	145,000
Portland (Oregon)	90,000
Seattle (Washington)	81,000
Oakland (California)	65,000
Salt Lake City	53,000

US population increased by 129% to 71 million

Population of West increased by 800%

Native American population reduced to 300,000

Only 2,500 buffalo!

Nebraska territory....flat, millions of buffalo



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Idaho (Saw tooth mountains)



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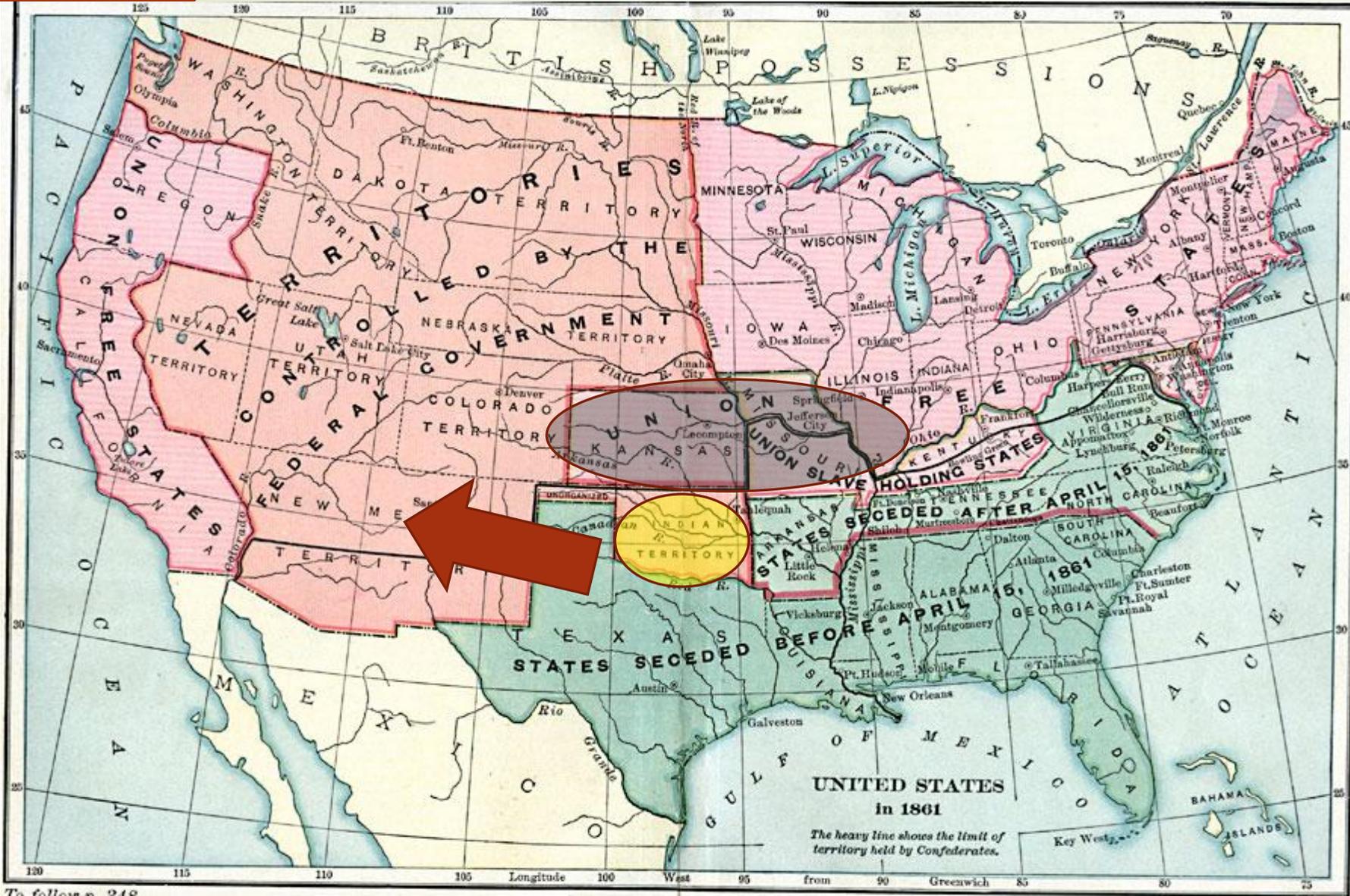


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West during the Civil War

Civil War in the West



Southern invades West...target ..support "secession" of Arizona and attack California 1862

Competing slave And free government Missouri & Kansas ...battles...degenerates in 4 year guerrilla war

Indian Territory ...mostly neutral

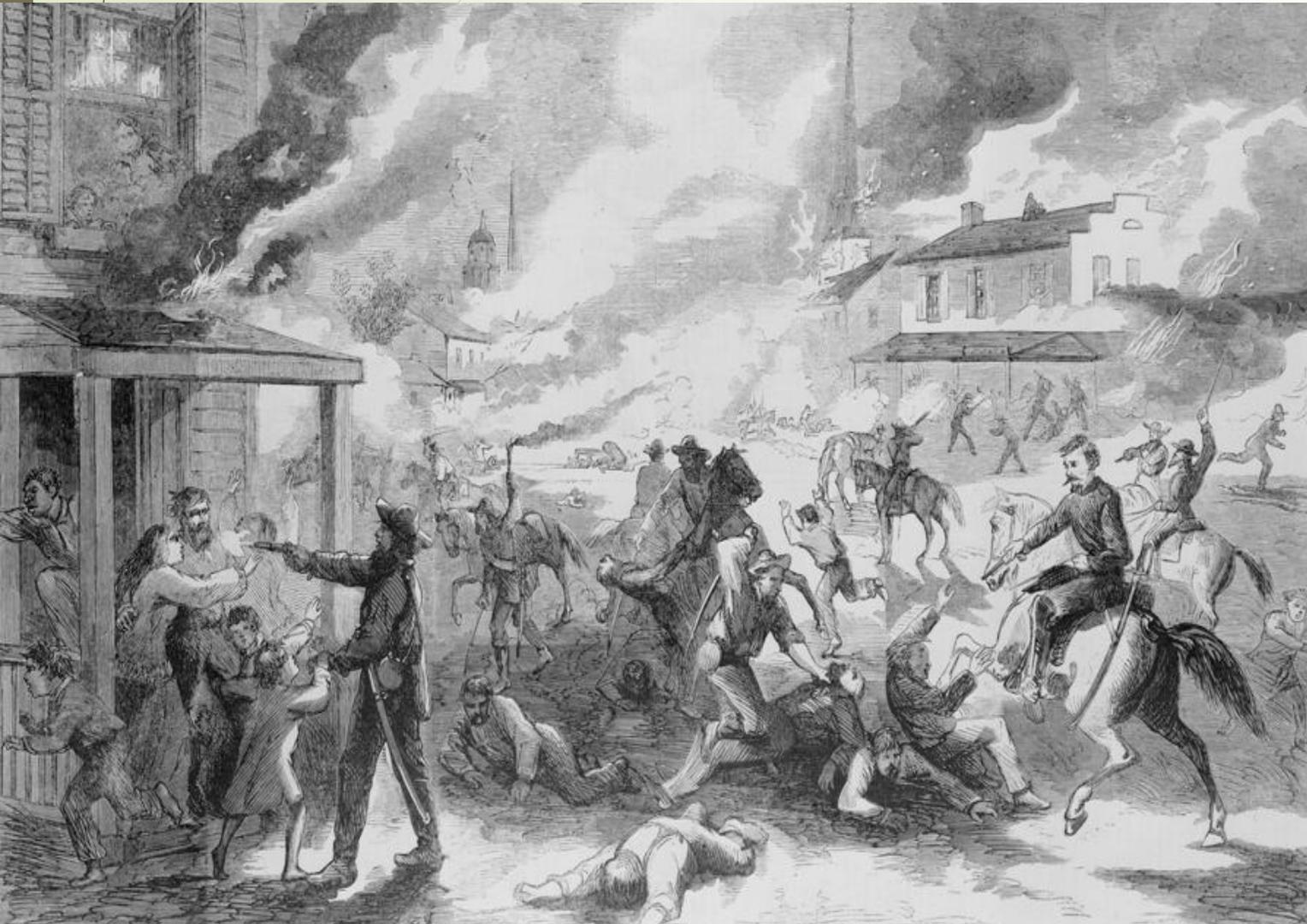
Southern “invasion” of New Mexico



- Power vacuum as US army moves East
- Settlers in Southern New Mexico create separate government/ North most Mexican...hate Texas and support North
- South sends army of 5,000 to support rebels and attack California
- Northern army arrives, South blocked at battle of “Glorietta Pass” 1862 and abandons plans
- Threat to California and emerging plan to build Trans Continental Railway secured

Guerrilla warfare Border states 1861-1865

Lawrence Kansas massacre 1862



Major battles 1861 -1862 , major armies
Move east....creating vacuum

Guerrilla war rages 4 years,
Pro slavery: "Bushwhackers" Free Soil

Individual And mass killings, murder of pris
Burning towns....men only...25,000 killed
In Missouri ...female slaves raped

Lawrence Kansas 1863...200 civilian
Men killed....

Union army evicts "pro slavery"
Settlers...20,000 forced to walk to Texas

Fighting continues till end of war..
Most "bushwhackers" dead

“Bloody Bill” Anderson (1840-1864)

Anderson 1864



Quiet reserved boy, respectable family
...Father horse trader No slaves,,,steals
horses for Southern army

Mother killed by lightning 1860 Father shot
dead resisting Arrest for assisting horse stealer.
Anderson kills father's killer

Sisters captured by northern troops, one dies
in (accidental) fire...Bill enraged....

Joins “Quantrill Raiders,
..... Lawrence massacre
.....holds up train, kills soldiers
..... Murders union farmers, rapes
black maids
.....collect scalps and decorates horse

Killed 1864, 54 scalps on saddle

Training ground for Jessie & Frank James and
outlaws.....legacy of violence and glamour

American Indians and Civil War

- ▶ Indigenous people split into three factions
 - ▶ Neutral....majority of tribes consider this a...."White man's problem"
 - ▶ Slave owning Cherokees, other tribes seek revenge and support South
 - ▶ Some Indians supported North...seeking future security
 - ▶ Multiple small scale skirmishes...everyone fighting everyone
- ▶ Regular Army abandons West/ Settlements slow down
- ▶ Last chance for Indians to unite...5 years respite
..... No Tecumseh

Civil War legislation shapes future of West ..and doom of the Indians
Homestead Act of 1862, Trans Continental Railway

Homestead Act 1862 : background

- Jeffersonian ideal
 - America the Land of ‘yeoman farmers’
 - Manifest Destiny to exploit and make the West productive
- Land Grants prior to Civil War
 - Donation Land Grant 1850...400 acres Oregon territory white and mixed race (white/Indian)
 - Republicans want West opened up to small farmers, not ‘plantation class’
 - Southern Democrats want land opened to “slave labour” and major land owners
 - The Result : Impasse
- Southern Democrats leave Congress at start of Civil War
- Transformational legislation meets no resistance

Largest transfer of property to private individuals in history

- 270 million acres of land opened for settlement
- 10% of United States land allocated to program
- 1.6 million settlement creates 1862-1934
- Open to citizens and immigrants regardless of race or religion
- Excludes “anyone taking arms vs United States....ex Southern soldiers....former guerrillas

News broadcast across world

.....agents sent to Europe to encourage settlers

.....on hold till war over.....a tidal wave building..

The Deal

Filing fee of \$18

Individual/ family must pay
To get to land

Occupy and 'improve'
Land over five years in
Exchange for full ownership
(Northern soldiers deduct year
Of service)

Owner must build 12 X 14
Dwelling.....did not specify
measurement
...some 'houses' built in inches
...many abuses
...speculators & fraudsters,

asc

HOMESTEAD.

