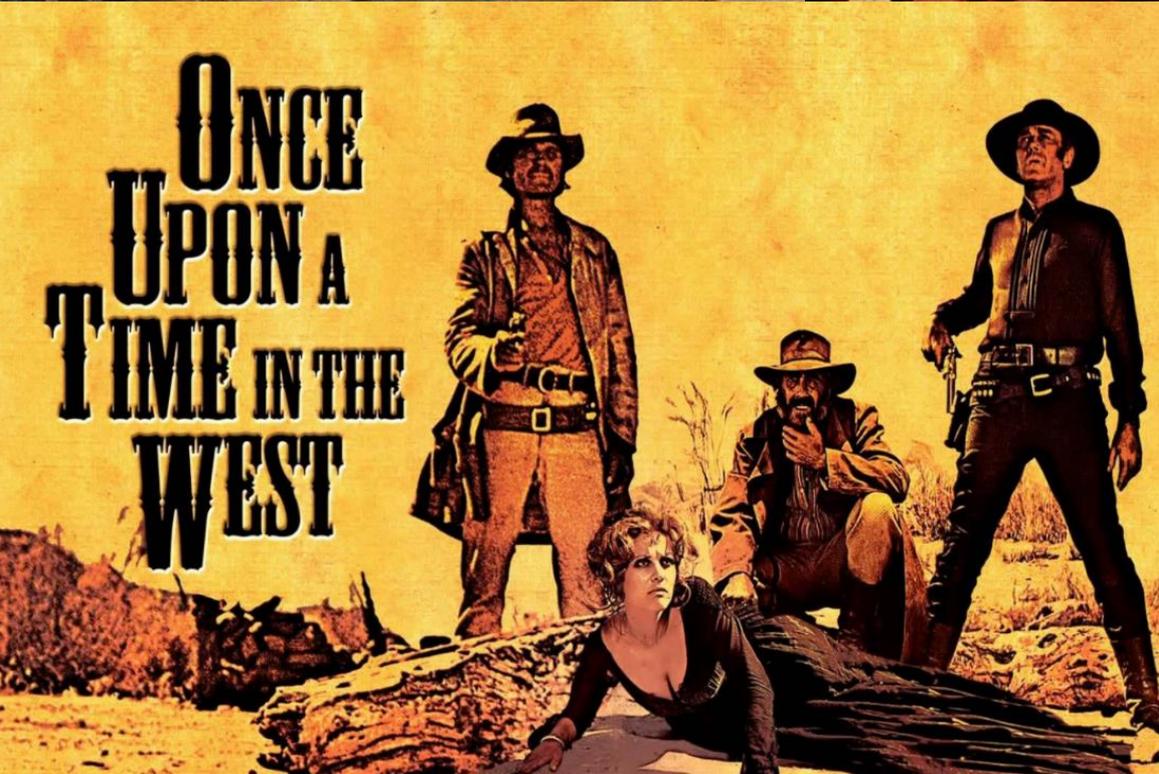


Covering a Continent

Settling & Taming The West

1850s-1910s



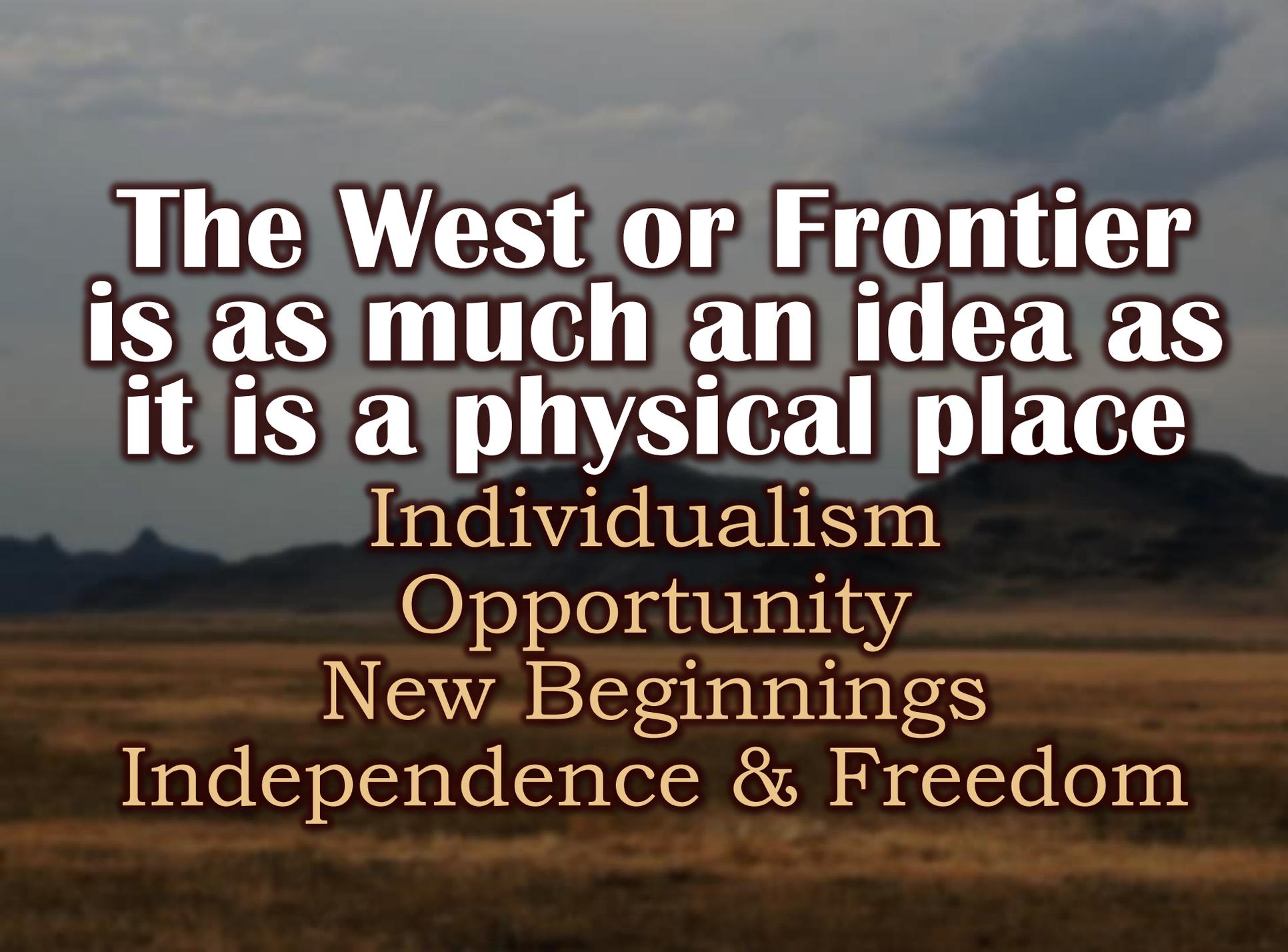


“That coarseness and strength combined with acuteness and inquisitiveness; that practical, inventive turn of mind, quick to find expedients; that masterful grasp of material things, lacking in the artistic but powerful to effect great ends; that restless, nervous energy; that dominant individualism, working for good and evil, and withal that buoyancy and exuberance which comes with freedom - these are the traits of the frontier.”

– **Frederick Jackson Turner**

The Frontier in American History (1893)





**The West or Frontier
is as much an idea as
it is a physical place**

Individualism

Opportunity

New Beginnings

Independence & Freedom

Homestead Act 1862

160 Acre of land
to anyone who
would live on it
for 5 years

asc

HOMESTEAD.

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

CERTIFICATE, } APPLICATION,
No. 1 } 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 Lyman has
made payment in full for *SW 1/4, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4 of T. 6 S. 14 N.* of
Section *Twenty Six (26)* in Township *fourth N*
of Range *five (5) E* containing *160* acres.

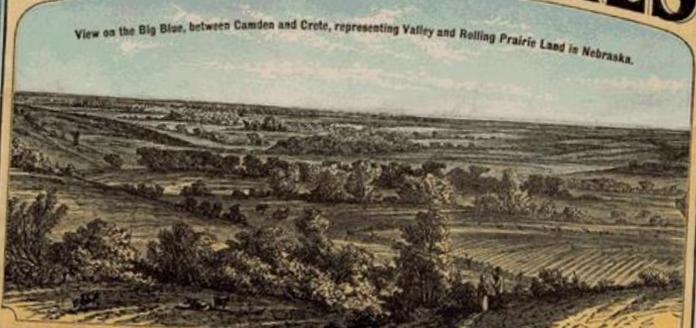
Now, therefore, be it known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said *Daniel Lyman*
shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described.

Henry M. Atkinson Register.

PRODUCTS WILL PAY FOR LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS!

MILLIONS OF ACRES

View on the Big Blue, between Camden and Crete, representing Valley and Rolling Prairie Land in Nebraska.



IOWA AND NEBRASKA

LANDS

FOR SALE ON **10 YEARS CREDIT**
BY THE
Burlington & Missouri River R.R. Co.

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Only One-Seventh of Principal Due Annually, beginning Four Years after purchase.
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Thus our Land Buyers GET A FREE PASS in the State where the Land bought is located.
These TERMS are BETTER at \$5, than to pre-empt United States Land at \$2.50 per Acre.
EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS on FREIGHT and PASSAGE are AFFORDED TO PURCHASERS and THEIR FAMILIES.

Address **GEO. S. HARRIS, LAND COMMISSIONER,**
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Or apply to

FREE ROOMS for buyers to board themselves are provided at Burlington and Lincoln.

CIRCULARS are supplied GRATIS for distribution in ORGANIZING COLONIES and to induce individuals to emigrate WEST.

A SECTIONAL MAP, showing exact location of our IOWA LANDS is sold for 30 Cents, and of NEBRASKA LANDS for 30 Cents.

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING PRINTING HOUSE, BUFFALO, N. Y.



“EXODUSTERS”

African American families left the South and went West



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

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 installments 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.

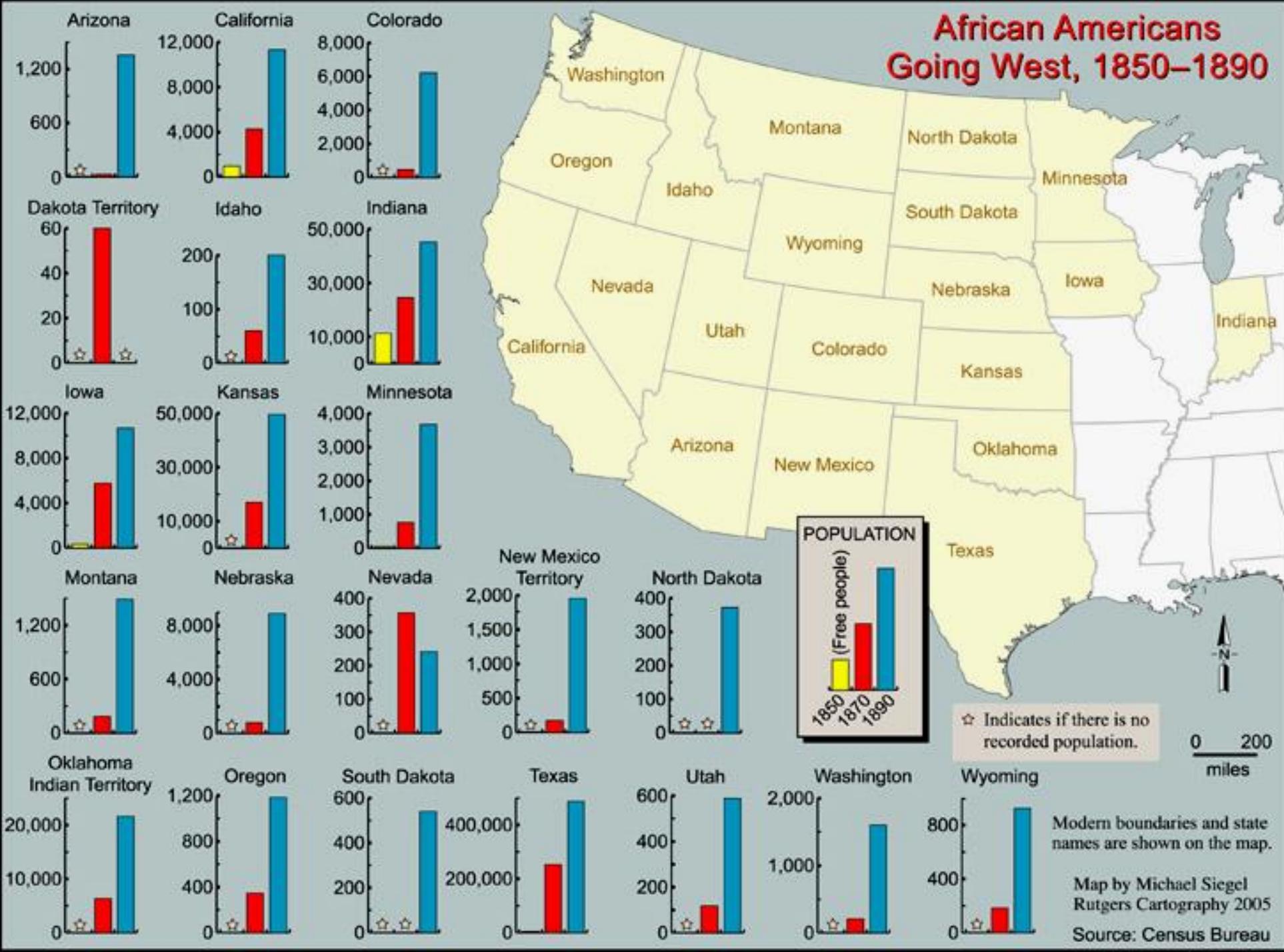
RESOLVED, That this Colony shall consist of seven officers—President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Trustees. President—M. M. Bell; Vice-President—Isaac Talbott; Secretary—W. J. Niles; Treasurer—Daniel Clarke; Trustees—Jerry Lee, William Jones, and Abner Webster.