Land Office at *Brownville Neb*
January 20th 1868.

CERTIFICATE, }
No. 1 }

} APPLICATION,
} *No. 1*

It is hereby certified, That pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress, approved
May 20, 1862, entitled "An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain,"

Daniel Kruman has
made payment in full for *SE 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NE 1/4* of
Section *Twenty six (26)* in Township *four (4) N*
of Range *five (5) E* containing *160* acres.

Now, therefore, be it known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said *Daniel*
Kruman shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described.

Henry M. Atkinson Register.

Transcontinental Railroad: The Visionary

Theodore Judah 1826-1863



The idea: Northwest Passage to Asia to beat Europeans,

.....debated since 1807

Impasse on route

....South vs North

...Civil war ends debate : Northern **wins**

Theodore...Civil Engineer
railroad obsessed...surveys area
Writes proposal

Gets attention from "Big Four"

Lobbies congress , business
Gets proposal approved
...dies of yellow fever returning from
California to New York

The “The Big Four



Crocker
Huntington
Stanford
Hopkins
...”The Associates”

Heroic entrepreneurs
Or “greatest swindlers
Of the century”

..future leaders of
California politics
& business

Pacific Railroad Act 1862

- ▶ 6 % Bonds to be raised as each mile of track complete
 - ▶ \$16,000 (\$500,000) per mile flat,
 - ▶ \$32,000 (\$1,100,000) ‘foothills’
 - ▶ \$48,999 (\$1,500,000) mountains
- ▶ Railroad granted land 10 miles each side of track each of land either side of track (equal to Homestead Act) plus additional grants from states....total 180 million acres (more land than state of Texas)
- ▶ Two companies given monopoly
 - ▶ Union Pacific ...Big Four
 - ▶ Northern Pacific....Banks and individual investors each limited to 10% (Mormons)
 - ▶ 1,700 miles of track, \$50 million bonds \$1.2B 2024

The railway: meeting point dependent on progress



Building the Railroad

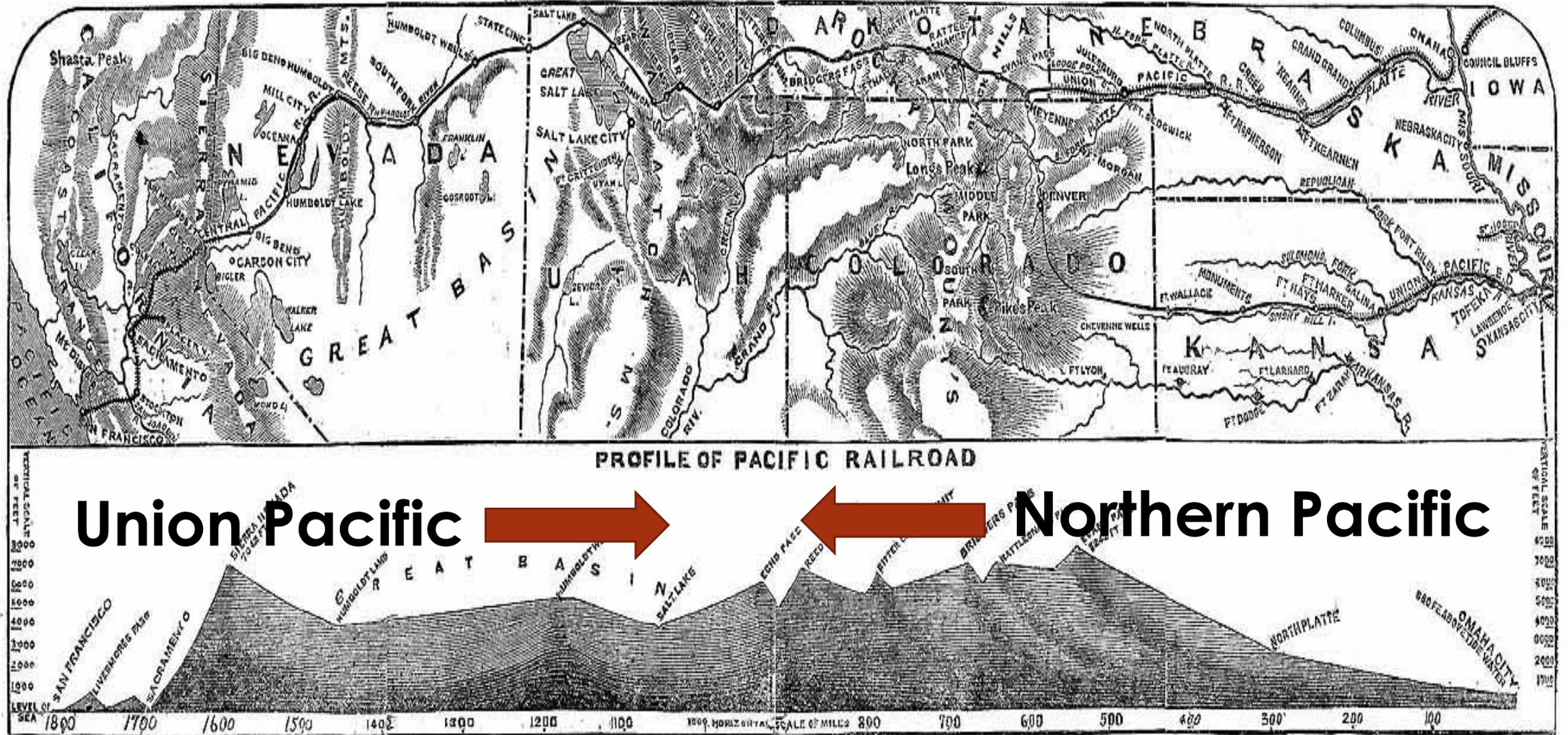
➤ Northern Pacific East to West

- 5,000 Irish labourers, mostly ex soldiers paid up to \$50 month and supplied food...frequent strikes, discrimination
- Flat, slow rising land.. 4 tunnels
- Sporadic Indian attacks and killings/ US army accompany

➤ Union Pacific West to East

- Unable to source local white labour
- 15,000 Chinese (many ex gold miners) , 1,000+deaths
- Mountains/ 15 tunnels 500 bags of black powder explosives per day
- Paid \$26 dollars pay a month, work 6 days a week, bring own food
- Strike in 1867.....pay increased to \$30 month/ no free food

The challenge



CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD—MAP AND PROFILE MAP OF THE LINE FROM OMAHA TO SAN FRANCISCO.—[DRAWN BY C. H. WELLS.]

Wooden bridges Northern Pacific



Northern Pacific...working westward



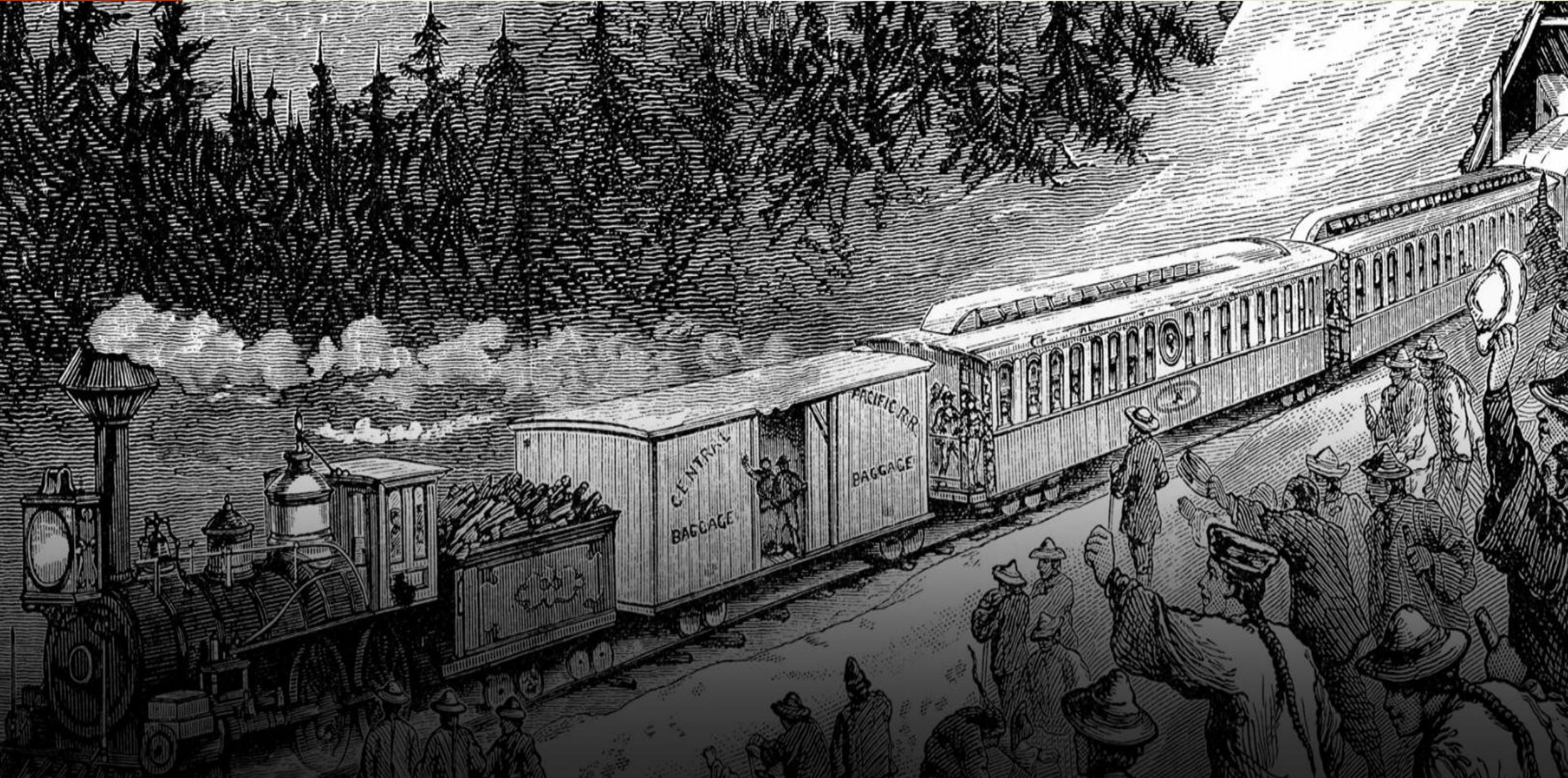
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Union Pacific...heading east,



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Union Pacific: Chinese labourers thru Sierra Nevada



Two Lines meet at Promontory Point July 9 1868



Union Pacific: Summit Pass 7,000 ft., 500 metres long



Chinese workers Union Pacific



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Impact Transcontinental Railroads

- Journey time from East to West Coast reduced 3-4 months – 1 week
- Price drops \$1,100 to \$150
- Integrates east and west coast markets: minerals, food stocks
- Settlements expand...safe, fast, cheap
- Indian lands vulnerable everywhere and ready to be taken



Indian wars 1860-1890

Plains Indians

- ▶ Multiple “nations” subdivided into “tribes” and bands
 - ▶ Sioux “Nation”: subdivided into tribes and bands Dakota, Lakota, Olaga and more
 - ▶ Nomadic settlements: bands of 3,000, 5,000total population 200,000 by 1860,
 - ▶ No common language, informal shifting governance
- ▶ Culture of warfare
 - ▶ constantly at war with each other, informal chief democratic
 - ▶ Males/ huntwomen cook, look after children
 - ▶ Ritual use of torture on male victims, absorbing females and children into tribe
- ▶ Sustained by 70 million buffalo
- ▶ Horse culture enabled expansion since mid 1700’s
- ▶ Many tribes recent settlers, forced from Mid West by white settlers

Plains Indian camp



Buffalo hunting....central to existence for food, clothing, shelter



Sioux War Dance





Plains Indians Religion

Black Elk 1860's

"We should understand well that all things are the works of the Great Spirit. We should know that He is within all things: the trees, the grasses, the rivers, the mountains, and all the four-legged animals, and the winged peoples; and even more important, we should understand that He is also above all these things and peoples. When we do understand all this deeply in our hearts, then we will fear, and love, and know the Great Spirit, and then we will be and act and live as He intends".¹²

Ancestor worshipped and present among the living

Land as "usufruct"...land granted to all by "Great Spirit" to be left as received

Indian Wars

Multiple disconnected mini wars 1860-1890

- ▶ 15,000 Indians, 7,000 soldiers settlers killed
- ▶ 50% Indian population die from disease and starvation
- ▶ Indians outnumbered 2 vs 1 1860, 40 to 1 by 1890

- ▶ Similar pattern
 - ▶ Initial hostilities, killings as settlers move in and kill wildlife
 - ▶ Treaty signed with “chiefs” by US military
 - ▶ Indians give up land and move to reservations in exchange for grants & food
 - ▶ More settlers arrive, gold, silver discovered
 - ▶ New treaty signed with alternate “chiefs”, land reduced,
 - ▶ Food not distributed, Indians starve
 - ▶ Young revolt....murder settlers,
 - ▶ Army returns ...can't find Indians, attack camps, Indians surrender, lose land, reservations

- ▶ Fighting merciless, indiscriminate (Indians usually spare women and children)

Indian Wars 1860-1890



FORT COLVILLE 1859

FORT STEILACOOM 1849

FORT VANCOUVER 1849

FORT WALLA WALLA 1856

Birch Creek 1876

FORT KLAMATH 1863

Lava Beds 1872-73

MODOC

PAIUTE

Pyramid Lake 1860

FORT CHURCHILL 1860

FORT HALLECK 1867

BLACKFEET

FORT SHAW 1867

Clearwater 1877

White Bird Canyon 1877

NEZ PERCE

BANNOCK

FORT BOISE 1863

SHOSHONI

FORT HALL 1834

FORT BRIDGER 1856

FORT DOUGLAS 1862

UTE

NAVAHO

Canyon de Chelly 1864

Big Dry Wash 1882

CAMP VERDE 1864

Salt River Canyon 1872

FORT MCDOWELL 1865

FORT YUMA 1850

APACHE

Cibicu Creek 1881

FORT APACHE 1869

FORT THOMAS 1876

Apache Pass 1862

FORT LOWELL 1862

FORT HUACHUCA 1877

Skelston Canyon 1886

Canyon de los Embudos 1866

Crook-Geronimo Conference

CANADA

Bear Paw Mountain 1877

FORT BENTON 1869

CROW

Canyon Creek 1877

Hayfield Fight 1867

Little Bighorn 1876

Rosebud 1876

Box Fight 1867

Fetterman Disaster 1866

FORT PHIL KEARNY 1866

SIUOX

Dull Knife 1876

Platte Bridge 1865

FORT RENO 1865

FORT LARAMIE 1867

FORT D.A. RUSSELL 1867

Milk Creek 1879

Summit Springs 1869

Beecher's Island 1866

SOUTHERN CHEYENNE

FORT LYON 1860

FORT GARLAND 1859

ARAPAHO

FORT UNION 1851

FORT BASCOM 1864

FORT SUMNER 1862

FORT BAYARD 1866

FORT STANTON 1855

FORT SELDEN 1865

FORT CUMMINGS 1865

FORT BLISS 1849

FORT QUITMAN 1859

FORT DAVIS 1854

MEXICO

FORT BUFORD 1866

Kildeer Mountain 1864

SIUOX

FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN 1872

FORT YATES 1874

Slim Buttes 1876

FORT MEADE 1878

Wounded Knees 1890

Warbonnet Creek 1876

ARAPAHO

FORT ROBINSON 1874

PAWNEE

FORT MCPHERSON 1863

FORT KEARNEY 1848

Summit Springs 1869

FORT WALLACE 1865

FORT HAYS 1865

SOUTHERN CHEYENNE

FORT LYON 1860

FORT GARLAND 1859

ARAPAHO

FORT UNION 1851

FORT BASCOM 1864

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FORT STANTON 1855

FORT SELDEN 1865

FORT CUMMINGS 1865

FORT BLISS 1849

FORT QUITMAN 1859

FORT DAVIS 1854

COMANCHE

FORT GRIFFIN 1867

FORT CONCHO 1867

FORT STOCKTON 1859

FORT CLARK 1852

WOOD LAKE 1862

Birch Coulee 1862

SIUOX

FORT RIDDLEY 1862

New Ulm 1862

FORT RILEY 1855

FORT HARKER 1864

FORT LEAVENWORTH 1827

FORT WALLACE 1865

FORT HAYS 1865

FORT LARNED 1859

FORT DODGE 1864

CAMP SUPPLY 1866

Washita 1869

Palo Duro Canyon 1874

FORT SILL 1869

FORT RICHARDSON 1867

Sioux Rising 1862

Little Crow



Sioux moved to reservations prior to civil war...conflict other tribes, settlers move in

Army leaves, food distribution breaks down .corruption & disruption
...starvation...army moves east

Reservation manager tells Indians to “eat grass”

Little Crow leads break away band attack
...decapitate manager, Insert grass in head
...500 settlers slaughtered
...1000's settlers refugees

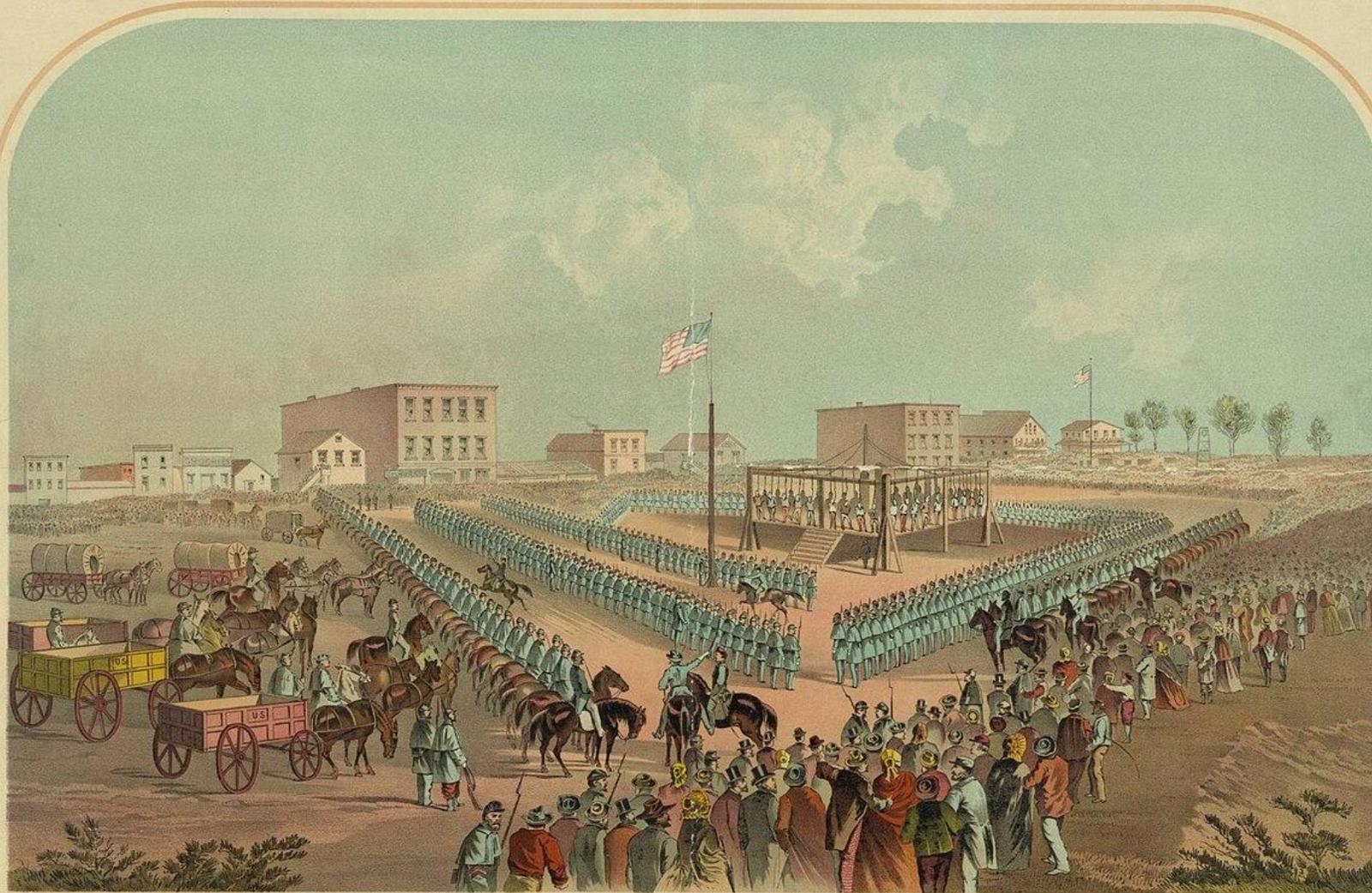
Lincoln orders army to return
Army of 1,700 defeat 500 Indians
Indians surrender

Mass execution Sioux rising 1862

Army puts Indians
On trial, sentences
350 to death

Lincoln commutes 320
...including Little Crow

38 hanged at largest mass
Hanging in US history
...arbitrary definition of
"combatants"
...Little Crow spared
... murdered by settler 1 year
later



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EXECUTION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT SIOUX INDIANS

AT MANKATO MINNESOTA DECEMBER 26.1862.