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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY



African Americans Going West, 1850-1890

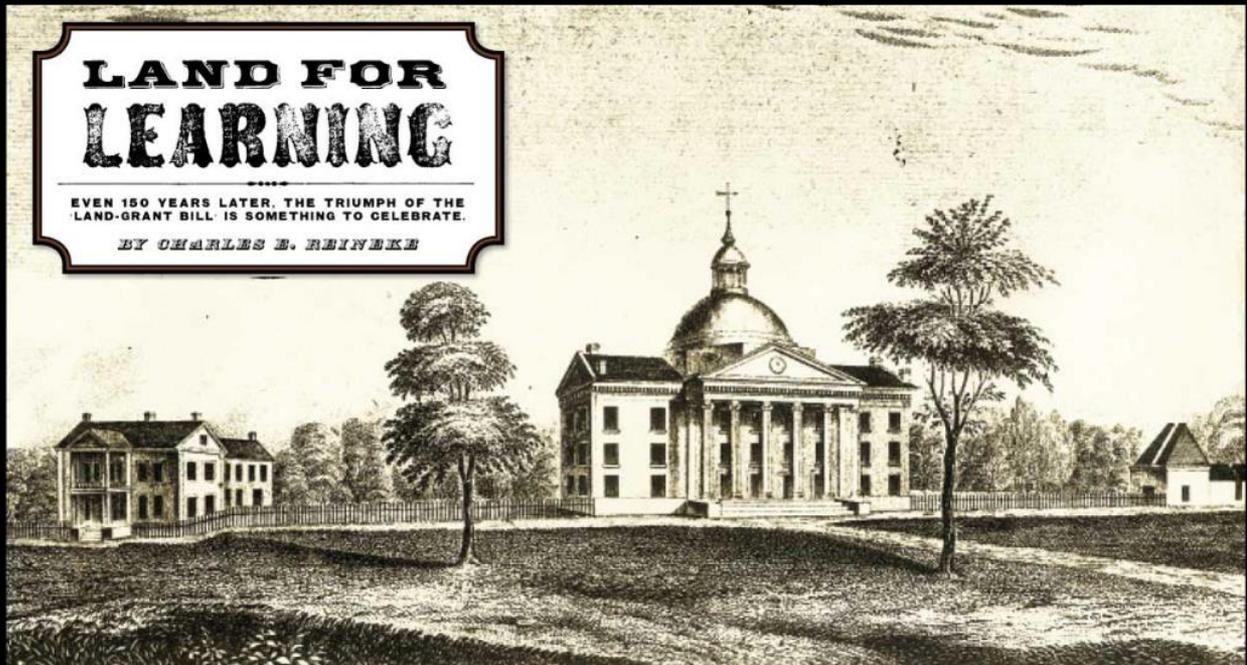




Morrill Land Grant Act 1862

Federal lands sold to create colleges dedicated primarily to the study of

agriculture,
Mechanical
arts, &
Military
tactics

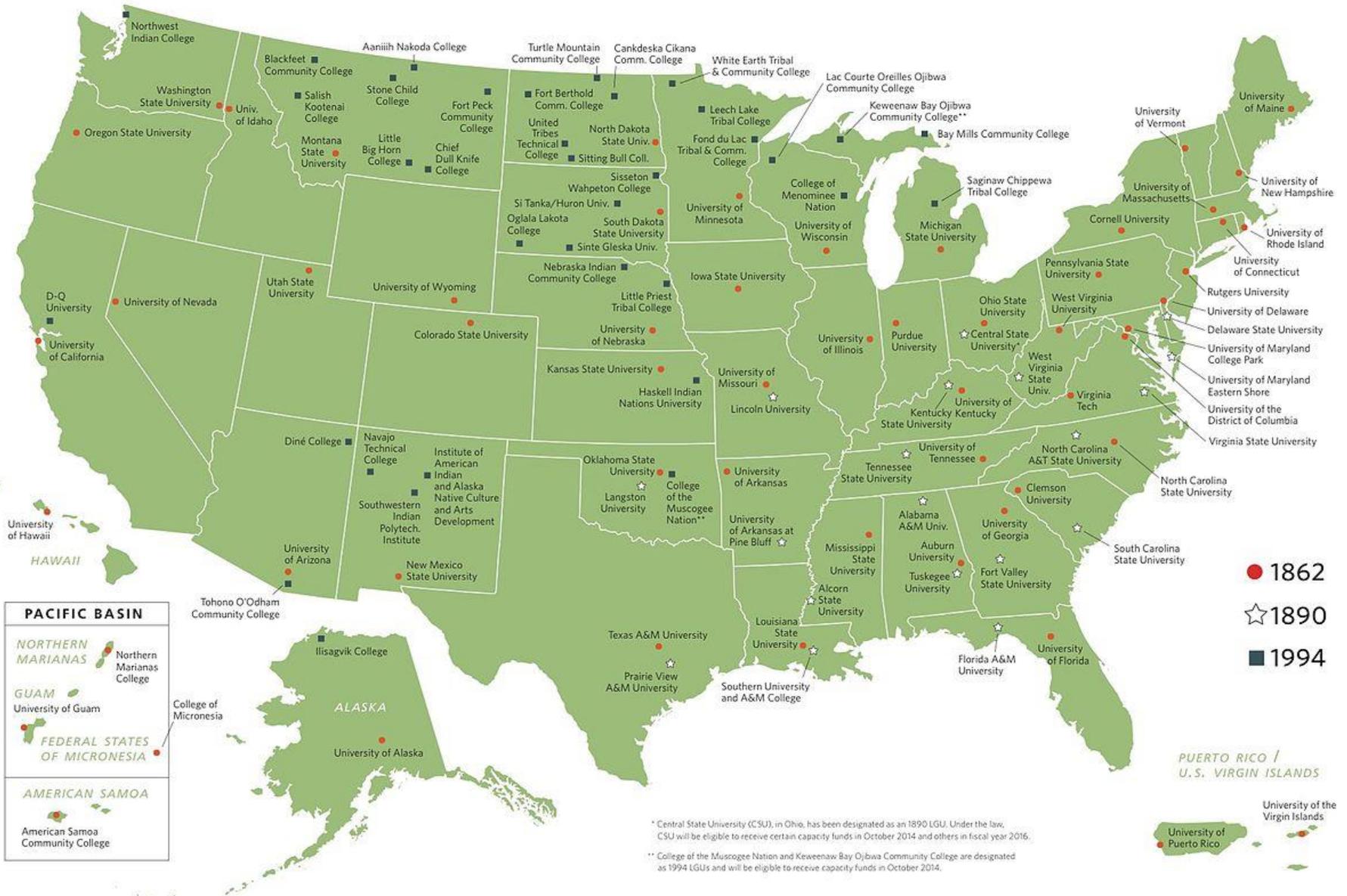




United States
Department of
Agriculture

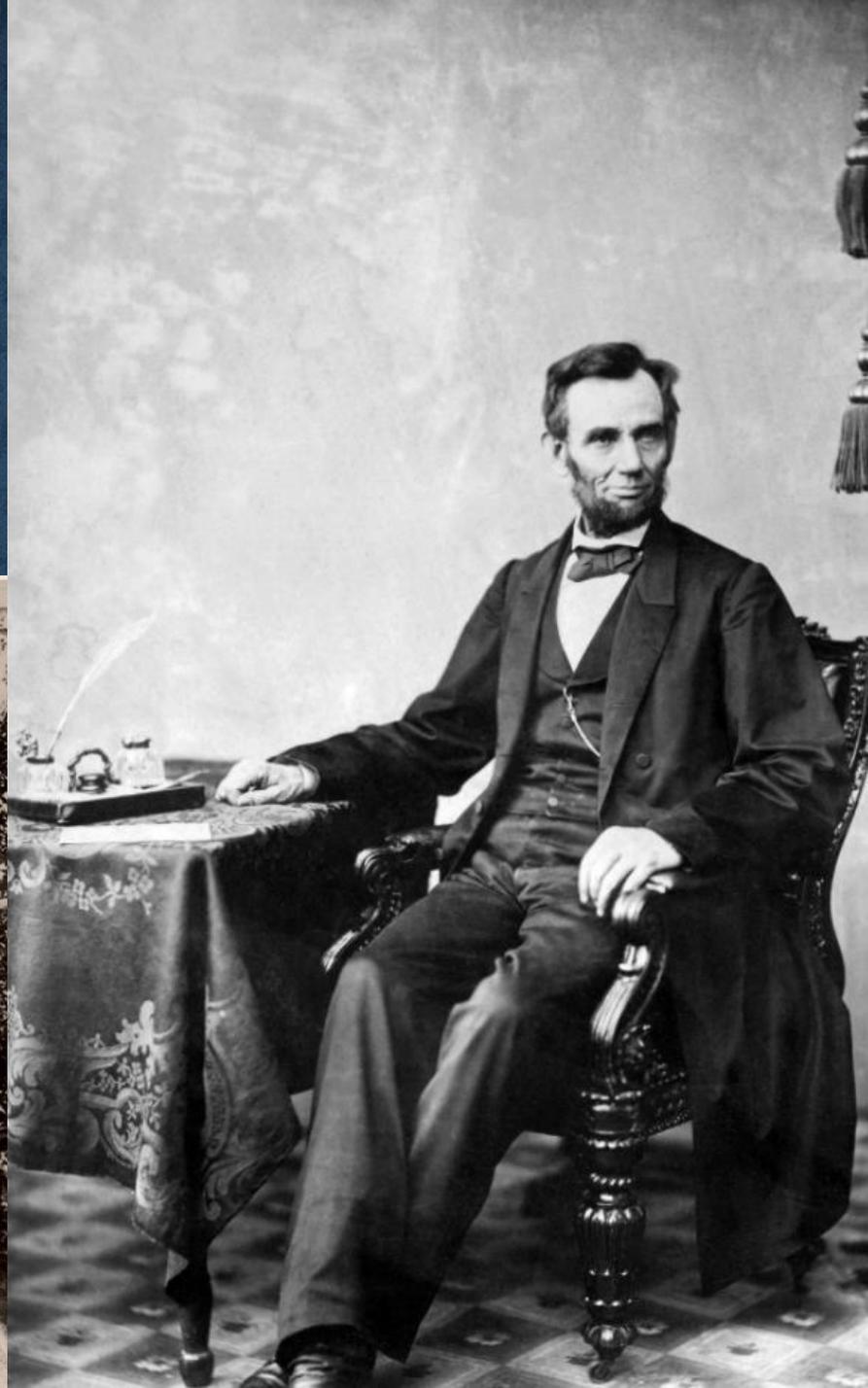
National Institute
of Food and
Agriculture

NIFA LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



March 1863

Lincoln met with 14 western chiefs at the White House to urge peace



COMANCHE

- “LORDS OF THE SOUTH PLAINS”
- NOMADIC HUNTERS OF BUFFALO
- TRADE THROUGH STEALING CATTLE & PEOPLE IN NEW MEXICO
- TENSIONS OVER RAIDING & TRADE

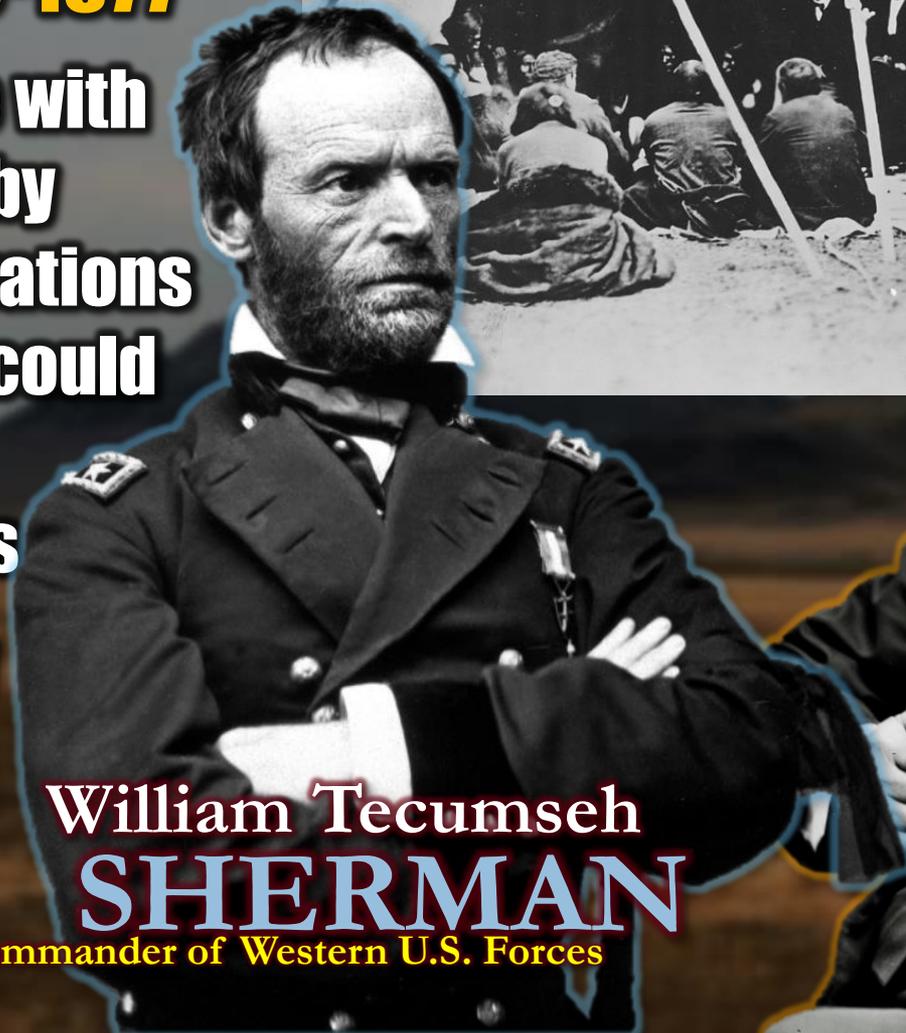


Grant's Peace Policy

1869-1877

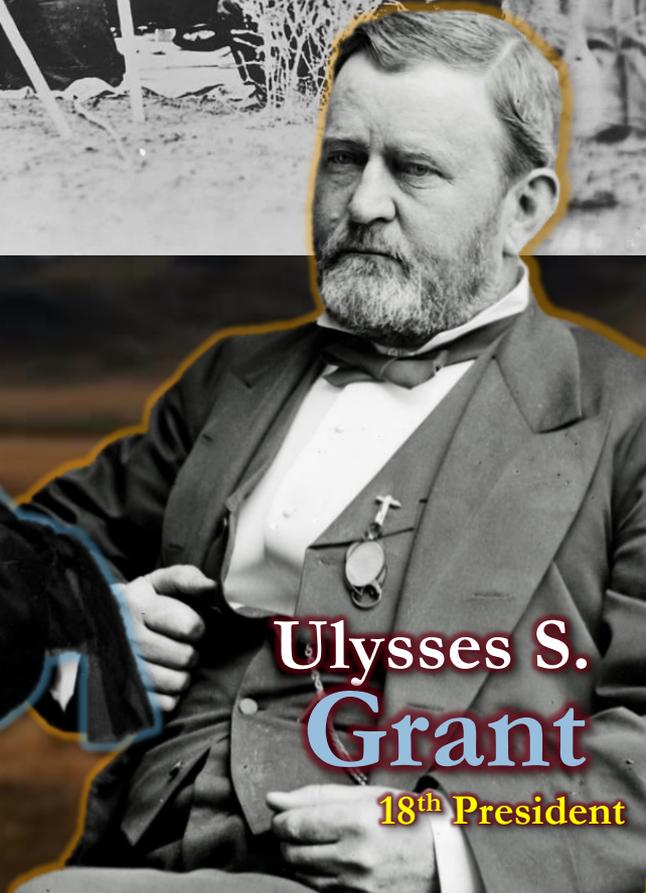
Peace initiative with
western tribes by
creating reservations
where Native's could
maintain their
traditional ways

Army simply
ignored the
policy!