Colorado "War" of 1864

- ▶ Fort Laramie Treaty 1859..Cheyenne chief Little Kettle secures adequate land
- ▶ Gold discovered Colorado 1859, miner pour into territory
- ▶ Settlers/ miners murdered....army responds, New Treaty...Indians lose 90% of land
- ▶ Elders accommodate, alternate extermination young revolt, murder settlers
- ▶ Army sent to impose order...all Indians alike
- ▶ "Black Kettle" Chief agrees with treaty, flies US flag outside camp, most men absent hunting
- ▶ 600 Cavalrymen led by Colonel Chivington attacks camp with remit to "eliminate" Indians

The “battle” of Sand Creek 1864

1900 painting...army attacking camp



The reality:

“I saw the bodies of those lying there cut all to pieces, worse mutilated than any I ever saw before; the women cut all to pieces ... With knives; scalped; their brains knocked out; children two or three months old; all ages lying there, from sucking infants up to warriors ... By whom were they mutilated? By the United States troops ...
—John S. Smith, *Congressional Testimony 1865*”

500 Indians killed, all but 50 women and Children. 25 soldiers killed
.....US Commander “hero” in press

Grant considers Chivington a disgrace
.....court martialled but acquitted

“Red Cloud’s War” 1866

“Fetterman Massacre”

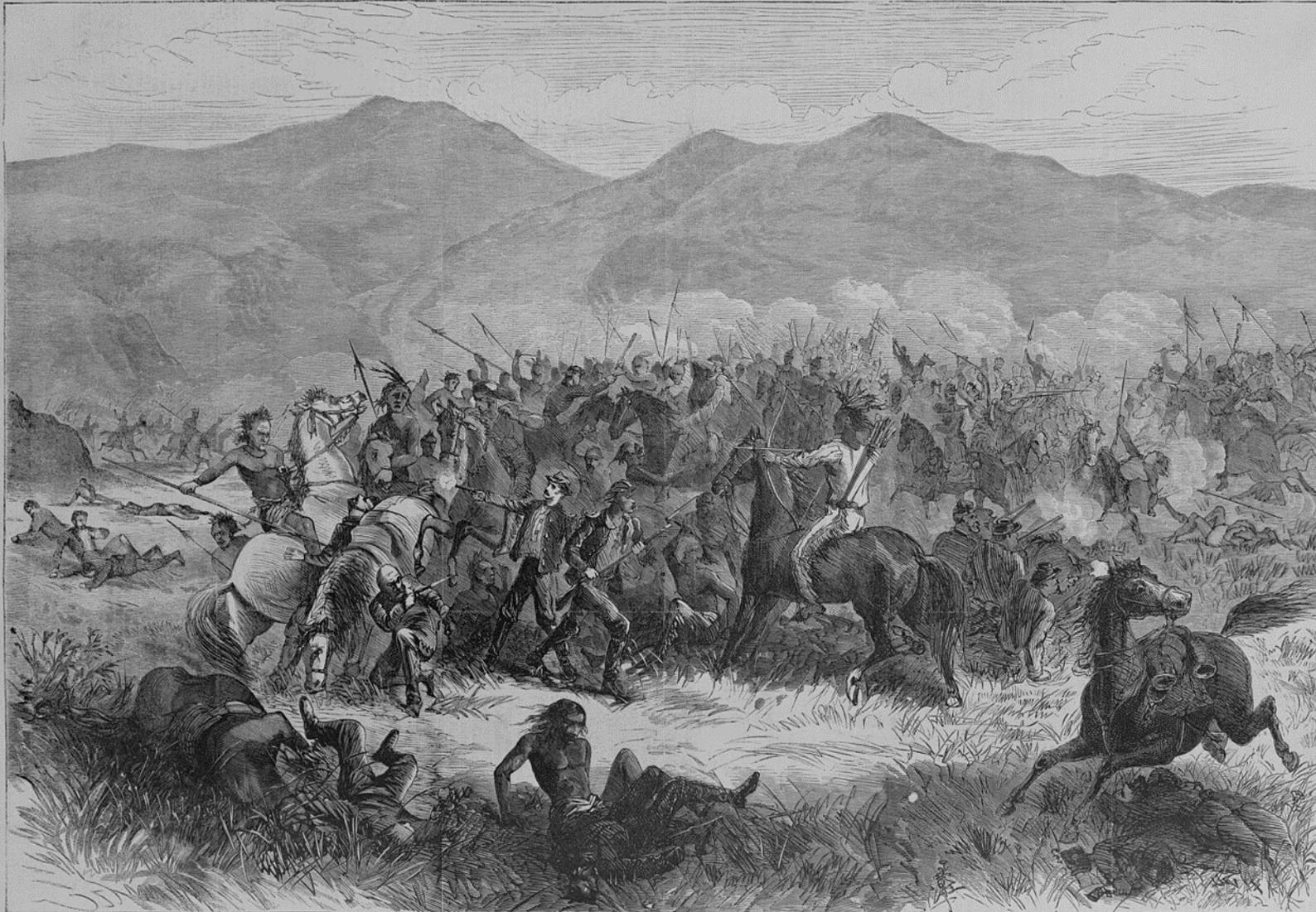
Sioux expand South, defeat Cheyenne. aggressive

Trails developed through Indian Lands....“Red Cloud”
Protests....ignored

Army of 1,000 sent...under
Funded...using muzzle loading
Guns.. Indian force of 2,000
Surround fort...skirmishes
Indians...90% bow & arrows

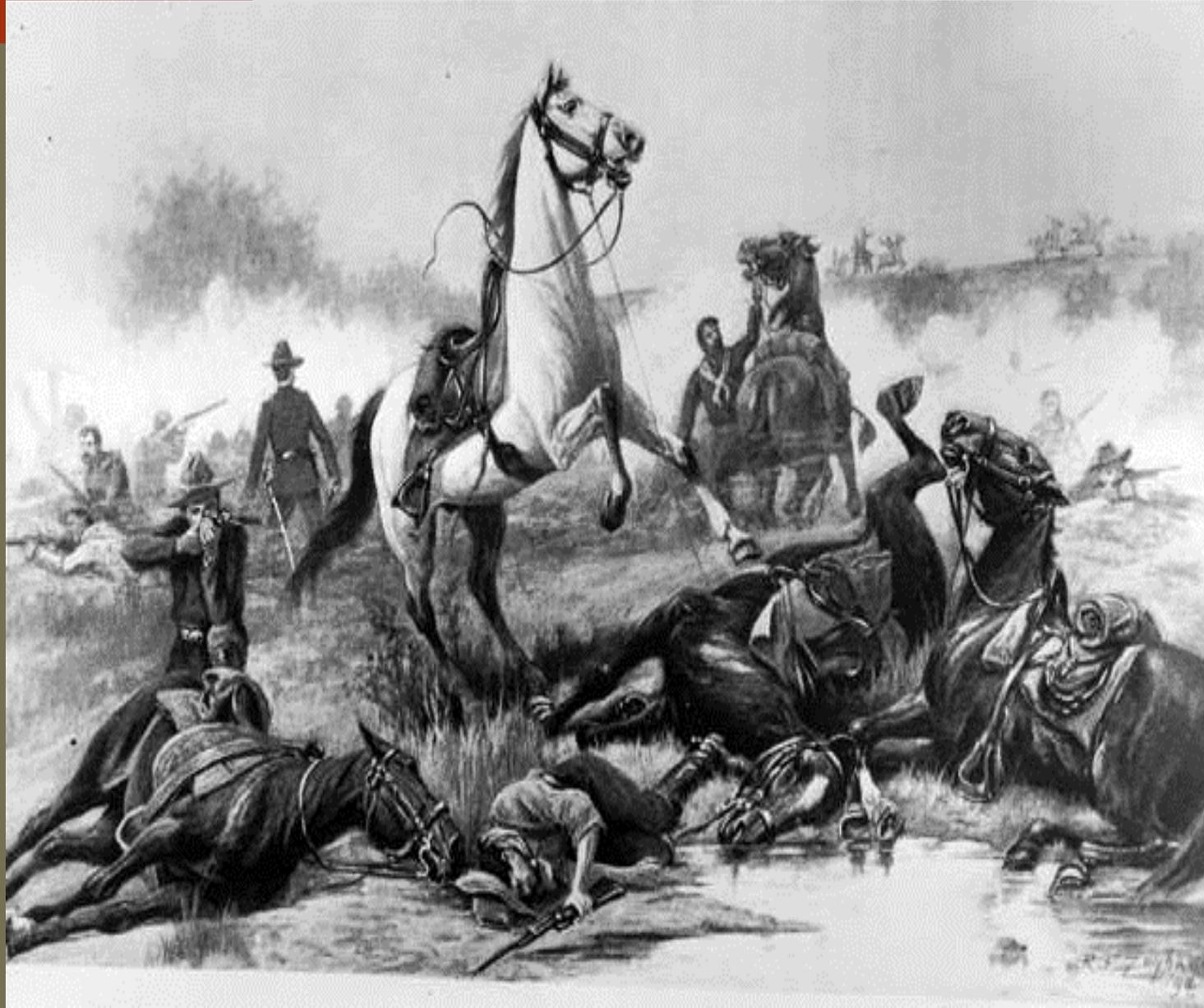
Company decides to attack
..no reconnaissance.. 80 killed

Further fights. US decide to
Accept Red Cloud terms
Fort Laramie..Sioux dominate
Area 8 years...till gold



THE INDIAN BATTLE AND MASSACRE NEAR FORT PHILIP KEARNEY, DACOTAH TERRITORY, DECEMBER 21, 1866.—[SEE PAGE 188.]

Battle of Beechers Island 1868...new technology



Indian raiding parties: revenge
Vs Sand Creek. Settler encroachments

Army patrol of 50, all with repeating
Rifles attacked by 900 Cheyenne led by 'Red

Soldier led by Captain Beecher
Dismount, hold position...repel attacks

Roman Nose...goaded into attack
...killed . Indians retreat
...relief column appears
...Cheyenne give up...75 dead vs
6 cavalryman.....tactics forgotten

George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876)

Born Ohio, English &
German immigrants, father
blacksmith

Last in class at West Point

Brave reckless in Civil War
Rises up ranks, awards for bravery
Lieutenant Colonel of cavalry
At age 25

Leads 7th cavalry in Indian wars
Delivers "Sand Creek" style
Attack at "Battle" of Washita
...200 Indians killed 50 males, 150
Women and children
...sends 20 men ahead to scout
...all killed
...newspaper considered hero
..self publicises...along with wife



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George Armstrong Custer and "Libbie"



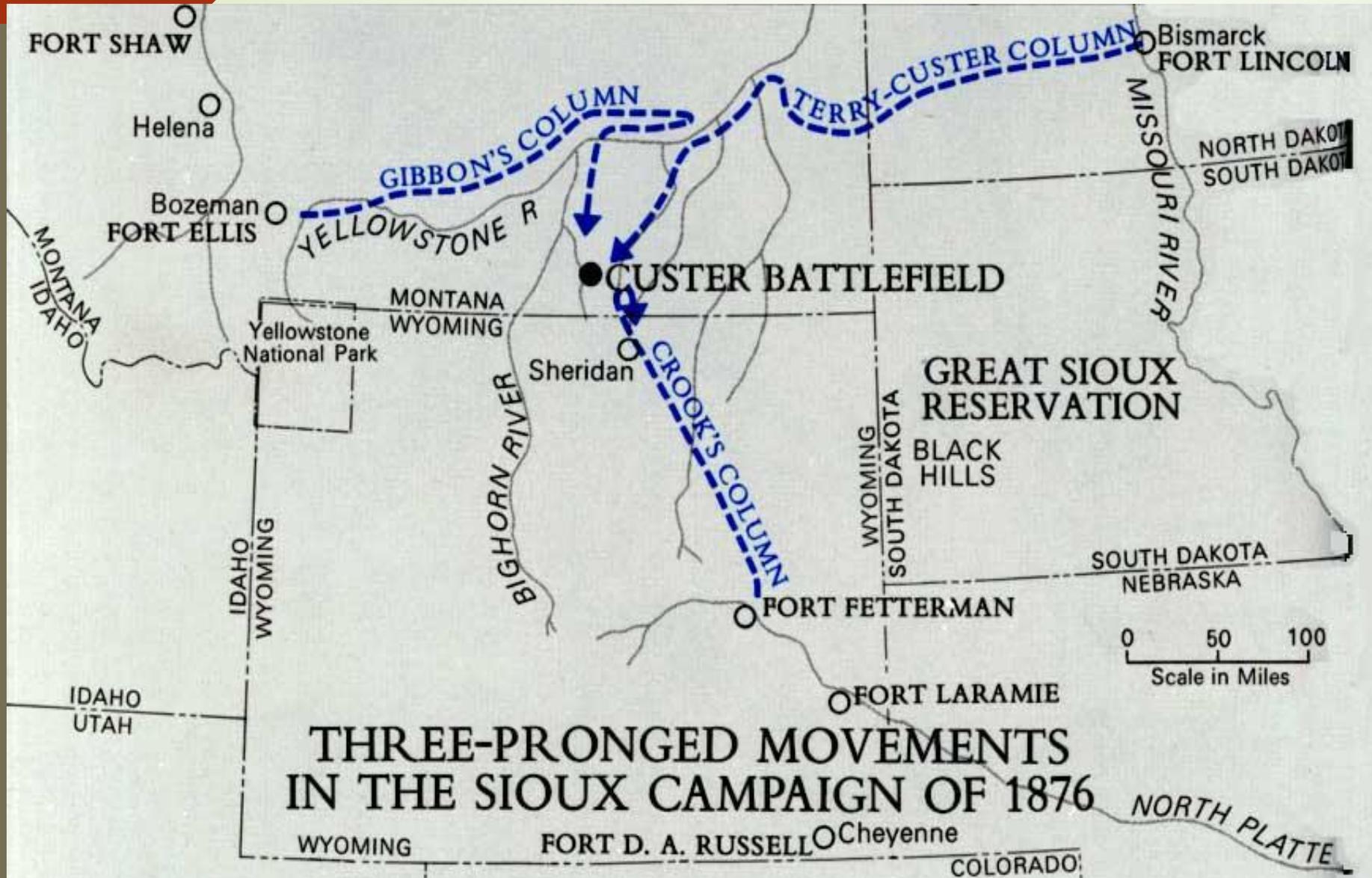
Marries up to Elisabeth
Daughter of judge father
Objects but agrees when
Custer promoted to Colonel