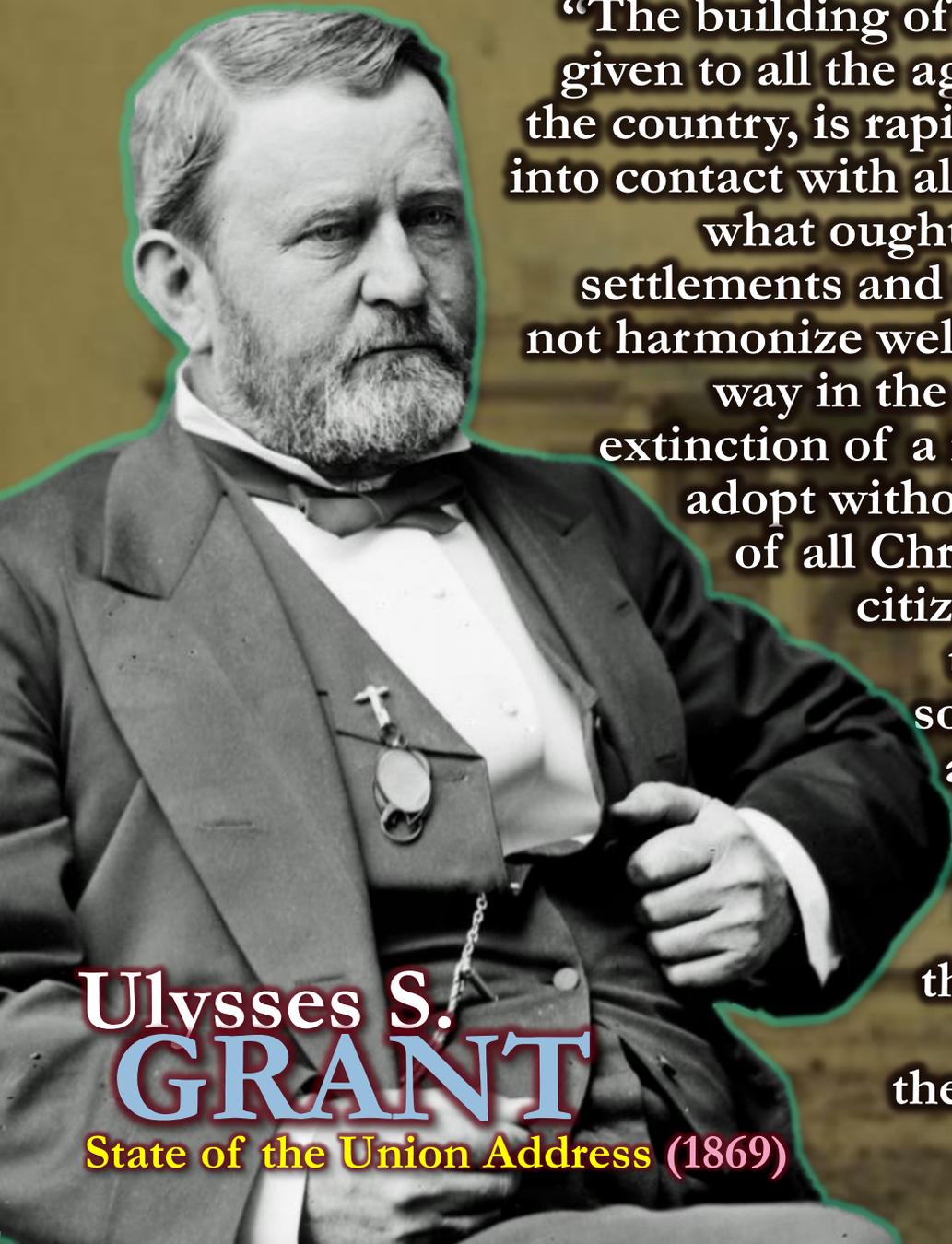
William Tecumseh
SHERMAN

Commander of Western U.S. Forces



Ulysses S.
Grant

18th President



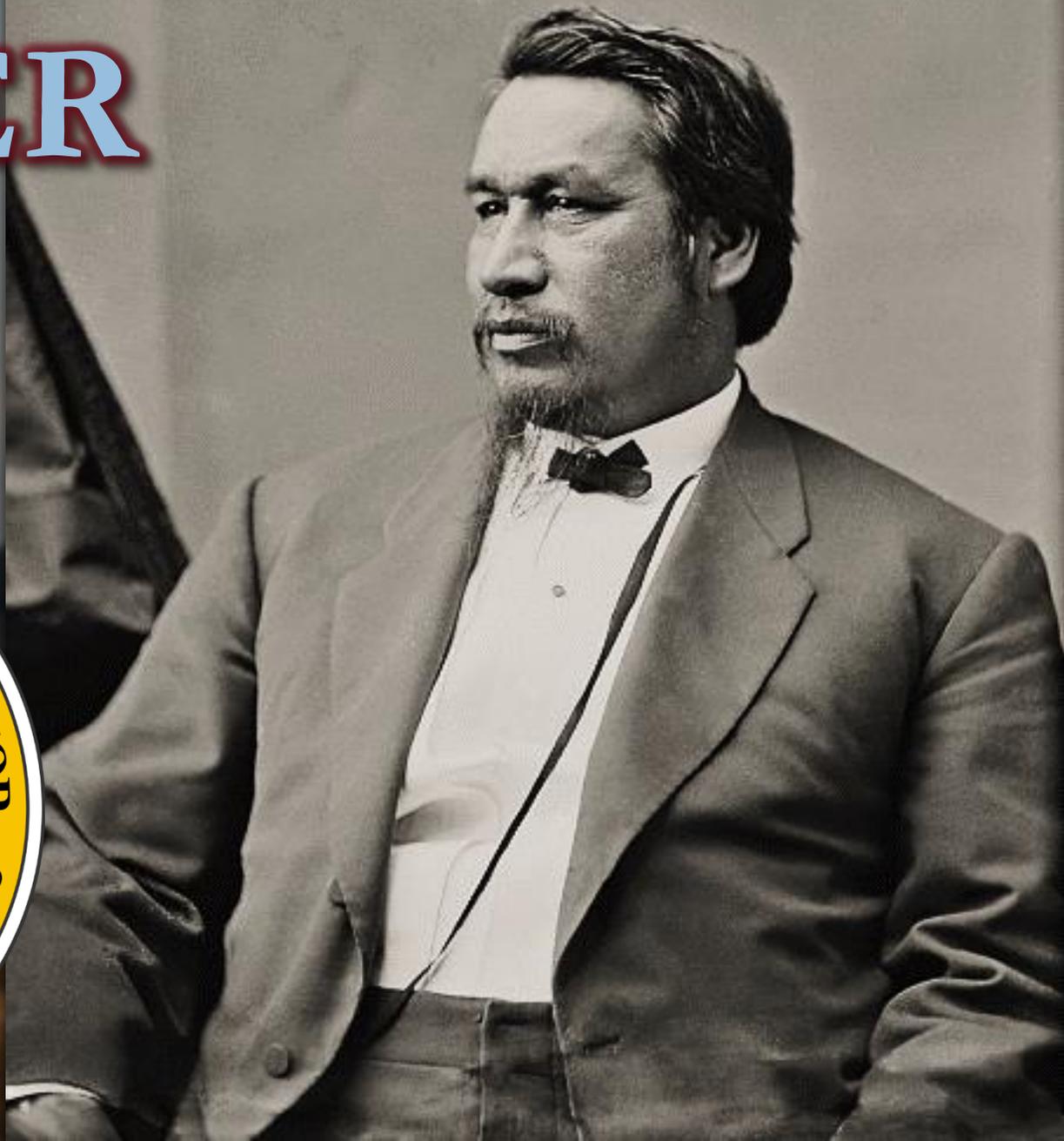
Ulysses S.
GRANT

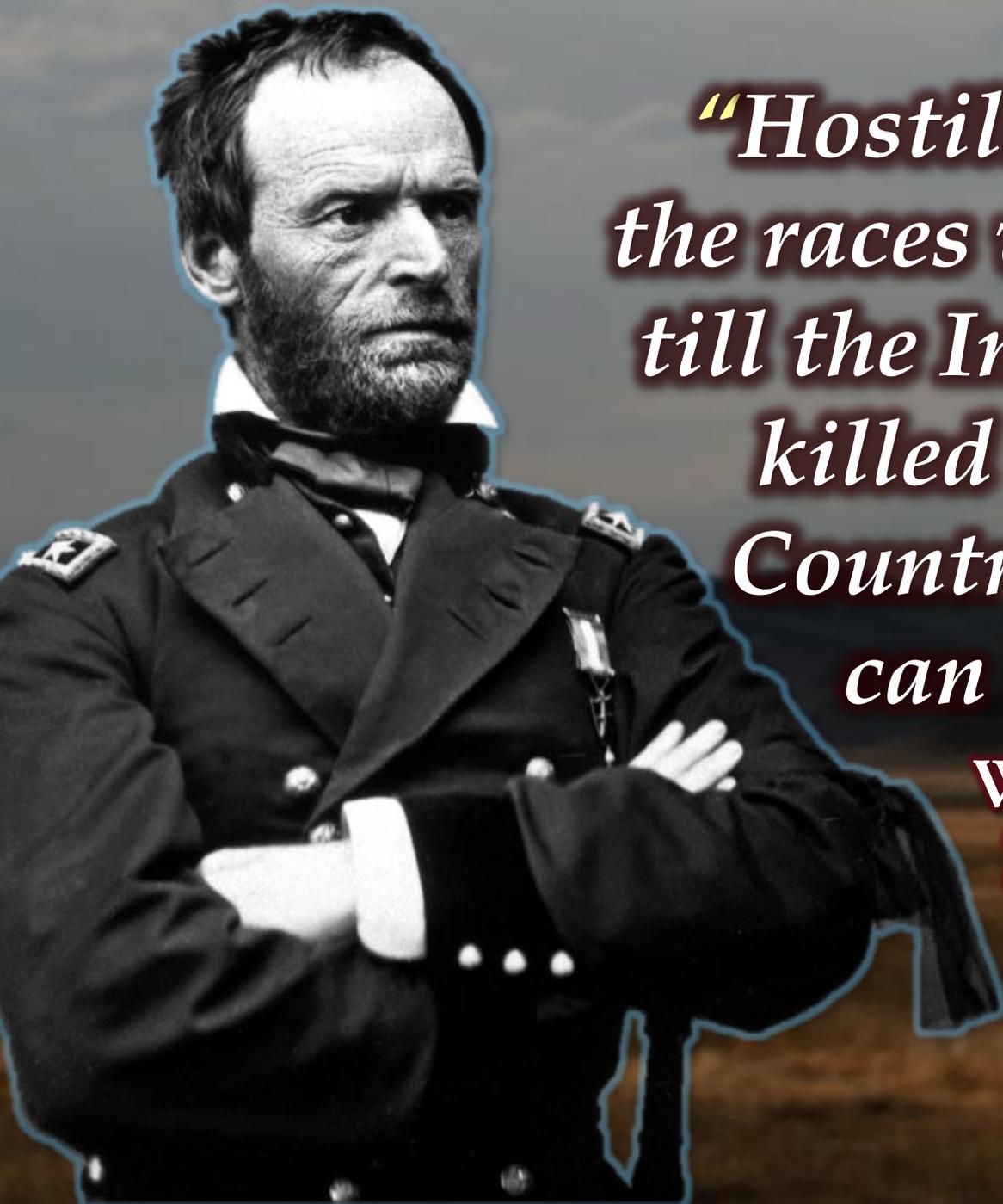
State of the Union Address (1869)

“The building of railroads, and the access thereby given to all the agricultural and mineral regions of the country, is rapidly bringing civilized settlements into contact with all the tribes of Indians. No matter what ought to be the relations between such settlements and the aborigines, the fact is they do not harmonize well, and one or the other has to give way in the end. A system which looks to the extinction of a race is too horrible for a nation to adopt without entailing upon itself the wrath of all Christendom and engendering in the citizen a disregard for human life and the rights of others, dangerous to society. I see no substitute for such a system, except in placing all the Indians on large reservations, as rapidly as it can be done, and giving them absolute protection there. As soon as they are fitted for it they should be induced to take their lands in severalty and to set up Territorial governments for their own protection”

Ely S. PARKER

*First Native
American
Commissioner
of Indian Affairs*





*“Hostilities between
the races will continue
till the Indians are all
killed or taken to a
Country where they
can be watched.”*

William Tecumseh
SHERMAN

*Commander of
Western U.S. Forces*

DAWES ACT 1887

Reservations were broken up and tribal lands were distributed to individual Indian families.

➤ INDIANS WERE PUSHED TO
BECOME FARMERS

➤ COULD BECOME CITIZENS

Surplus land given to white settlers

INDIAN LAND FOR SALE

GET A HOME
OF
YOUR OWN
*
EASY PAYMENTS



PERFECT TITLE
*
POSSESSION
WITHIN
THIRTY DAYS

FINE LANDS IN THE WEST

IRRIGATED IRRIGABLE GRAZING AGRICULTURAL DRY FARMING

IN 1910 THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SOLD UNDER SEALED BIDS ALLOTTED INDIAN LAND AS FOLLOWS:

Location.	Acres.	Average Price per Acre.	Location.	Acres.	Average Price per Acre.
Colorado	5,211.21	\$7.27	Oklahoma	34,664.00	\$19.14
Idaho	17,013.00	24.85	Oregon	1,020.00	15.43
Kansas	1,684.50	33.45	South Dakota	120,445.00	16.53
Montana	11,034.00	9.86	Washington	4,879.00	41.37
Nebraska	5,641.00	36.65	Wisconsin	1,000.00	17.00
North Dakota	22,610.70	9.93	Wyoming	1,000.00	20.64

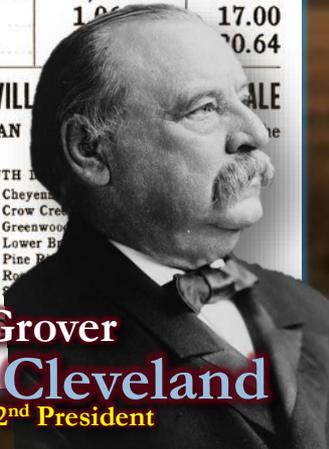
FOR THE YEAR 1911 IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 350,000 ACRES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE

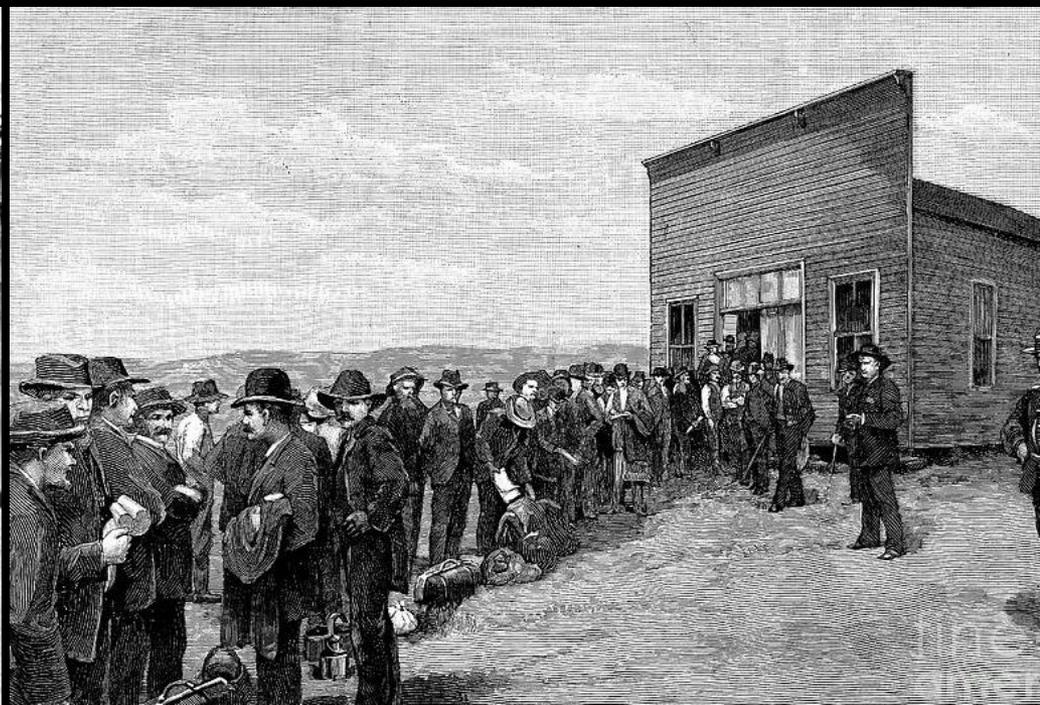
For information as to the character of the land write for booklet, "INDIAN LANDS FOR SALE," Superintendent U. S. Indian School at any one of the following places:

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| CALIFORNIA: Hoopa. COLORADO: Ignacio. IDAHO: Lapwai. KANSAS: Horton. Nadeau. | MINNESOTA: Onigum. MONTANA: Crow Agency. NEBRASKA: Macy. Santee. Winnebago. | NORTH DAKOTA: Fort Totten. Fort Yates. OKLAHOMA: Anadarko. Cantonment. Colony. Darlington. Muskogee. Pawnee. | OKLAHOMA—Con. Sac and Fox Agency. Shawnee. Wyandotte. OREGON: Klamath Agency. Pendleton. Roseburg. Siletz. | SOUTH DAKOTA: Cheyenne. Crow Creek. Greenwood. Lower Brule. Pine Ridge. Rosebud. Sisseton. |
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WALTER L. FISHER,
Secretary of the Interior.

ROBERT Grover Cleveland
22nd President





1850



1865



1880



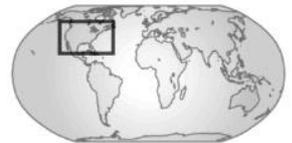
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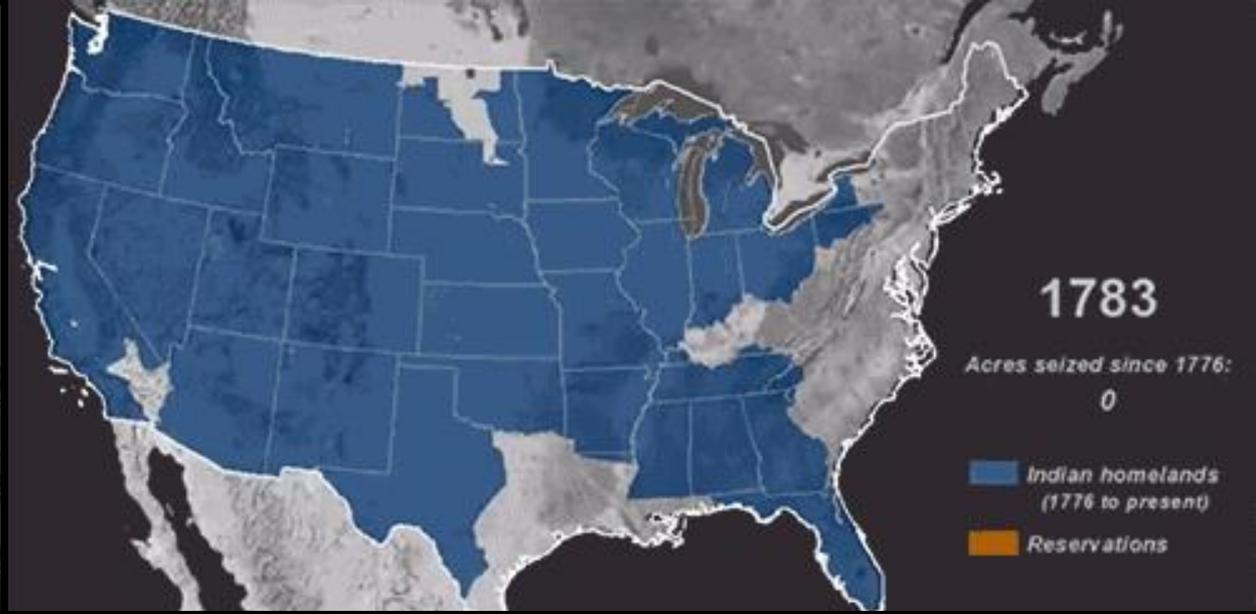
Federal (■) and State (◐) Indian Reservations



◐ Lands transferred from Indians to Whites

■ Lands held by Indians or returned to Indians

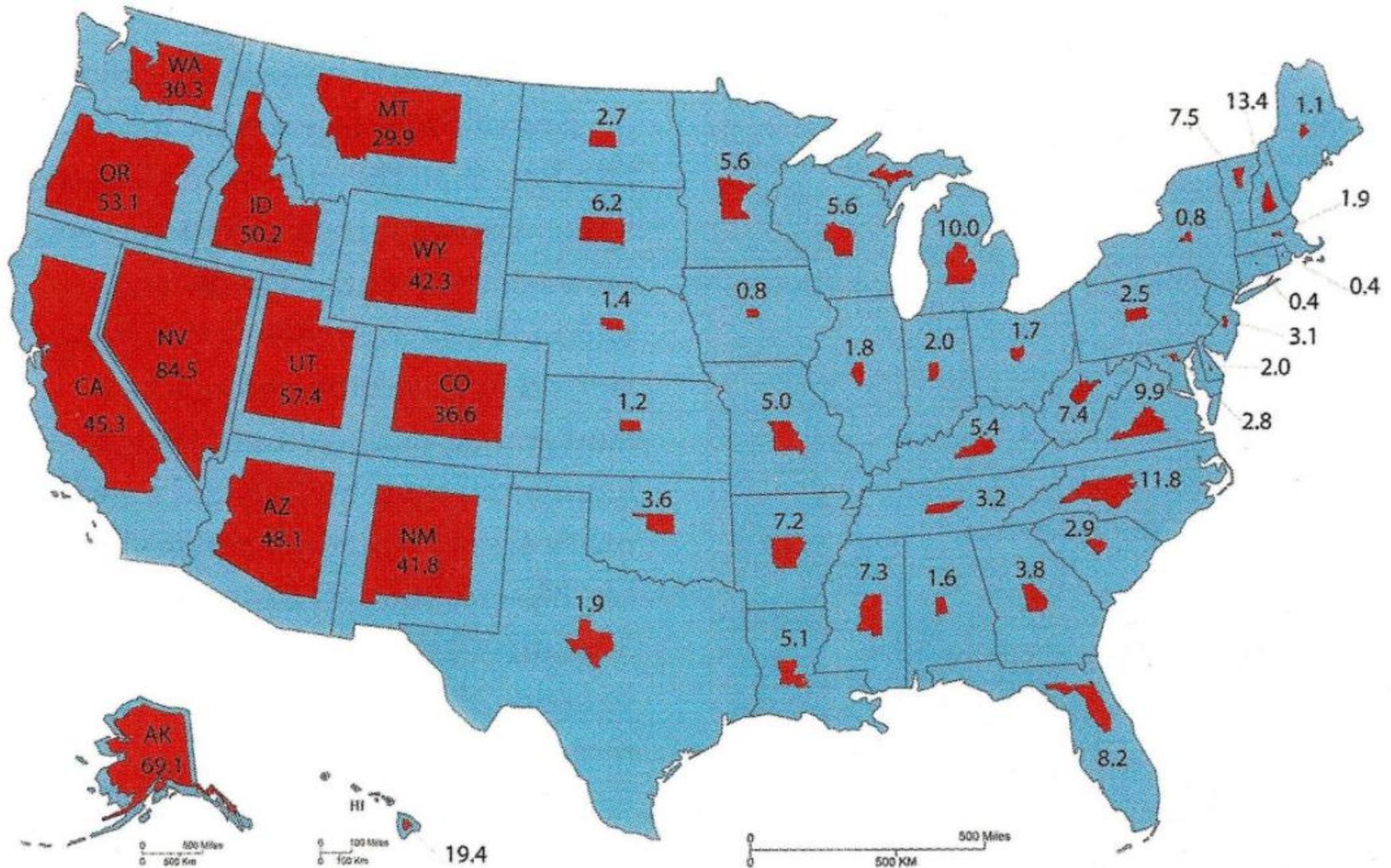






WHO OWNS THE WEST?

Federal Land as a Percentage of Total State Land Area

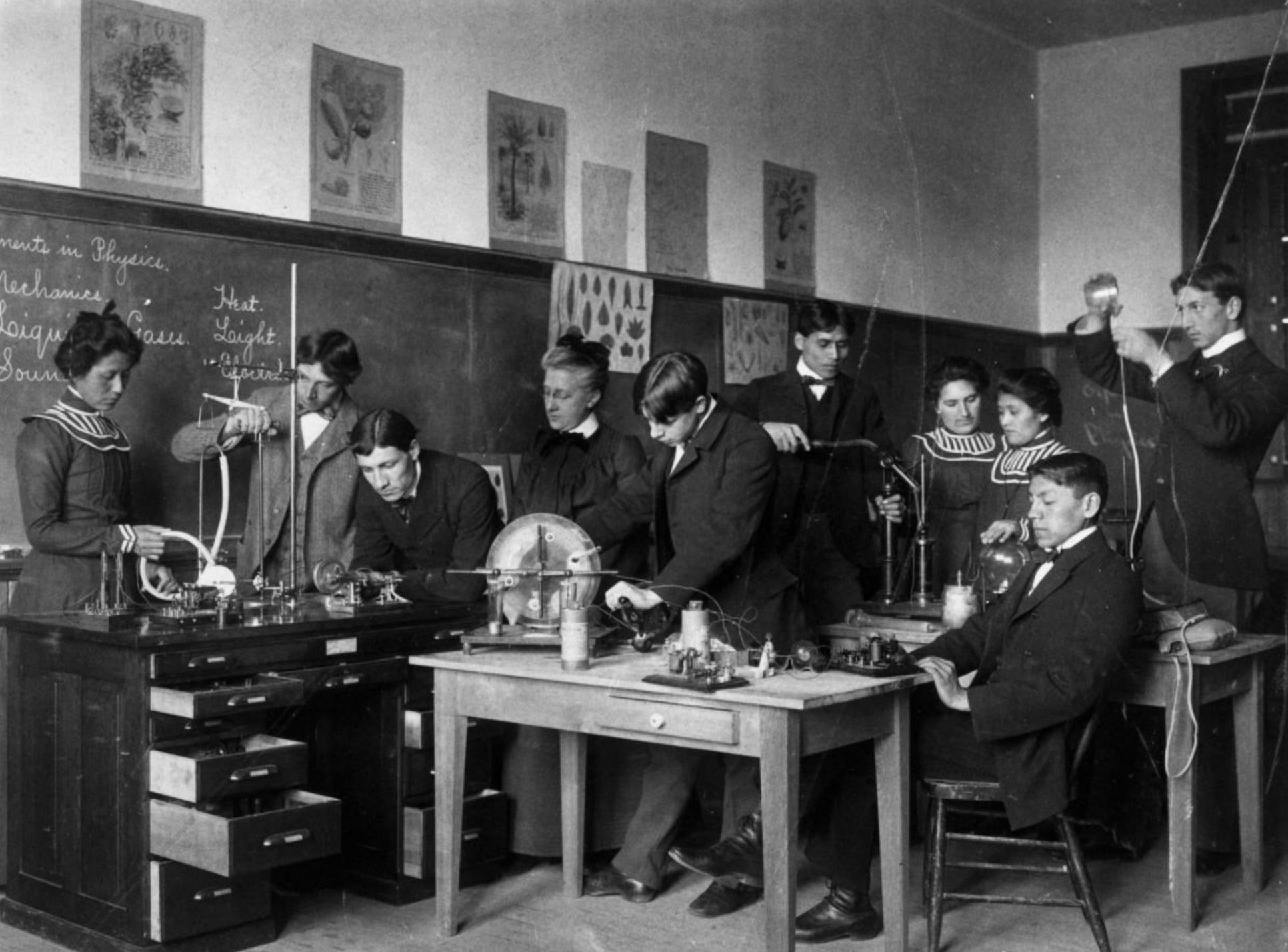


Data source: U.S. General Services Administration, *Federal Real Property Profile 2004*, excludes trust properties.



ASSIMILATION





Experiments in Physics.
Mechanics.
Gases.
Liquids.
Sound.

Heat.
Light.
Electricity.

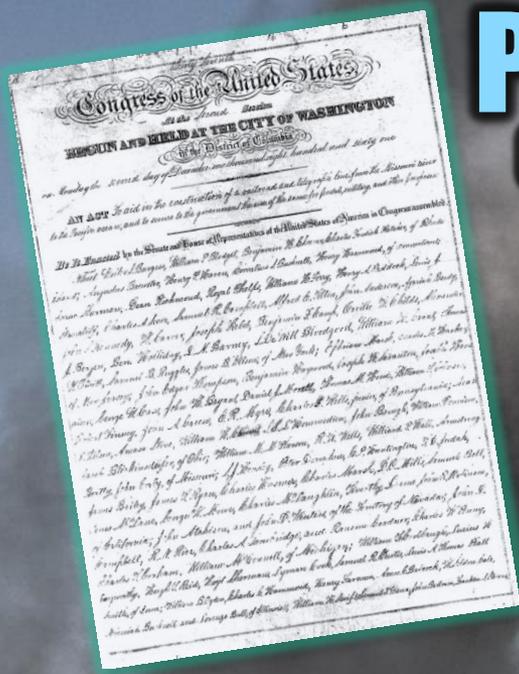


Carlisle Indian School (PA), 1879-1918



Pacific Railroad Act 1862

Government subsidies for corporations constructing railroads. 1st time Gov. gave money to private company



RAILROADS

- MADE MOBILITY POSSIBLE
- MADE PROFIT POSSIBLE
- MADE INDUSTRIALIZATION POSSIBLE
- MADE CONNECTION POSSIBLE



GOVERNMENT LAND GRANTS

IN AID OF RAILROADS, CANALS, AND WAGON ROADS.

(Drawn from the Maps of the Department of the Interior.)

RAILWAYS, 1880.

Central Pacific

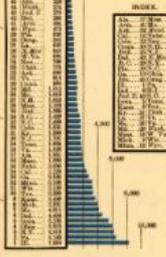
Union Pacific



Railway Mileage, by States, 1880.

(Based on Foor's "Manual of Railways," 1881.)

SCALE: 5,000 Miles.



Total Railway Mileage of the United States, by Years.

(Based on Foor's "Manual of Railways," 1881.)

SCALE: 5,000 Miles.



Railway Mileage of the World, 1880.

(Based on Foor's "Manual of Railways," 1881.)

SCALE: 5,000 Miles.



Iron and Steel Bars.

(Based on the Report of the Bureau of Statistics.)

SCALE: 100,000 Tons.



Total Report.

SCALE: 100,000 Tons.



Total Report for Home Consumption.

SCALE: 100,000 Tons.