Turbulent marriage
George...gambler,
Womaniser, preyed
on captive Indian women

Both court press....
Custer "hero of the west"

Accompanies husband on
Campaigns...."blogger"

Big Horn Campaign



Sioux starving...leave Reservation.. Dynamic Spirit lead Sitting Bull unites with neighbouring tribesmakes up campup to 3,000 warriors ...largest Plain Indian Force ever assembled

“Custer quote “there Are not enough Indians In the world to defeat The Seventh Cavalry”

Divides force of 600 into Three columns

Decides to attack Indian camp...without reconnaissance

The myth: valiant last stand



Custer and 200
Men killed

Rest of army
Escapes

The Indian view...running for their lives



Memoirs of "White Bull" I charged in...A tall well built soldier saw me coming...We grabbed each other and wrestled in the dust and Smoke. He hit me with his fists..then grabbed my long braids With both hands pulled my face close and Tried to bite my nose off. ...Finally I broke Free. He drew his pistol. I wrenched it out of His hand and and struck him three times with my head, knocked him over shot him in the Heart. ..That was a hard fight. But it was a Glorious battle, I enjoyed it..

"Big Head memories "I was told that after the battle two Cheyenne women came across Custer's body. They knew him, because he had attacked their peaceful village on the Washita. These women said, 'You smoked the peace pipe with us. Our chiefs told you that you would be killed if you ever made war on us again. But you would not listen. This will make you hear better.' The women each took an awl from their beaded cases and stuck them deep into Custer's ears."

Little Big Horn aftermath

- ▶ US army reinforced to 6,000
 - ▶ Sioux leaders flee to Canada
 - ▶ Warriors return to reservations and remain
- ▶ Overwhelming force deployed for future Indian Wars
 - ▶ Nez Perce revolt 1878 200 Indians chased by 2,500 soldiers, case of the premature tourists...
 - ▶ Apache in South West 1880's overwhelmed...5,000 soldiers chase 34 'bandits' for 2 years
- ▶ Dawes Act 1887
 - ▶ Indians to be assimilated & detribalised....children removed to boarding schools
 - ▶ "Mixed Race" given path to citizenship
 - ▶ Indian culture to be obliterated



Intermission

American History

Talk 20: Conquest of the West (1860-1900)

Part Two



“Wild West” 1865-1880

Mass Migration

	1860	1880
Nebraska	28,000	450,000
Kansas	107,000	950,000
Iowa	670,000	1,600,000
South & North Dakota	4,000	120,000
Texas	600,000	1,600,000

Absence of formal structures of governance

...land claims

...cattle ownership

...legal system

...large male population accustomed to violence...esp "Border"

Longhorn Cattle



Introduced to Americas by Spanish in Mexico in 1500's...hardy, heat, ...undeveloped ...turn feral

Open Range ranching develops 1800's across Texas .first cattle drives 1850's to California after gold rush. Then to supply South

Ranches abandoned ..farmer Join war price of cattle to \$2 head ...abandoned as North blocks Mississippi ...250,000 wild cattle in Texas plains

Post civil war.....opportunity Trans continental railroad Meat Packing industry Chicago Indian reservations ready market...collapse of buffalo

Cowboys



➤ Profile

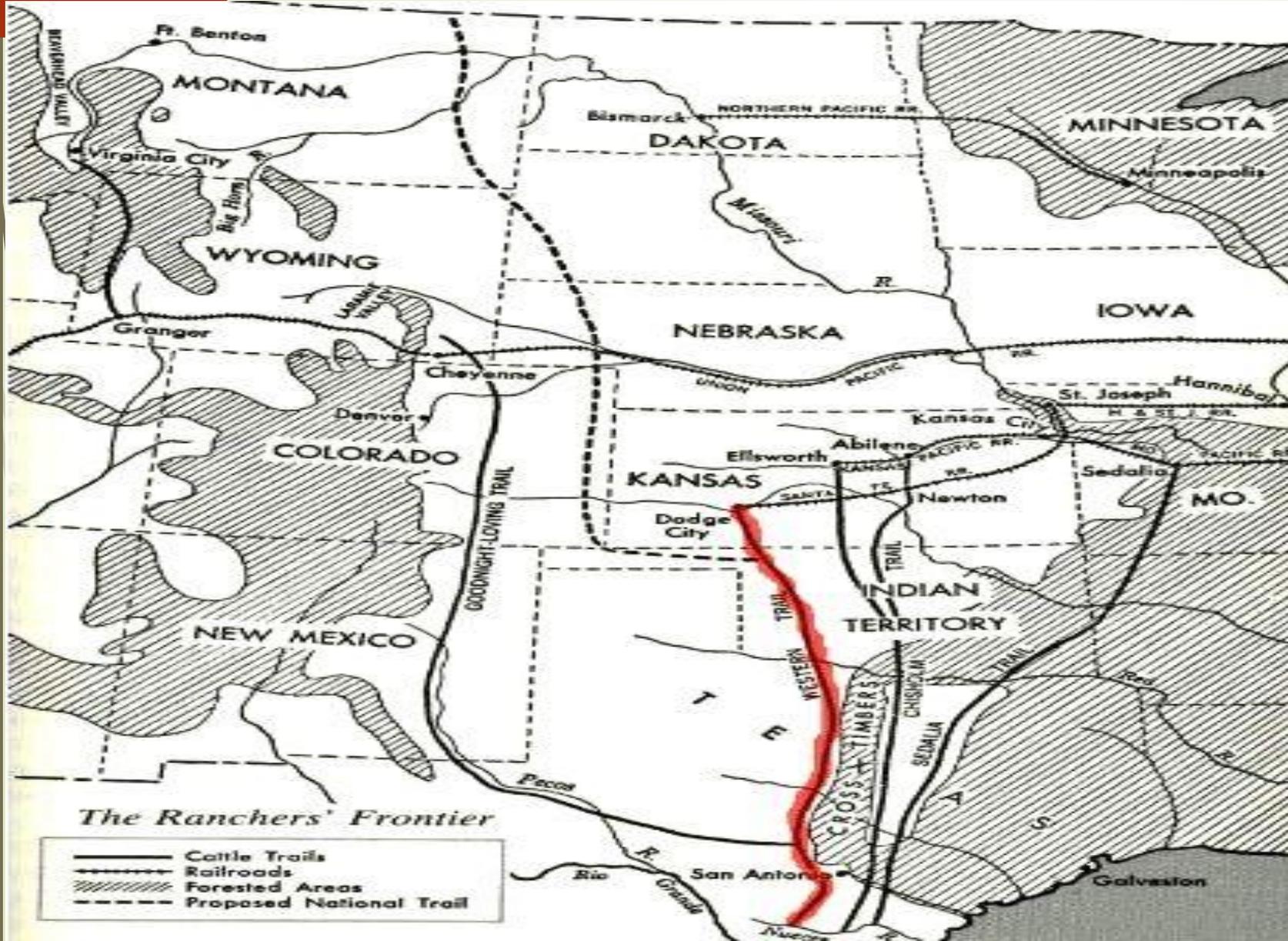
- 25% black
- Immigrants, Mexicans, Native Indians...many Irish, English
- Young men, short in stature

➤ Work

- Rounding up cattle from open range
- Branding of cattle
- Driving herds to Texas
- \$25- \$40 per month salary...paid at end of drive
- Spent fast...clothes, drink, women

James Cook... 50 years on the old frontier: "We were each allowed to take a pair of bed blankets and a sack containing a little Extra clothing. ..We had no tents or shelter of any sort other than our blankets. No provision was made for the care of men in case of accident. Should anyone become Injured, wounded or sick, he we be strictly 'out of luck'..."

Cattle Drives



2,000 -3,000 cattle
10 cowboys, 10 miles/day
2-3 months 24 hours day
...\$20 per day wages

From Texas to Dodge City
Loaded by train to Chicago
for slaughter, first for Indians
Then east coast....first
Refrigerated railcar 1868

Several rivers to cross
Biggest danger stampede
Disease, accidents,
..few Indian attacks

Cattle Drives



Cowboy with full kit 1880



Cowboys and night



Stampede



Texas Cowboys Driving Cattle During a Stampede, 1883

Having fun



29. COW BOY DANCE. "STAG"

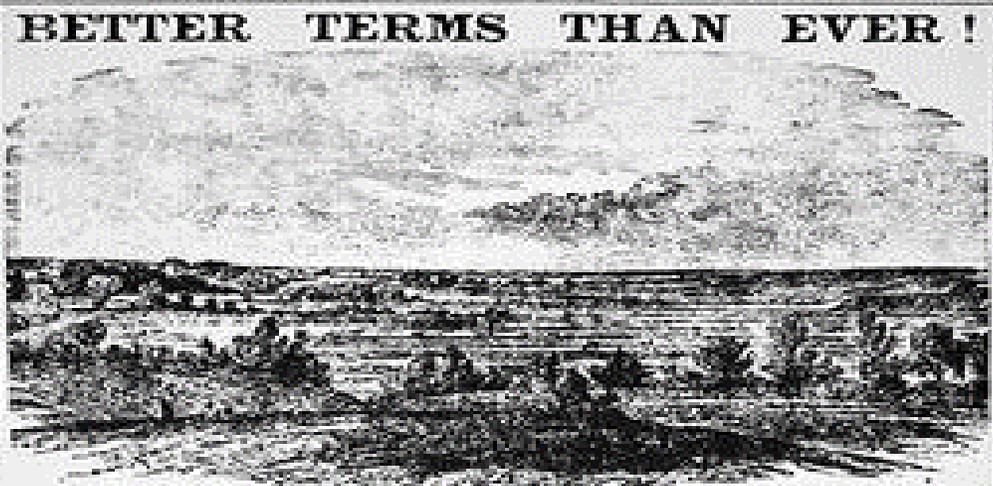
Settler “Explosion” post Civil War

- Economic depression 1873...move west for new life
 - Homestead Act 1862 ...160 acres of free land for any male
 - Demobilised soldiers in need of work, accustomed to violence
 - Freed slaves
 - Immigrants from Germany, Poland, Sweden
- Mining Boom....more miners than cowboys by 1880
 - Silver & Gold Nevada
 - Copper Arizona
 - Gold Dakotas
- Boosterism
 - Popular magazines
 - “Weather follows the plough”!

Marketing the West

PRODUCTS WILL PAY FOR LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS.

LARGE DISCOUNTS FOR CASH. BETTER TERMS THAN EVER!



BUY BEFORE JULY 1st, 1875, and Secure these Terms.