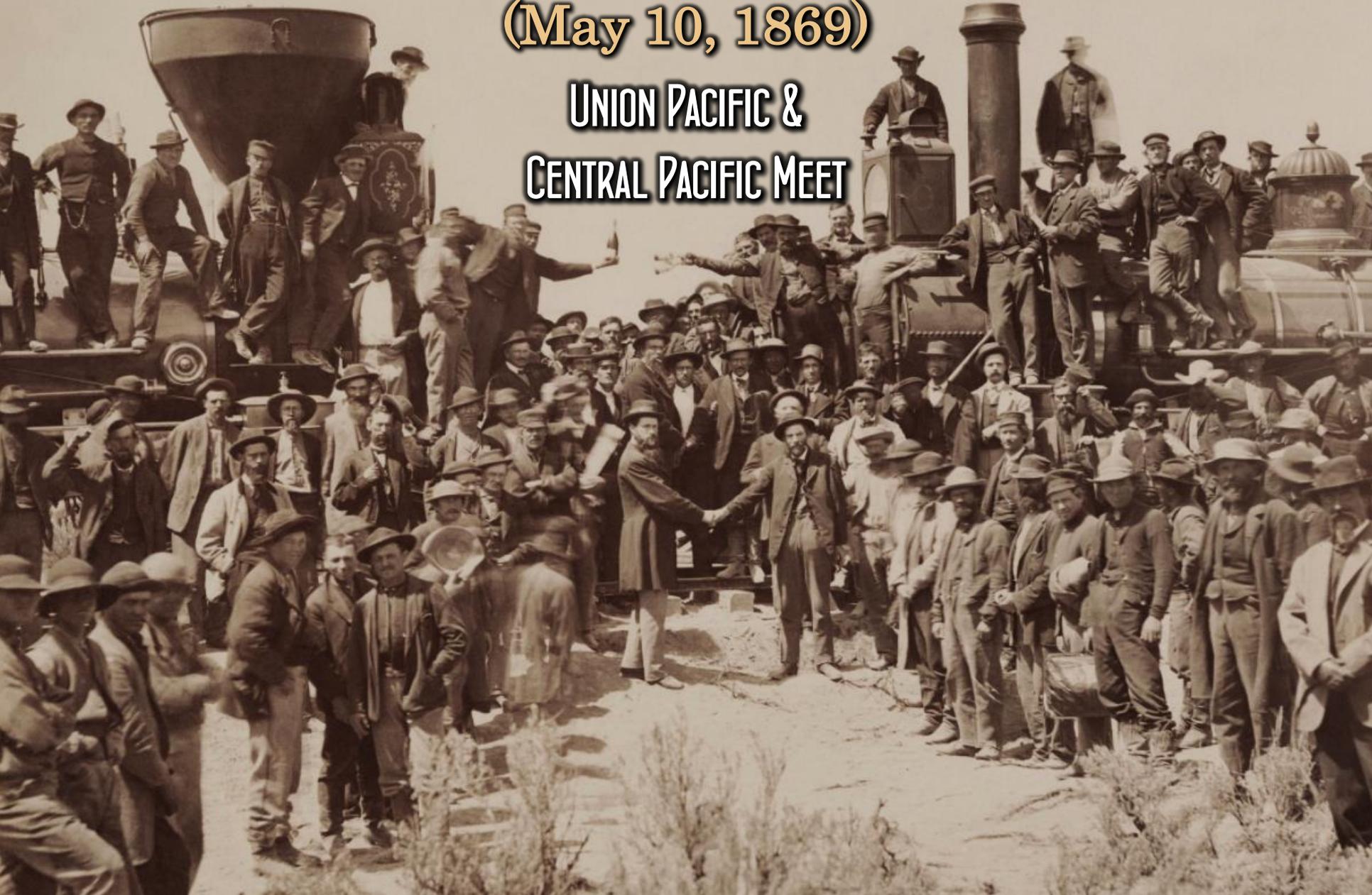
Table of Ratios.

State	Area (sq. Mi.)	Mileage (Miles)	Ratio
Ala.	50,642	1,000	50.64
Ark.	52,937	1,000	52.94
Cal.	158,334	1,000	158.33
Col.	104,237	1,000	104.24
Conn.	4,842	1,000	4.84
Del.	2,486	1,000	2.49
Fla.	55,562	1,000	55.56
Georgia	59,262	1,000	59.26
Ill.	142,962	1,000	142.96
Ind.	39,768	1,000	39.77
Iowa	56,272	1,000	56.27
Kan.	82,277	1,000	82.28
Ky.	40,361	1,000	40.36
La.	22,619	1,000	22.62
Maine	33,091	1,000	33.09
Mass.	8,006	1,000	8.01
Mich.	96,716	1,000	96.72
Minn.	79,800	1,000	79.80
Miss.	46,821	1,000	46.82
Mo.	68,832	1,000	68.83
N.H.	9,332	1,000	9.33
N.J.	8,000	1,000	8.00
N.Y.	47,126	1,000	47.13
Ohio	40,621	1,000	40.62
Ore.	24,809	1,000	24.81
Penn.	46,000	1,000	46.00
R.I.	1,545	1,000	1.55
S.C.	32,040	1,000	32.04
Tenn.	42,000	1,000	42.00
Texas	695,621	1,000	695.62
Va.	38,000	1,000	38.00
W.Va.	62,000	1,000	62.00
Wis.	54,300	1,000	54.30
Wyo.	97,000	1,000	97.00

Promontory Point, UT

(May 10, 1869)

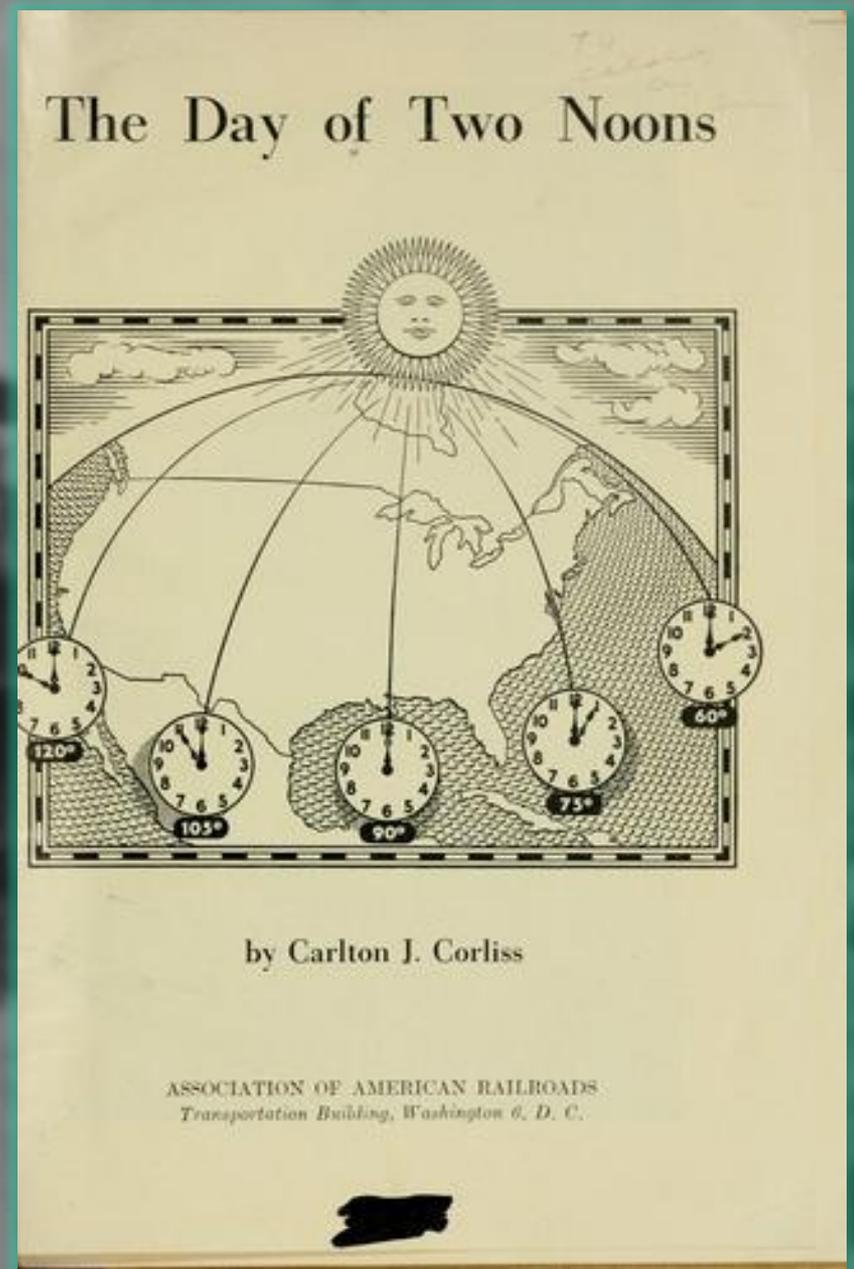
UNION PACIFIC &
CENTRAL PACIFIC MEET



“The Day of Two Noons”

November 18, 1883

Everyone readjusted their clocks to one of the 4 time-zones established by the Railroad scheduling