THE BEST
PRAIRIE LANDS
 IOWA AND NEBRASKA
 AND FOR SALE BY THE
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MILLIONS OF ACRES

View on the Big Blue, between Dodge and Gretna, representing Valley and Rolling Tracts Land in Nebraska.



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Advertising land for newly freed slaves

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All Colored People
THAT WANT TO
GO TO KANSAS,
On September 5th, 1877,
Can do so for \$5.00

KANSAS STATE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

IMMIGRATION.

WHEREAS, We, the colored people of Lexington, Ky., knowing that there is an abundance of choice lands now belonging to the Government, have assembled ourselves together for the purpose of locating on said lands. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we do now organize ourselves into a Colony, as follows:— Any person wishing to become a member of this Colony can do so by paying the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), and this money is to be paid by the first of September, 1877, in instalments of twenty-five cents at a time, or otherwise as may be desired.

RESOLVED, That this Colony has agreed to consolidate itself with the Nicodemus Towns, Solomon Valley, Graham County, Kansas, and can only do so by entering the vacant lands now in their midst, which costs \$5.00.

RESOLVED, That this Colony shall consist of seven officers—President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Trustees. President—M. M. Bell; Vice-President—Isaac Talbott; Secretary—W. J. Niles; Treasurer—Daniel Clarke; Trustees—Jerry Lee, William Jones, and Abner Webster.

RESOLVED, That this Colony shall have from one to two hundred militia, more or less, as the case may require, to keep peace and order, and any member failing to pay in his dues, as aforesaid, or failing to comply with the above rules in any particular, will not be recognized or protected by the Colony.

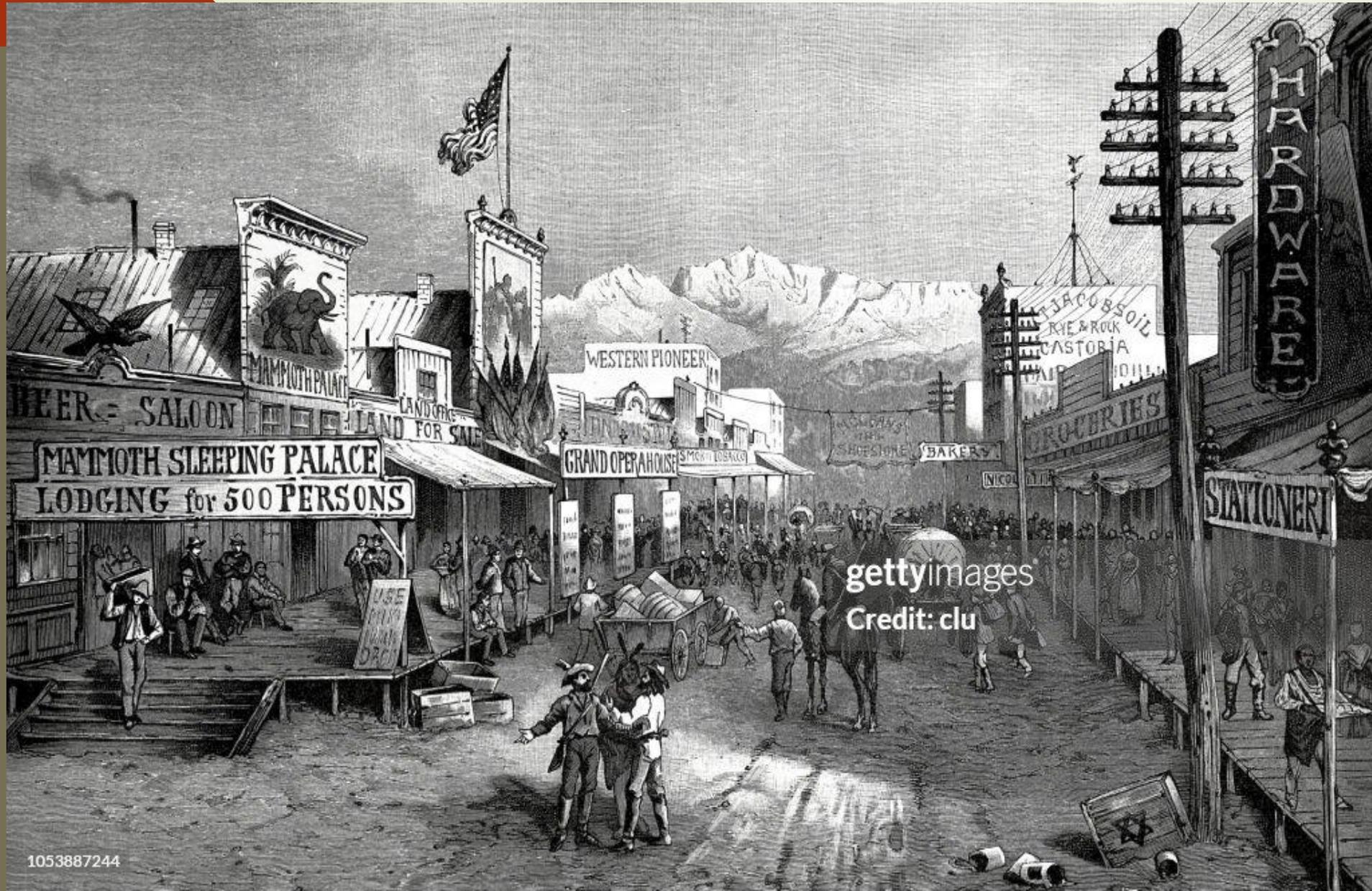
“Weather follows the plough”

- “Great American Desert” ---idea of West 18th –early 19th century
- 1870’s unusual wet period Great Plains
- Enter the politicians....geologists 1870’s ...unusual
- Charles Wiber “God speed the plow. ... By this wonderful provision, which is only man's mastery over nature, the clouds are dispensing copious rains ... [the plow] is the instrument which separates civilization from savagery; and converts a desert into a farm or garden. ... To be more concise, Rain follows the plow.[\[1\]](#)
- US Geology Department....vibrations of ploughs disturbs earth releasing chemicals that caused cloud formations

Homesteaders



Instant Cities



Trailheads/ Rail h
...Abilene
...Dodge city

Mining towns
....appear
.then disappear
..'ghost towns'

Wagon Trains.....assembling at “rail heads
closer to settlement as trains expand



Emigrant Wagons.

River side saloon

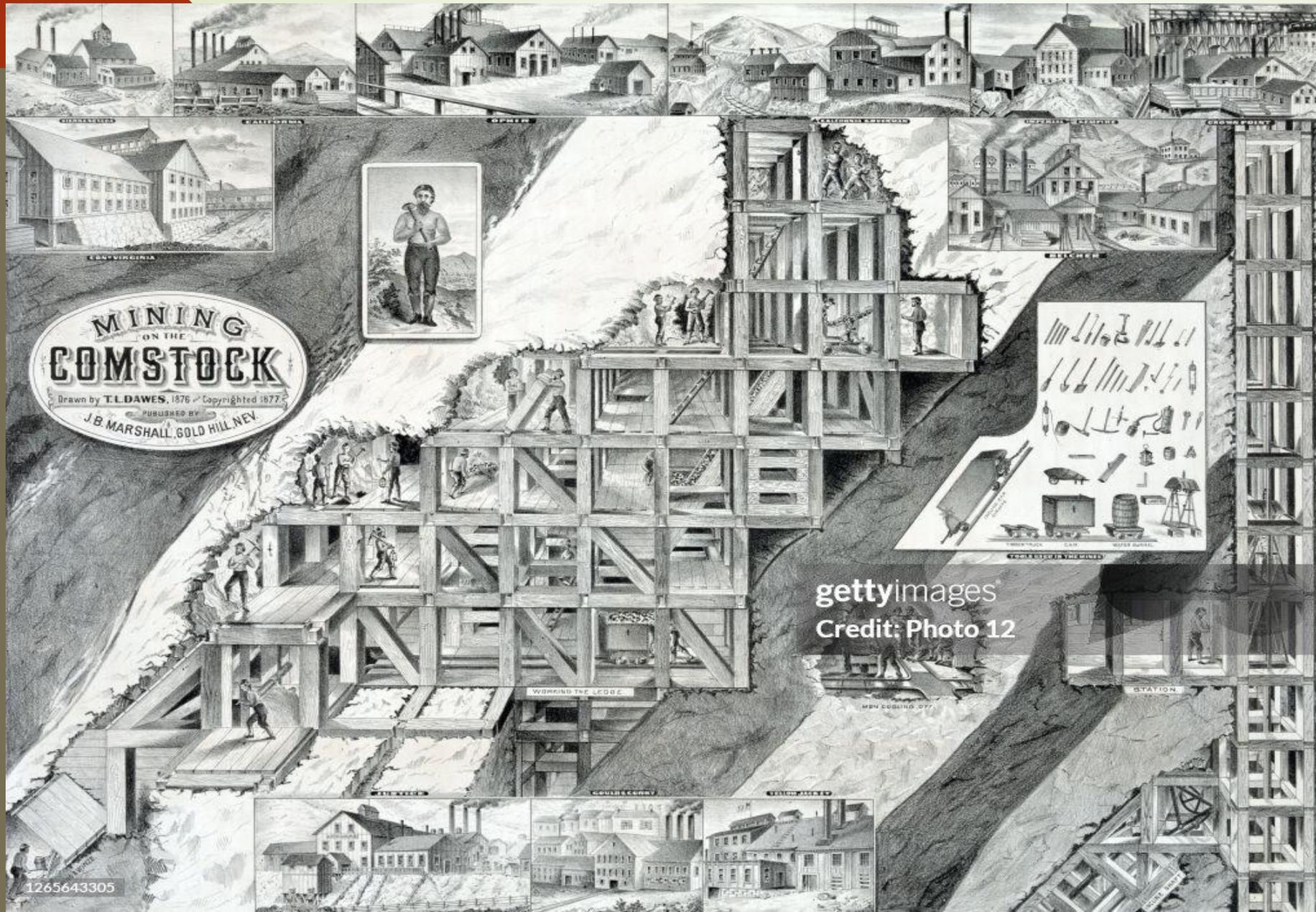


Isolated, dangerous, fleas, flies, hot and usually boring...but home



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Comstock Lode, Nevada



Silver discovered
1859....rush to
Seize land....new
Cities

Gold seams
Found 1874

Peak production
1874 \$500m Silver
\$600m Gold (2020 \$)

400 independent
Mining company
10,000 miners
...many similar
"Bonanzas"