Pacific Time



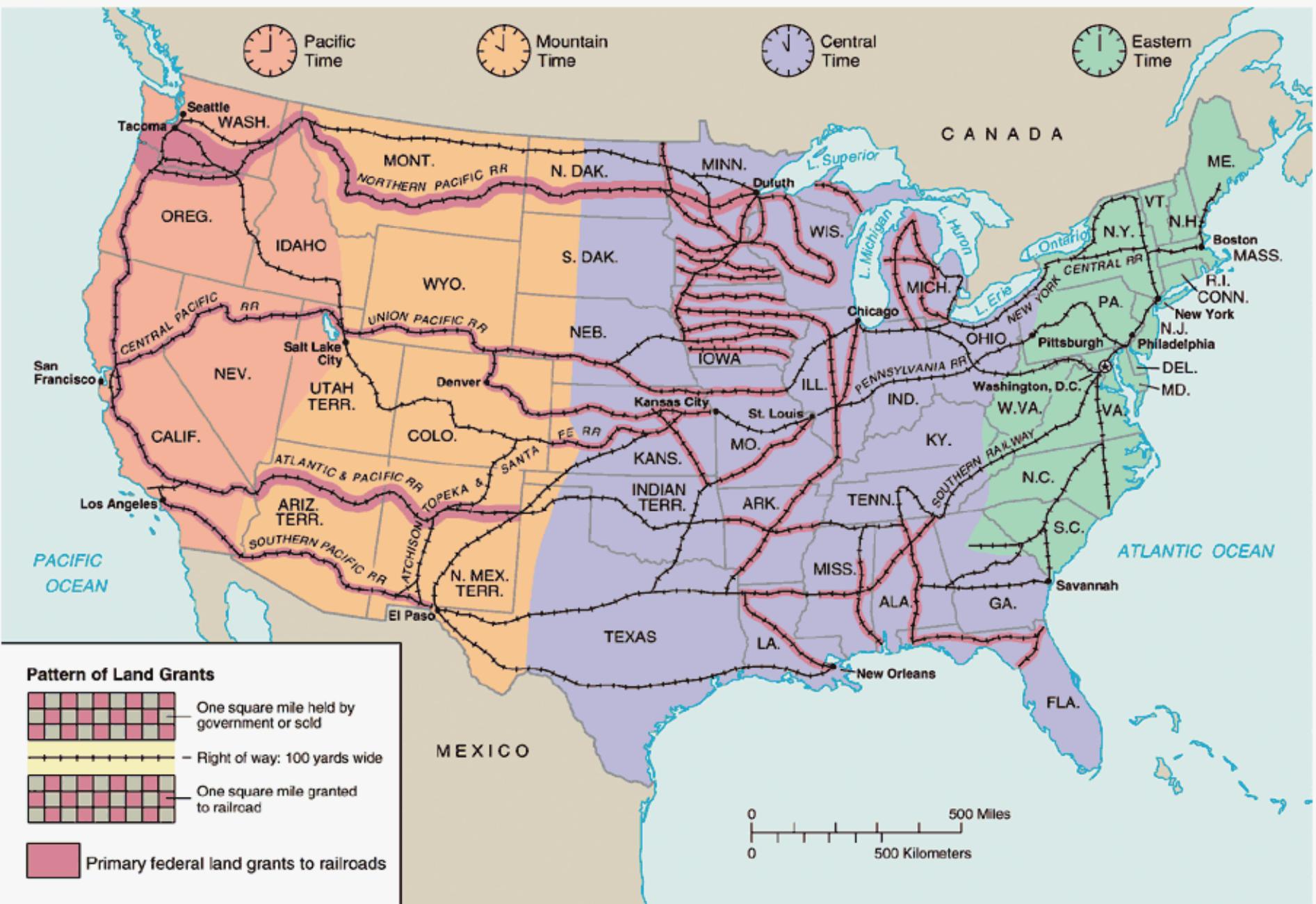
Mountain Time



Central Time



Eastern Time



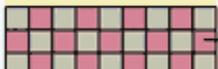
Pattern of Land Grants



One square mile held by government or sold



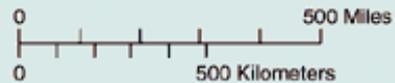
Right of way: 100 yards wide



One square mile granted to railroad



Primary federal land grants to railroads











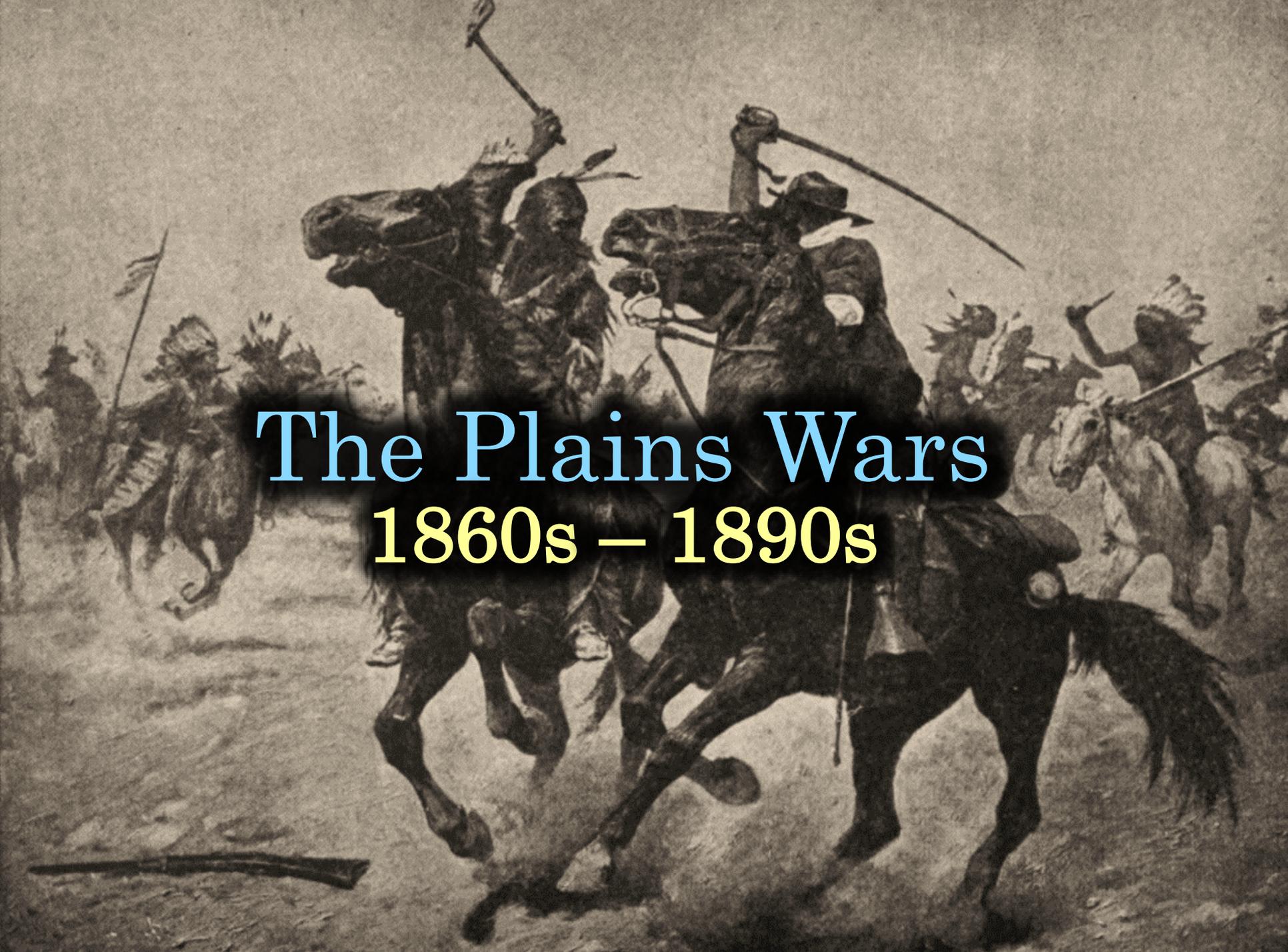
1840 – c. 60 million
1890 – c. -100



Yellowstone National Park

2 million acres given in 1872





The Plains Wars

1860s – 1890s



GOLD & SILVER RUSHES SPARK CONFLICTS





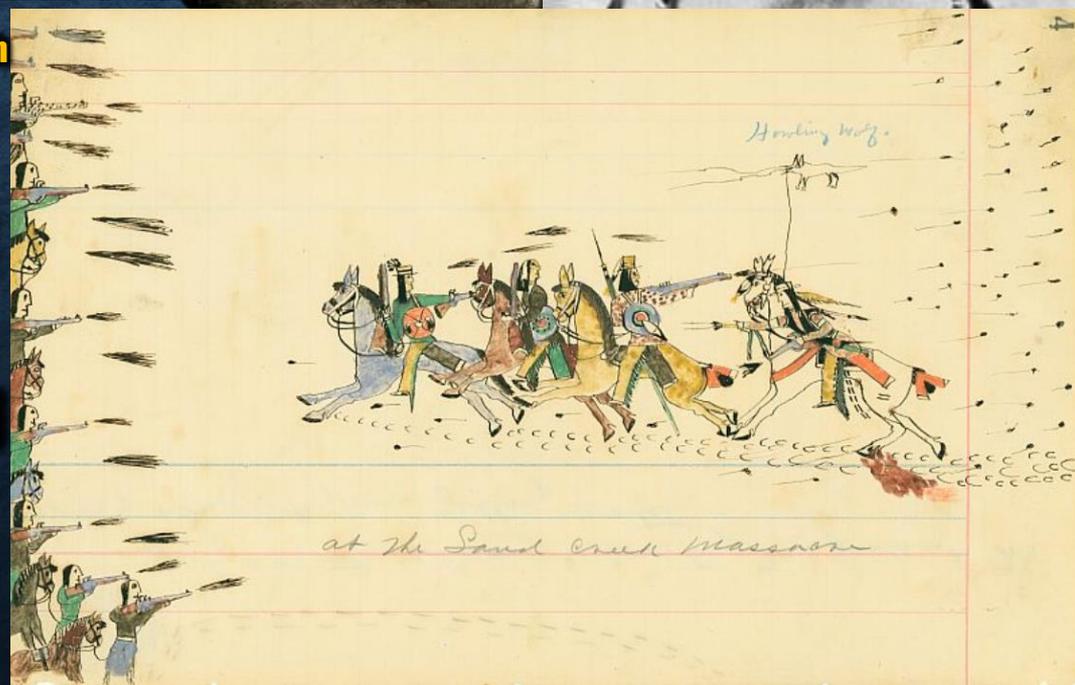
Colonel John
Chivington



Chief Black
Kettle

Massacre of Sandy Creek ^{Nov. 29th} 1864 (CO)

Colorado militia attacked Cheyenne settlement killing over 100. This sparked warfare in the region.

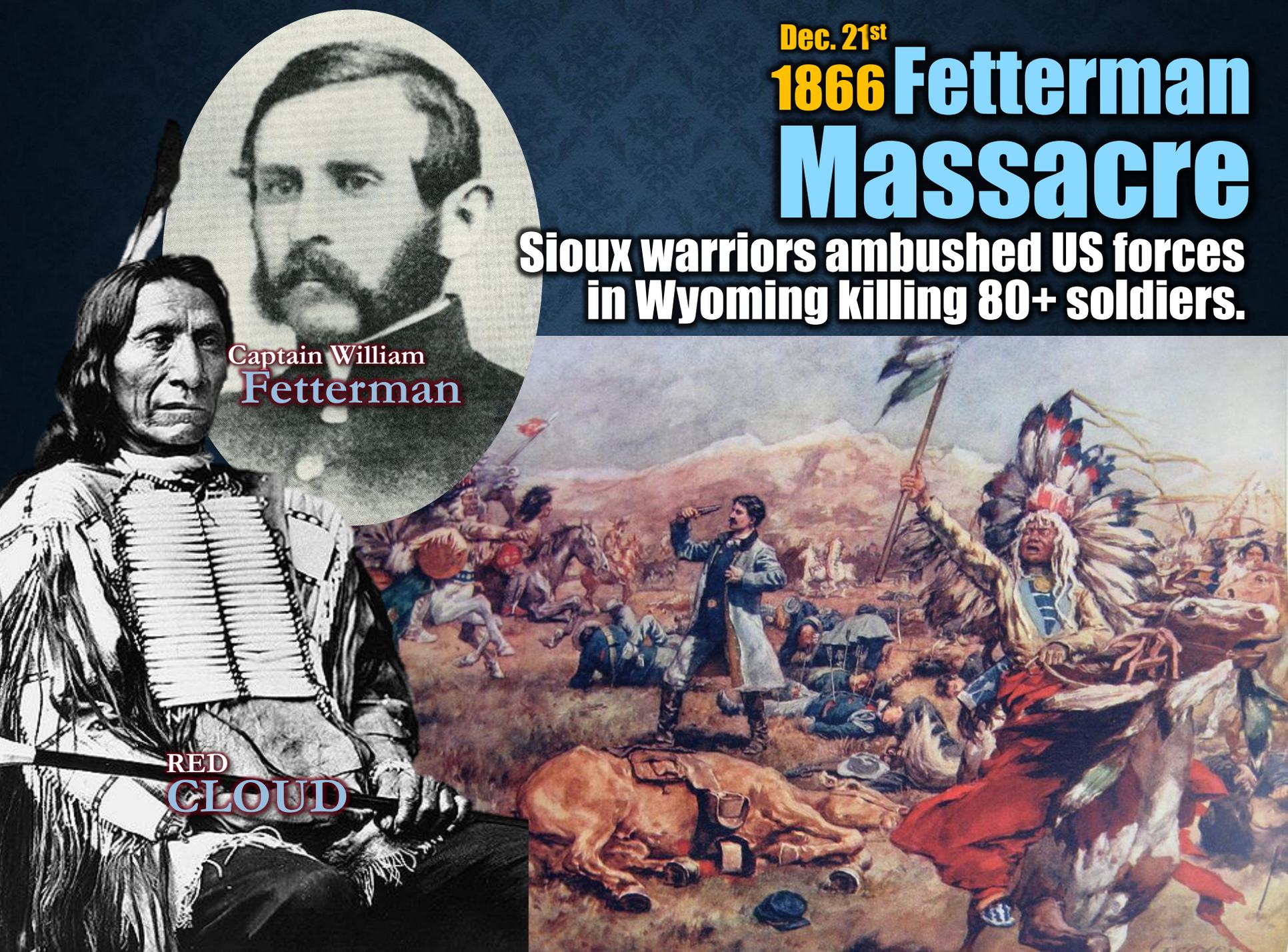


Dec. 21st
1866 **Fetterman**
Massacre

**Sioux warriors ambushed US forces
in Wyoming killing 80+ soldiers.**

Captain William
Fetterman

RED
CLOUD



BATTLE OF LITTLE BIGHORN June 25-26 1876

"Custer's Last Stand" over 210 U.S. troops wiped out by Sioux forces (MT)



Gen. George Armstrong
CUSTER

Sitting
BULL

Geronimo's War

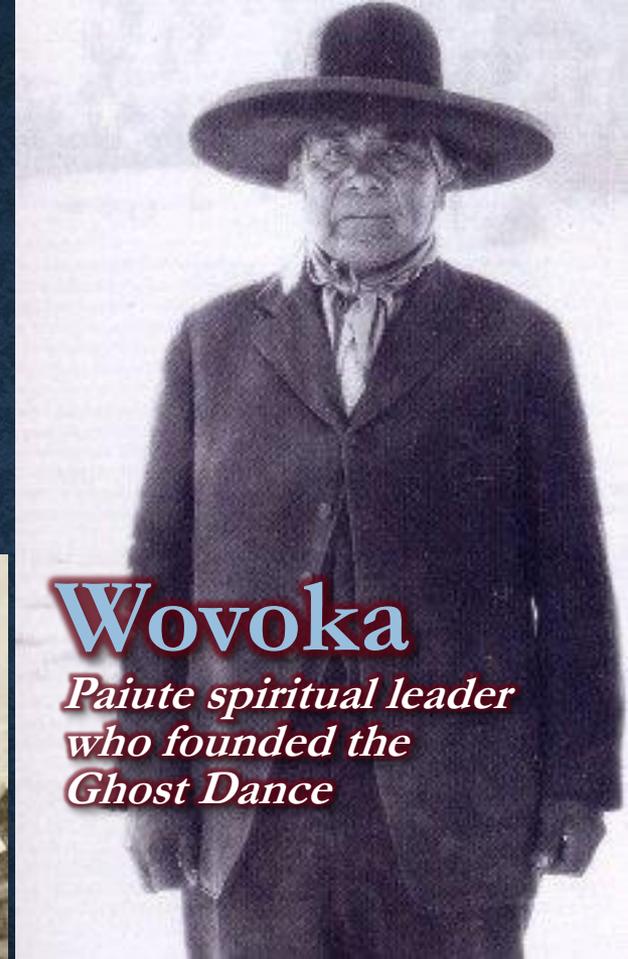
Off and on between 1882-1887

Various raids and clashes between the Apache's vs. U.S. forces & local militias across the South West



The Ghost Dance 1880s – 1890s

Spiritual movement or awakening among Sioux that taught that a return to the “old ways” would remove the whites from the land.



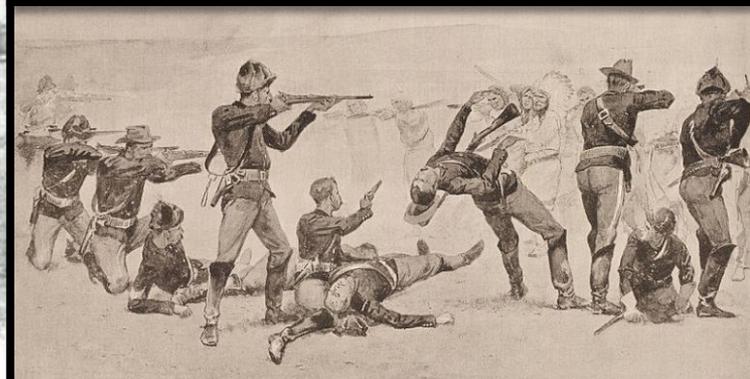
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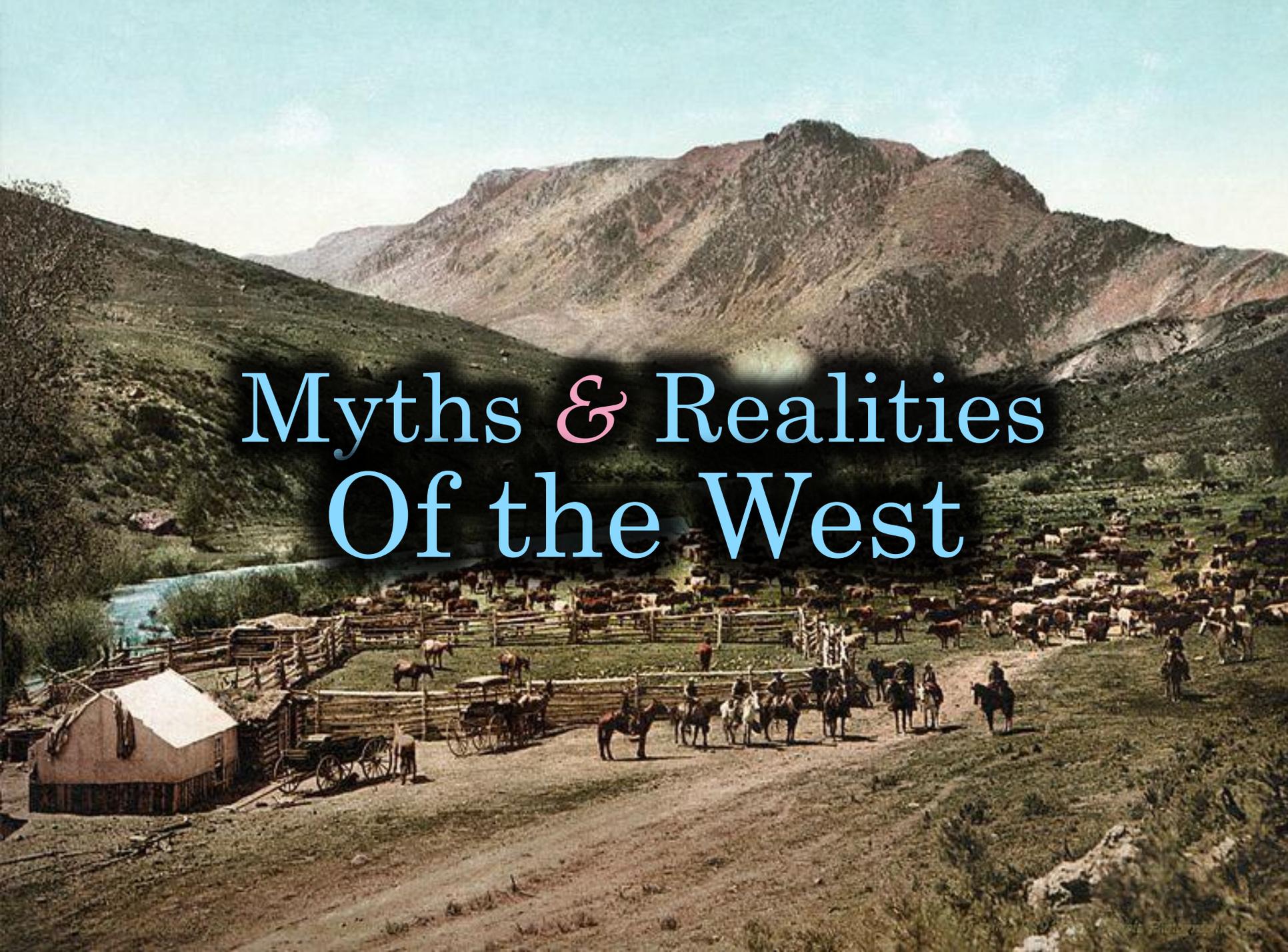
*Paiute spiritual leader
who founded the
Ghost Dance*



Massacre of **Dec. 29th** **Wounded Knee** **1890**

Final clash between federal troops and the Sioux. (roughly 150-300 Natives killed)
Final end to Western Native American resistance

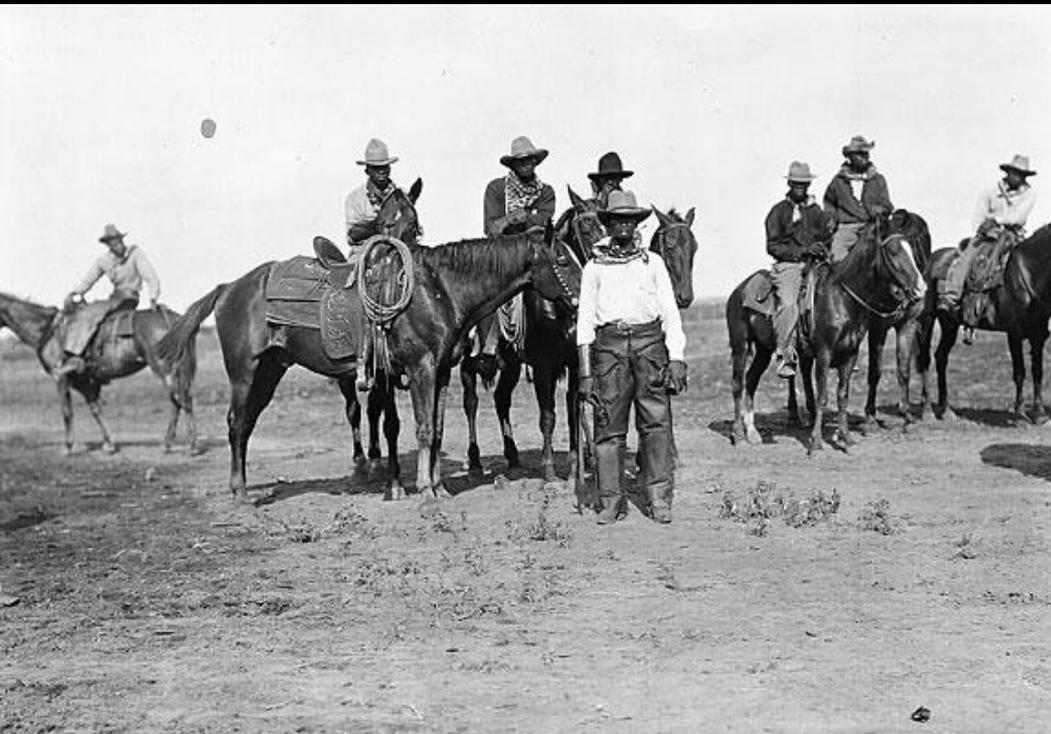


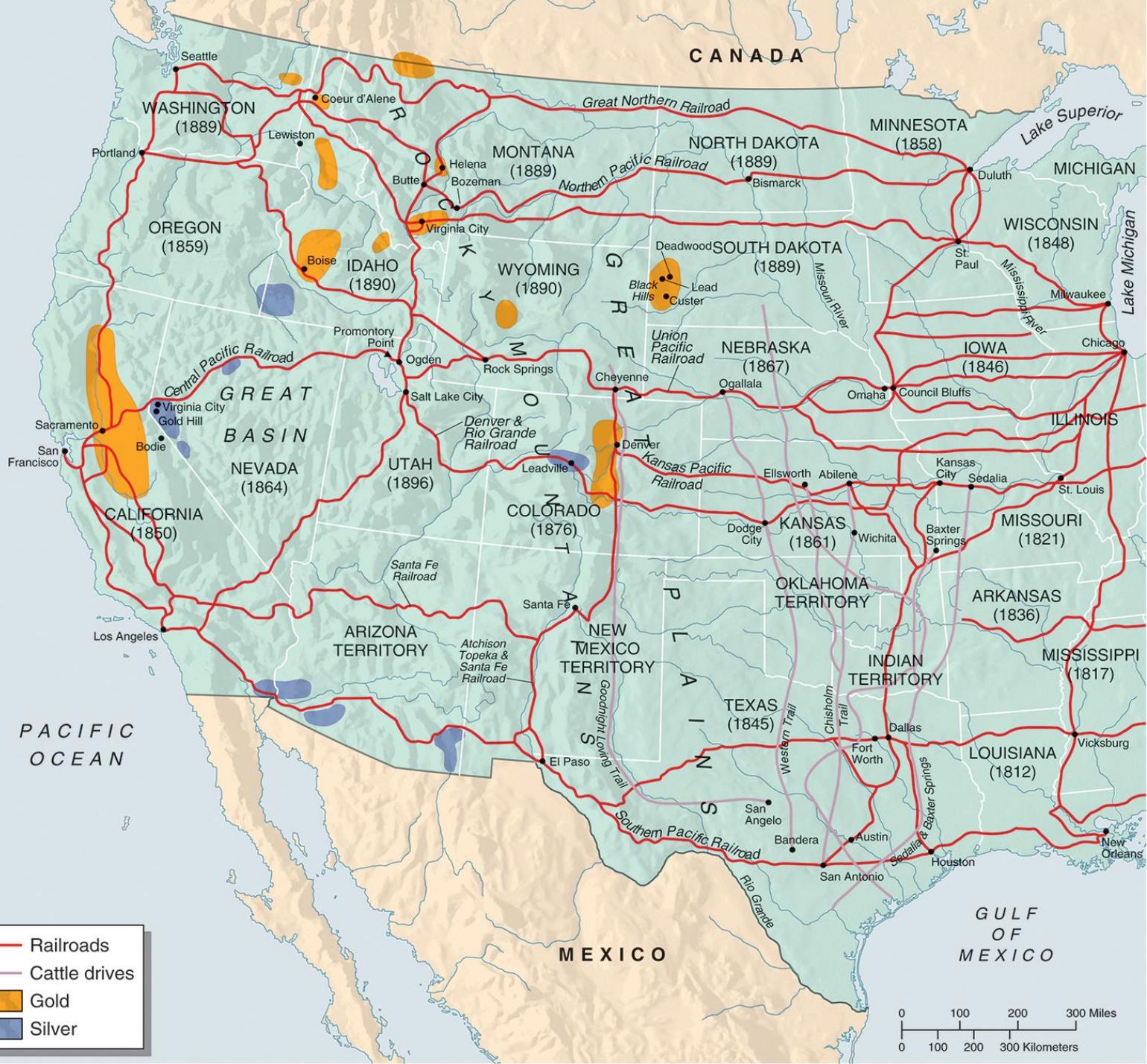
A historical photograph of a cowboy herd in a mountain valley. The scene is set in a lush green valley with a large, rugged mountain in the background. In the foreground, a dirt road leads through a wooden fence. Several cowboys on horseback are gathered around a group of horses and a wagon. A large herd of cattle is visible in the middle ground, and a small wooden building is on the left. The sky is clear and blue.

Myths & Realities Of the West

COWBOYS

Cattlemen from diverse backgrounds hired to drive longhorns from grazing to rail-lines to fuel beef industry



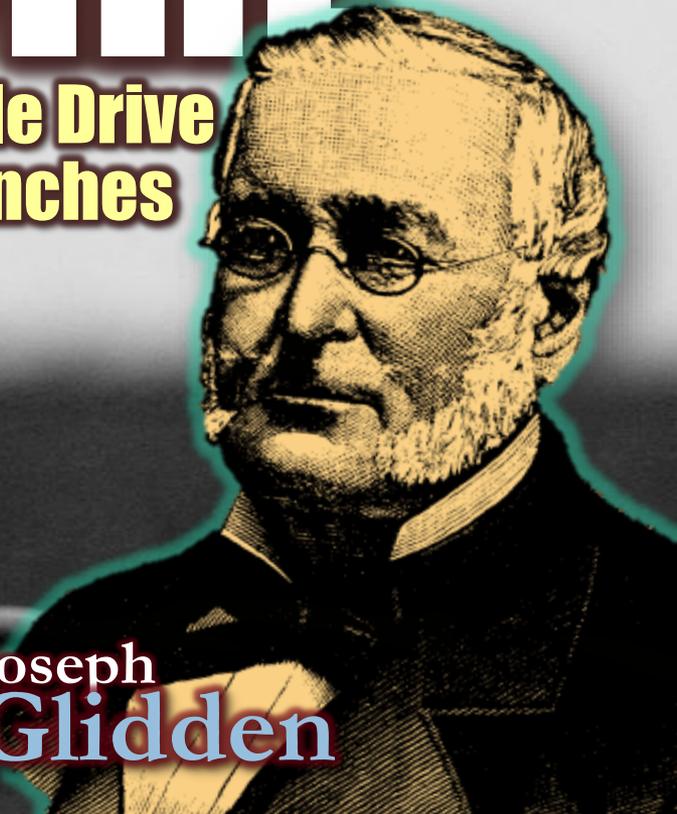






BARB WIRE

**Brought an end to the Cattle Drive
& the breakup of large ranches
Invented c. 1874**



Joseph
Glidden

GLIDDEN STEEL BARB WIRE

MANUFACTURED BY

I. L. ELLWOOD & CO.

AFTER THE FLOOD.

"SPARKS"

*Safety to Passengers
AND
PROPERTY.*

*LASTS TWICE AS LONG
as any other kind of Fence.*

*SPARKS DO NOT SET IT
ON FIRE.*

*Floods do not sweep it
away.*

*ITS MERITS RECOMMEND IT AS
THE BEST FENCE IN THE WORLD.*

Pioneer Barb Fencing

*Over 150 Railway Companies
USE THE
GLIDDEN STEEL BARB WIRE.*

*More in use than of all other kinds
COMBINED.*

ALL NEW STEEL.

*Lighter per Rod than any other made
FROM SAME SIZE WIRES*

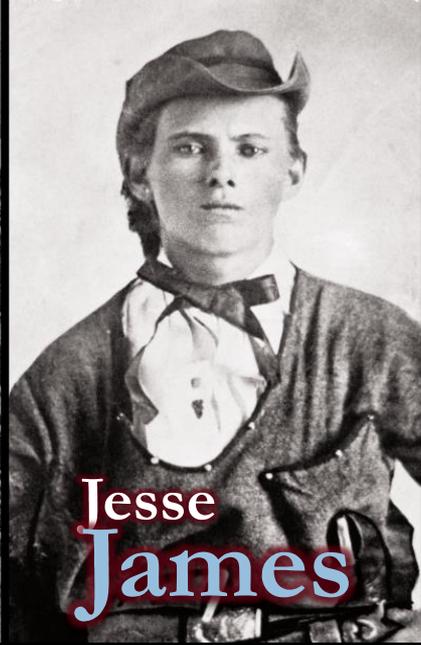
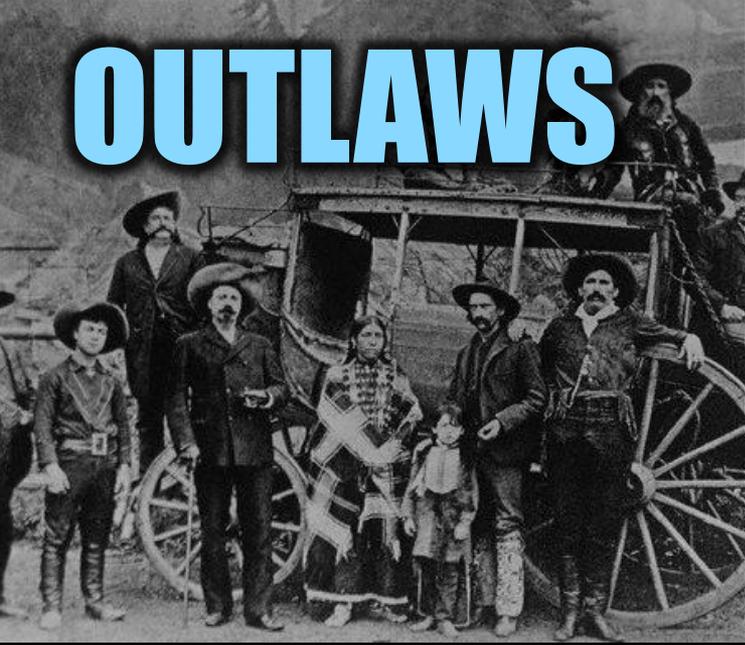
*MORE BARBS PER ROD & BETTER
PROTECTION.*

*The BEST is cheapest and the
GLIDDEN IS GUARANTEED
WITHOUT AN EQUAL*

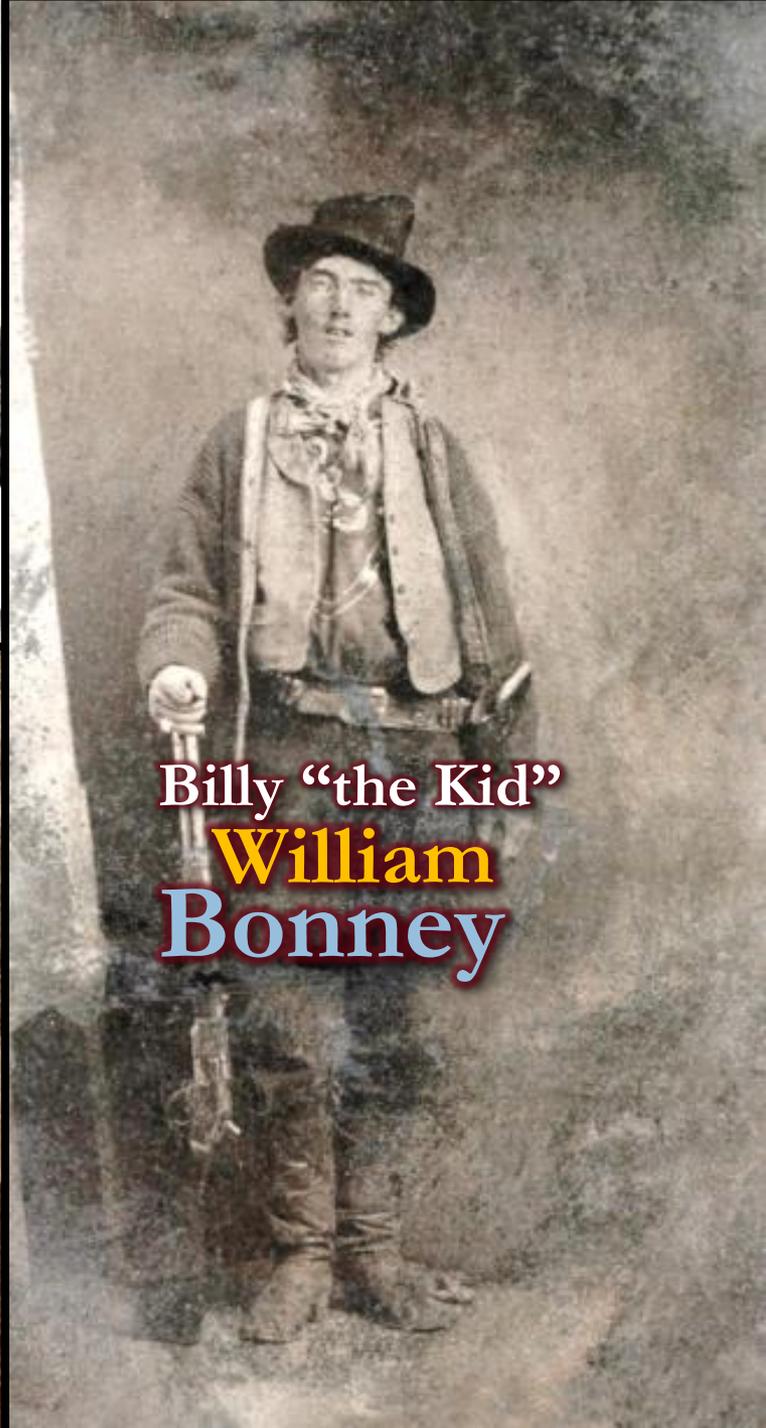
Standard of the World

DE KALB, ILL.