Miners...Comstock Lode 1880



Ghost town...Nevada silver mine



Mining town...loading pack mules



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Ladies at the dance hall



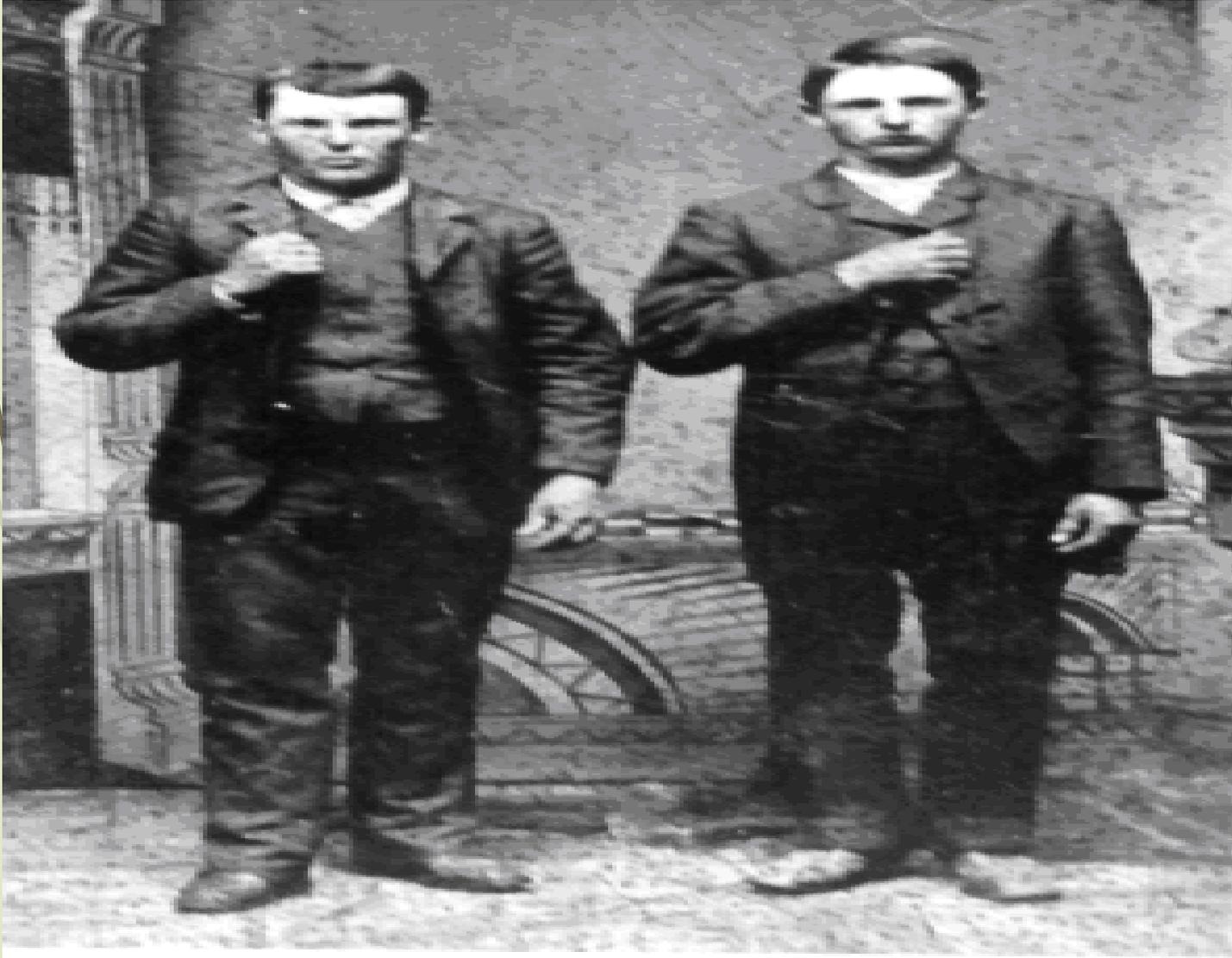


Outlaws

Jesse and Frank James

Jessie

Frank



From Missouri, teenagers join Bloody Bill Anderson during Civil war...Centralia Massacre Murdered 22 unarmed soldiers, 100 prisoners

Missouri Reconstruction no jobs, Career in bank robbing....form James gang rob trains...celebrities During 1870's...protected by ex Confederates .Trains hire Pinkerton detective.. reward by train companies...not government

Northfield raid...disaster..towns people fight back f

Jesse hides with sister murdered hanging Pictures...killer becomes celebrity

Frank surrenders, pardoned, becomes Avid gardener, shoe salesman, silent Movies, tour guide. Dies peacefully 1915

Wild Bill Hickok (1837-1876)



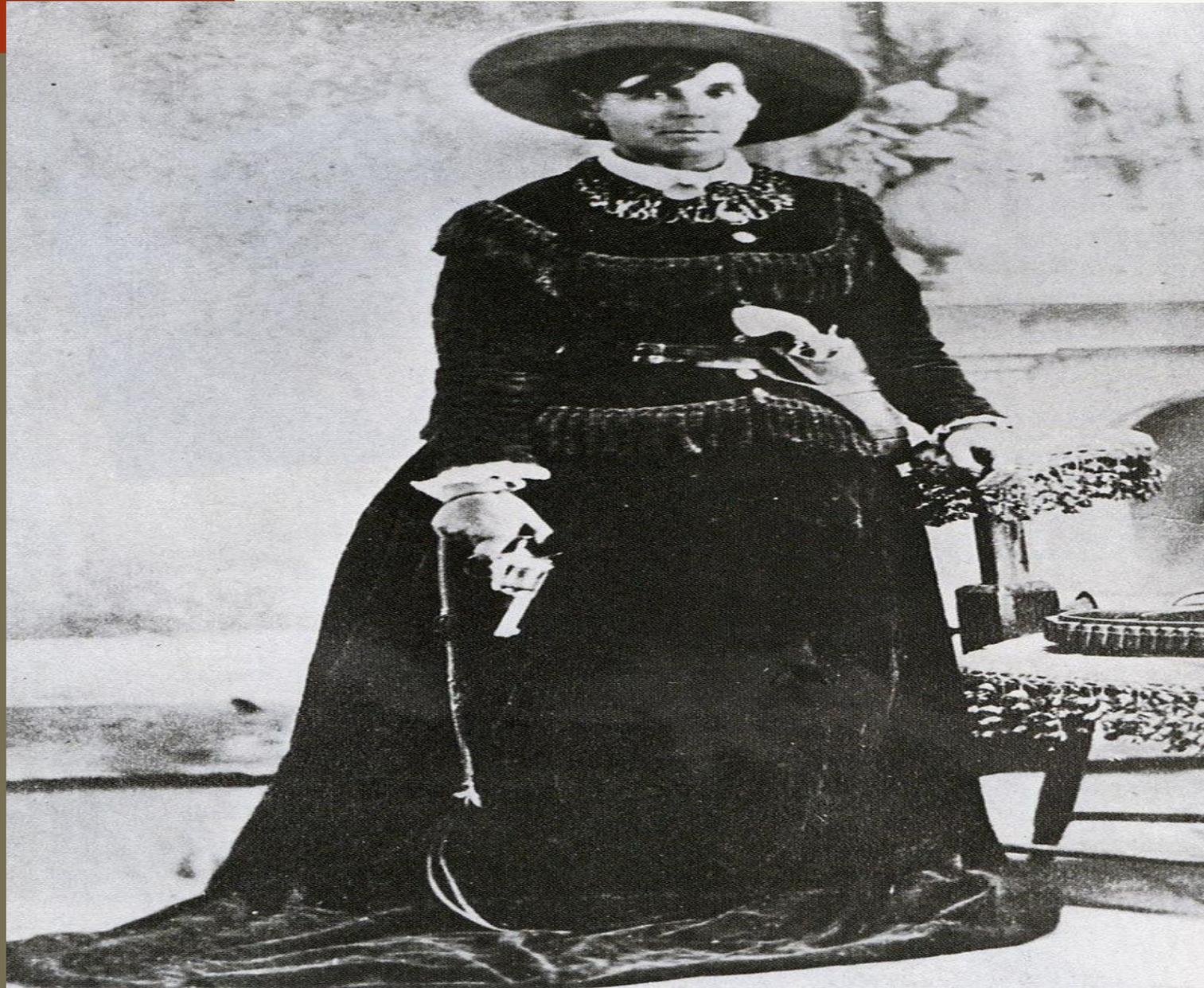
Illinois born....'Jayhawker" in Missouri
joins North in Civil war...scout, spy

Post war career as scout for army
Indian wars, gambler, Horse rustler
7 duels. Wins all. Elected sheriff

Newspapers boost him as celebrity
...failed career as travelling
Circus performer with hired Indians
...disobedient buffalo

Returns to west...career in
Gambling
..ups and downs
....murdered while playing poker

Belle Star (1848- 1889)



Classically educated
Missouri...family "low class"
..not slave owners.

Brother joins "bushwhackers"
Belle spy, brother killed. Family
To Texas. Marries James Reed
..bank robber. Belle helps out
"crack shot, rode side saddle
Velvet hat"...Reed killed

Joins "James gang"....marries
Cherokee Sam Starr. Horse stealing
..model prisoner. Leaves. Sam
Killed in gunfight..2 children..
One gunfighter killed, daughter
Prostitute. Brothel owner

Belle...murdered after refusing
Man a dance 1889



End of the Frontier



End of the Frontier 1880's -1890's

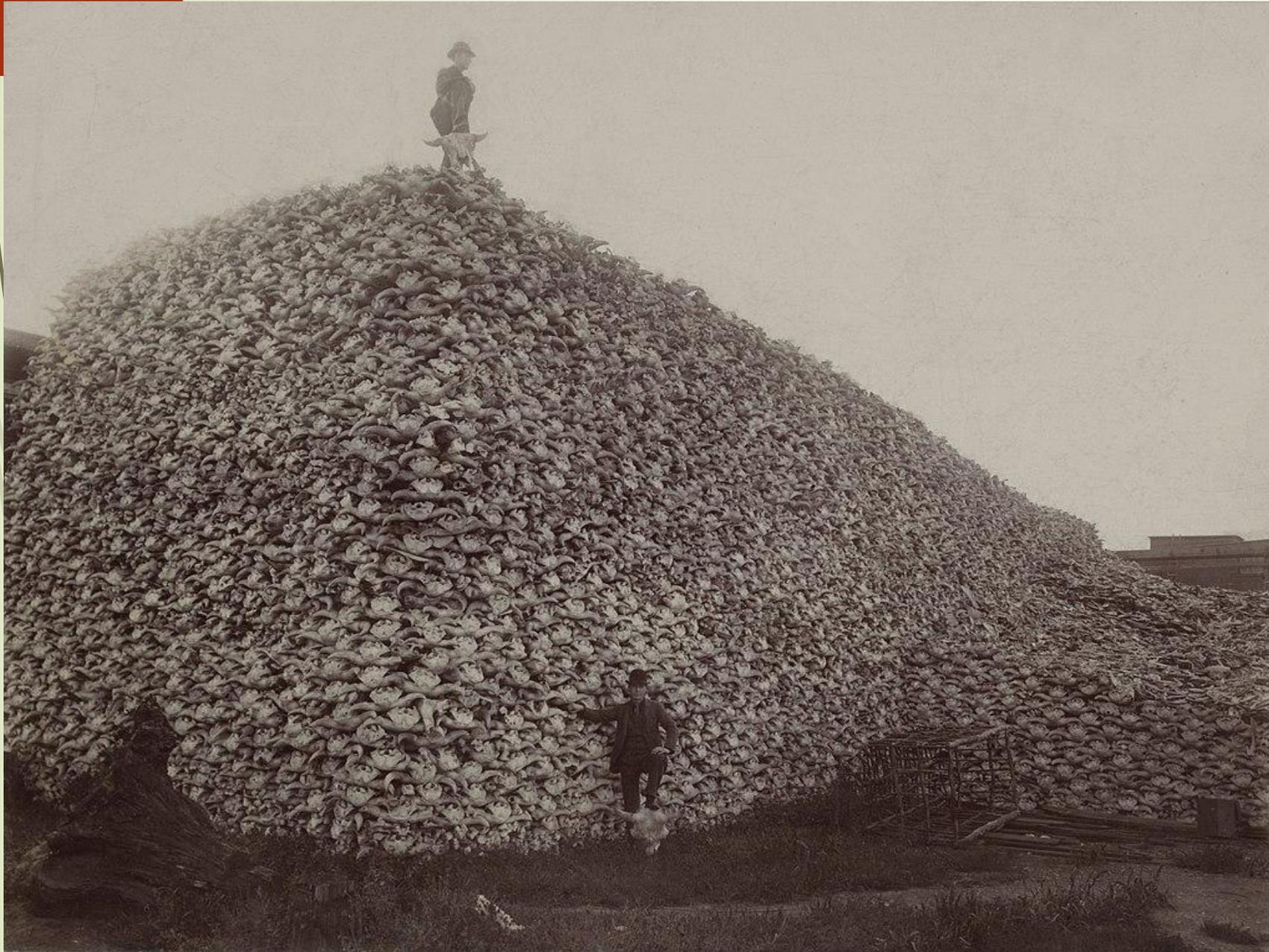
- ▶ Buffalo extinction
 - ▶ End of Indian Wars
 - ▶ Ranching industry
 - ▶ Transition to state hood and governance
 - ▶ Agriculture depression
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Industrialised buffalo hunting



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Elimination of the buffalo



Commercial buffalo hunters
Kill 200/ day...used for hides
Glue \$3 hide.....expand to
Indian reservations...Indians
Kill hunters...US army decides
To exterminate herds....

Conservations complain
Pres Grant vetoes preservation

Memoir buffalo hunter Frank
Meyer "We...served our purpose
In helping abolish the buffalo ...or
maybe I'm just rationalising .
Maybe we were just a greedy lot
who wanted to get ours and to hell
with posterity. Just so we kept ..our
money Pouches filled. I think that
is way It was"

Wounded Knee 1890

- ▶ Lakota Sioux living in reservations
 - ▶ Starving
 - ▶ Culture obliterated
 - ▶ Shock of buffalo disappearance
- ▶ Lakota Sioux mystic Wovoka launches Ghost Dance movement
 - ▶ Dance will invoke flood to drown the whites
 - ▶ Bring buffalo back to life
 - ▶ Jesus has returned and will come to lead Indians as "Great Chief"
- ▶ US Army considers dance dangerous
 - ▶ 600 men with new machine guns surround camp
 - ▶ Demand Indians hand in weapons
 - ▶ Indians resist and mowed down....300 killed (18 soldiers)

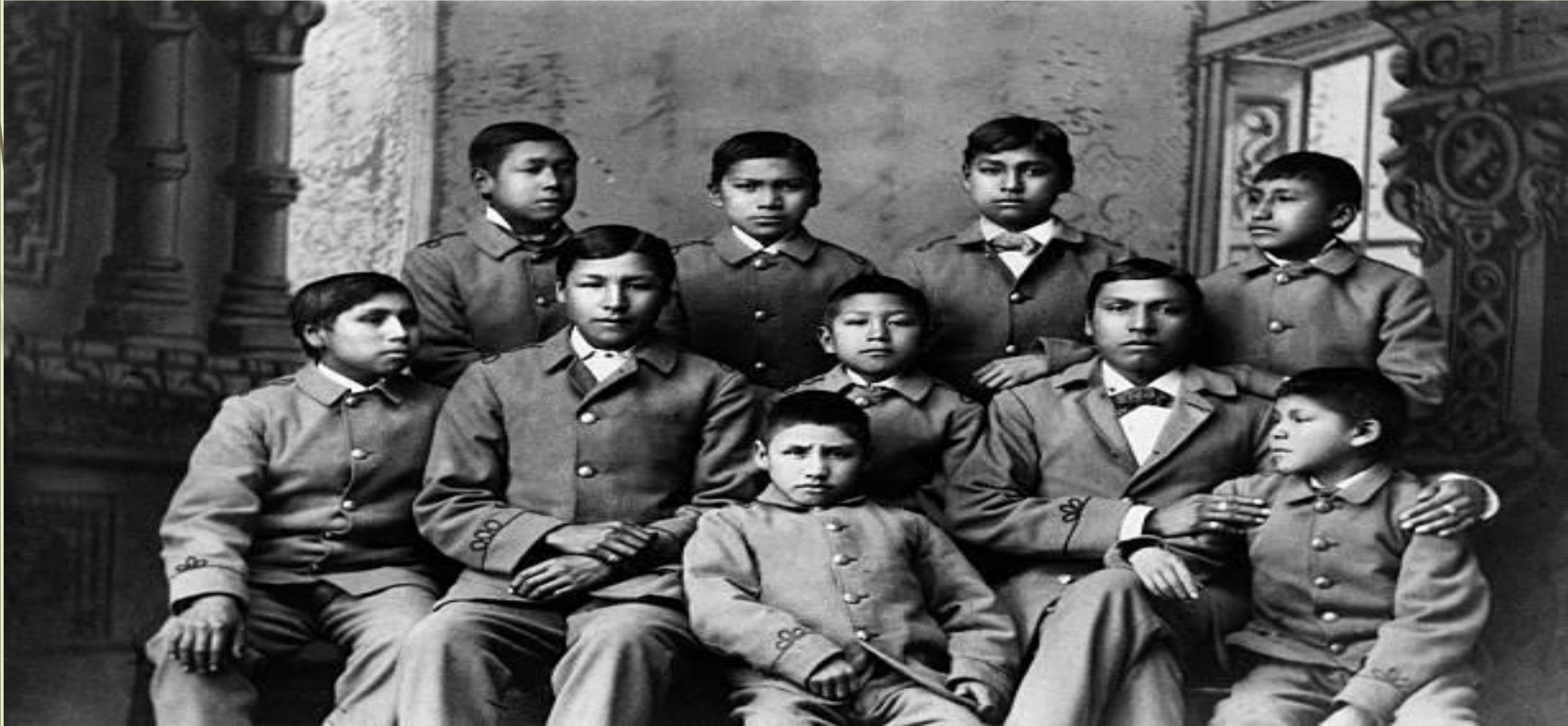
Wounded Knee aftermath 1890



Girls Boarding School 1890's



Boy's Boarding School



End of the cowboys

Expansion of railroads and invention of refrigeration

- Increased competition for land
 - Farmers vs Cowboys
 - Rangers vs cowboy wars
 - Range wars 1880; 90's...small scale, violent, employment of 'assassins'
- Land enclosure
 - Barbed wire....invented 1867....improved 1870's... pervasive 1880s
 - Promoted aggressively "it takes no room, exhausts no soil, shades no vegetation, is proof against high winds, makes no snowdrifts, and is both durable and cheap!"
- Weather change...."great die up" 1886/87...end of "open range"
- Cowboys redeployed as ranch hands, farmers, miners or move to newly emerging cities

Agriculture 1880- 1890's

- ▶ Falling price of wheat 1870 - due to Chronic Overproduction
 - ▶ Settlers continue arriving in vast numbers
 - ▶ 2 million farms 1870, 10 million 1900...Germans and Swedes
 - ▶ Increase automation and adoption of mono culture (wheat)
- ▶ Failure of cooperative movements Granger movement fails
 - ▶ Granger Movement established 1867, 5 million members 1870's...focus education, includes equal membership for women
 - ▶ Grangers dominate farming states...impose pricing restrictions for railroads. warehouses....over ruled by Supreme Court
 - ▶ Establish Cooperative ventures....storage, farm machinery, all fail
- ▶ Changes in weather
 - ▶ "Wet years" end 1890..drought till late 1900
 - ▶ Lots too small ...survival requires irrigation...requires capital

Farming in the Dakotas...horse drawn reapers



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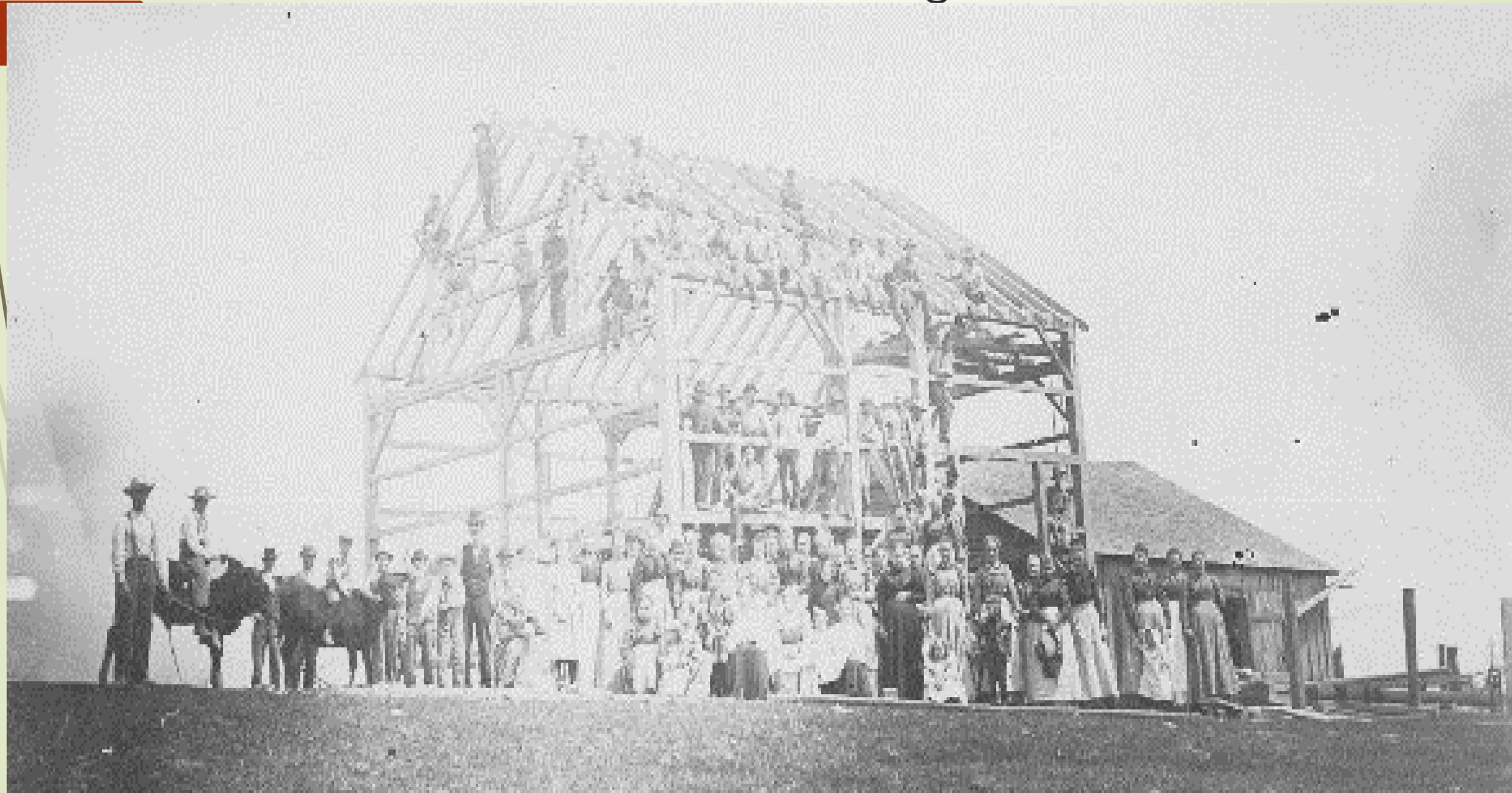
Granger cooperative movement 1870's



20 mule combine harvester 1890's



Close knit communities: Barn raising Indiana 1900



West 1890

- ▶ West integrated into wider US economy and political
 - ▶ Ranches enclosed by barbed wire
 - ▶ Indians confined to reservations
 - ▶ Territories converted to States
 - ▶ West economy built on mass wheat production and mining
- ▶ Seen as fulfilment of “Manifest Destiny”
 - independence, freedom & opportunity
 -also violence, crime, corruption land degradation
- ▶ Growing Constraints: falling prices, absence of rain, power of monopolies
 -inexplicable.....conspiracy theories.....something must be done



Next talk: Rise of US industrial might and the struggles of industrial workers and farmers vs monopolies and capital