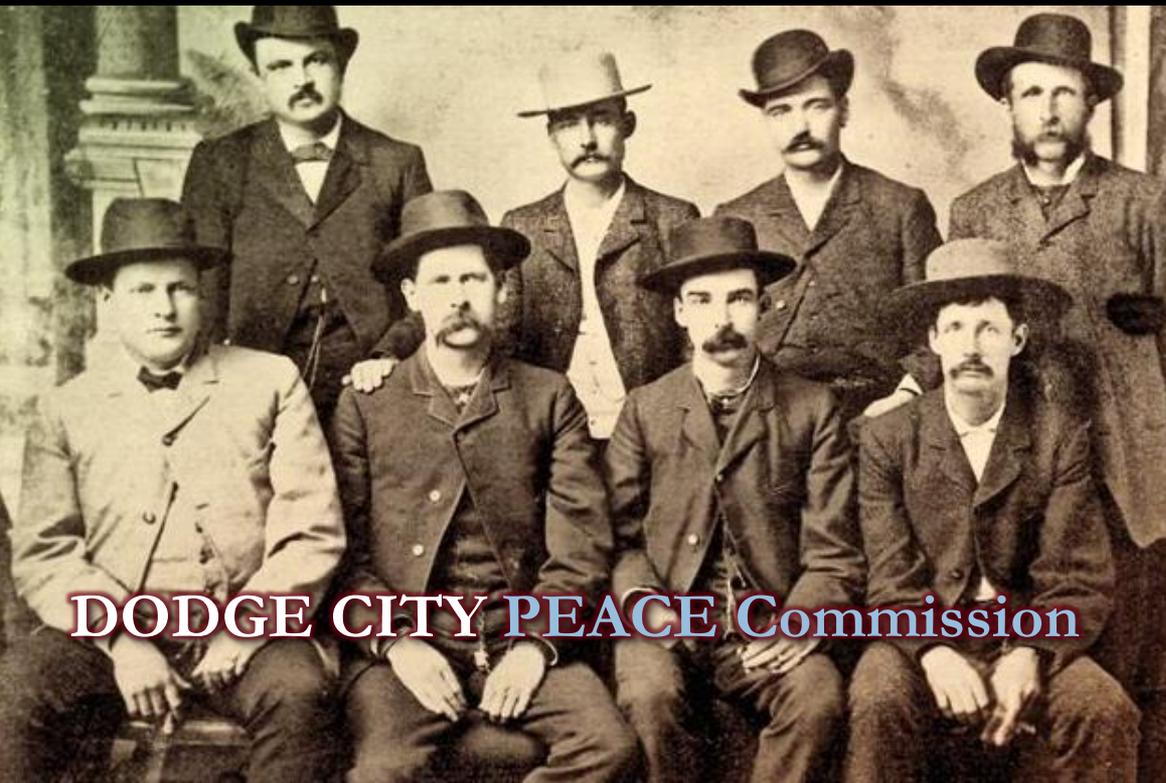
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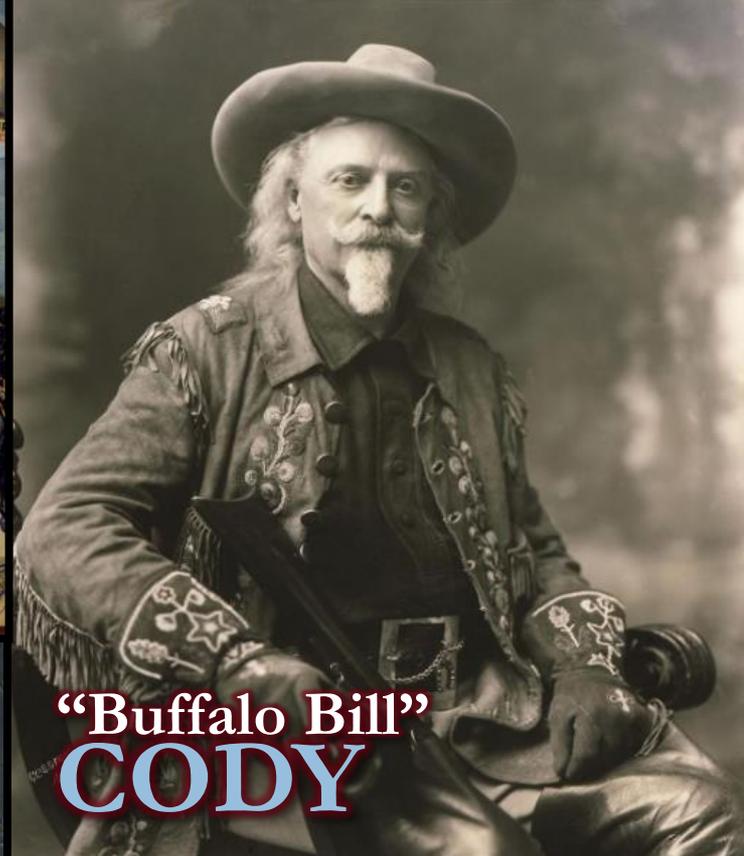
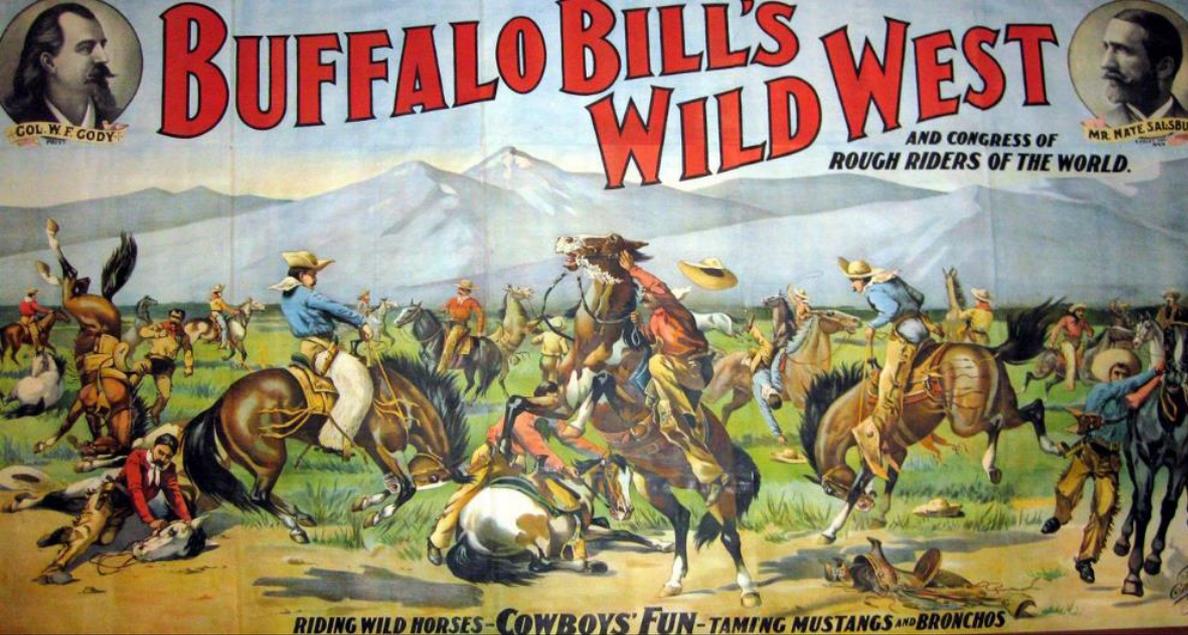
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James



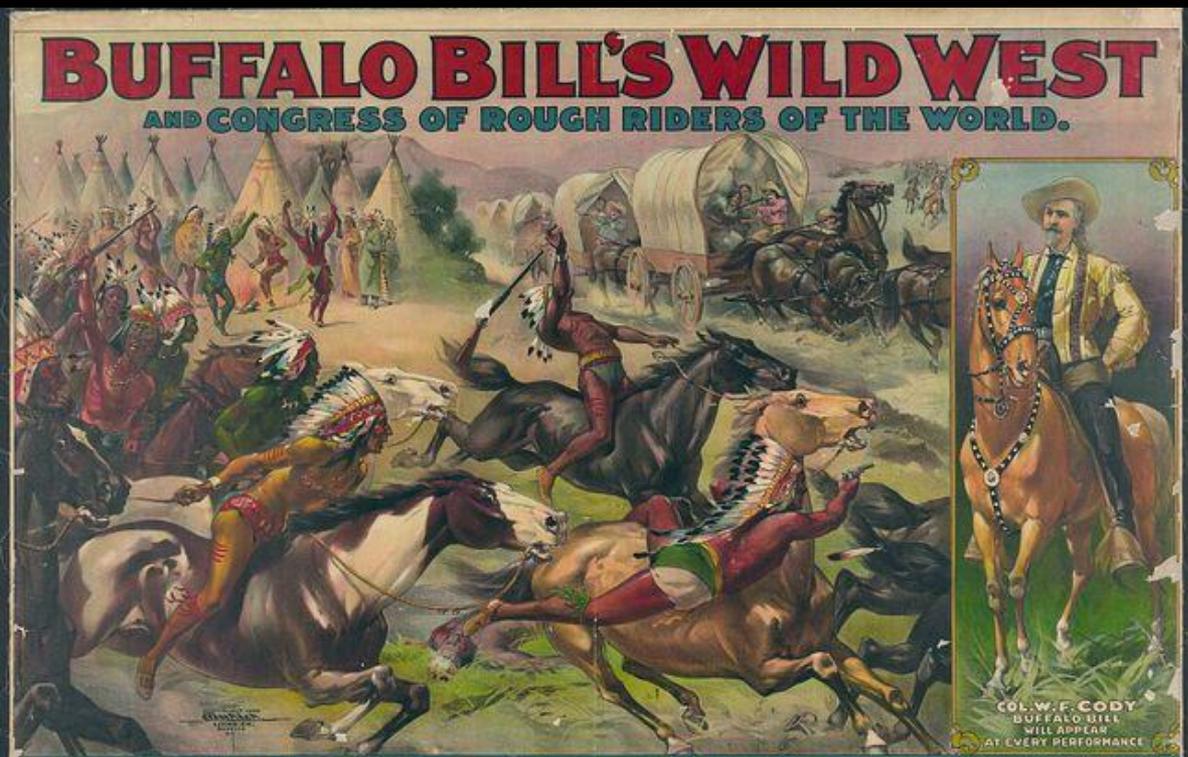
Billy "the Kid"
William
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DODGE CITY PEACE Commission



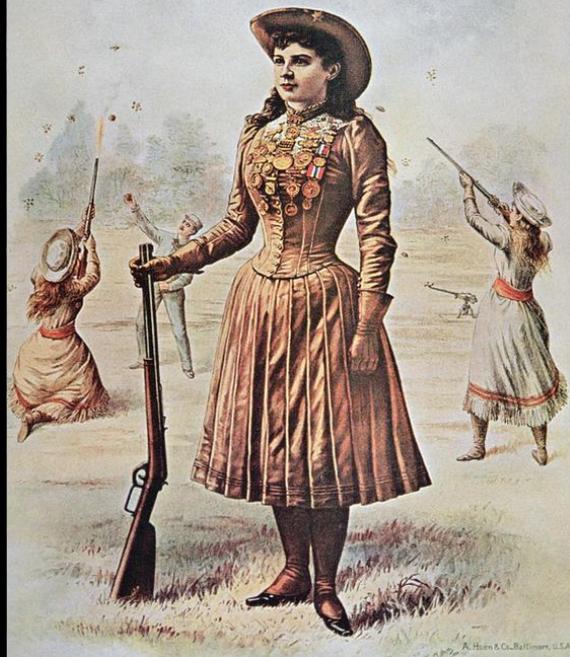
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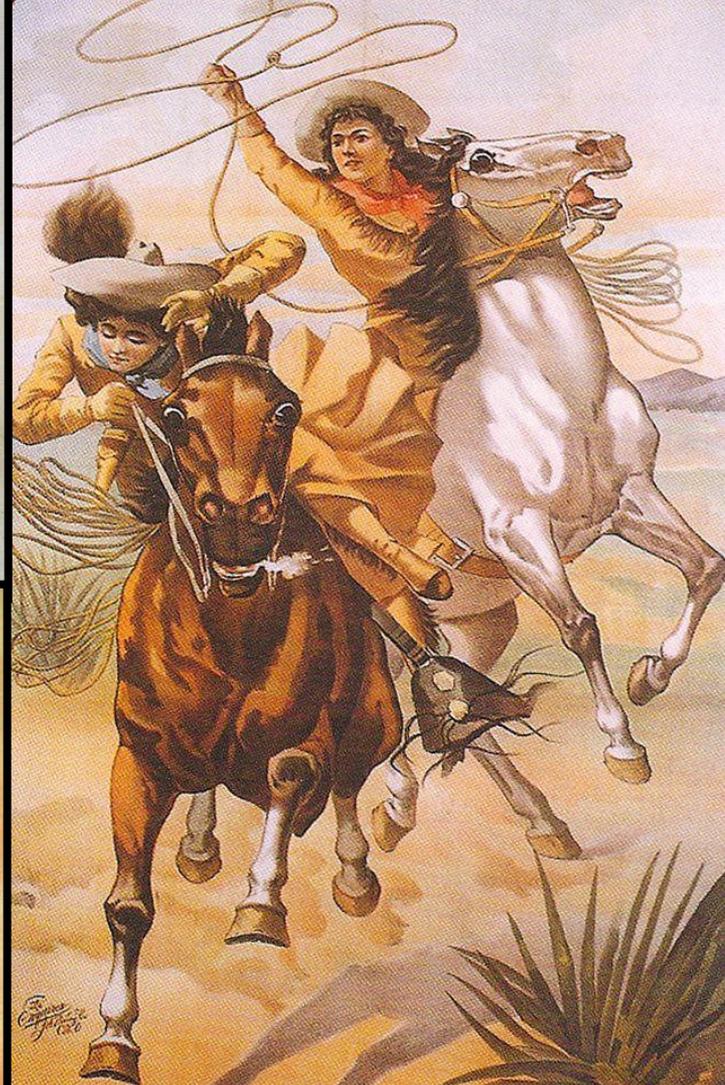
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