

REVIEW: Chapter 17

Section 1: The West Transformed

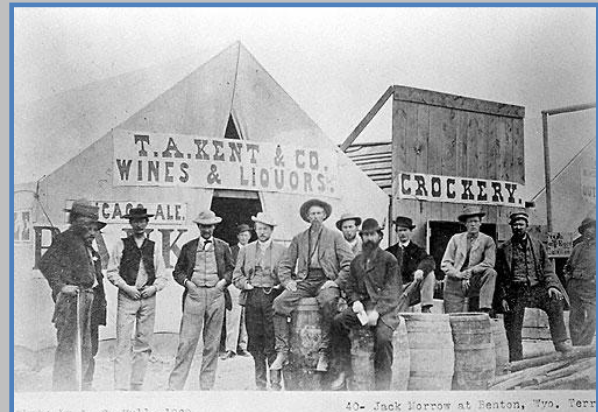
The Comstock Lode

- In 1859 miners found a very large amount of gold & silver.



Boomtowns

- Miners built small towns near the mines while they were digging.



Transcontinental Railroad

- *Spanned the nation*
- *Increased the population out West*

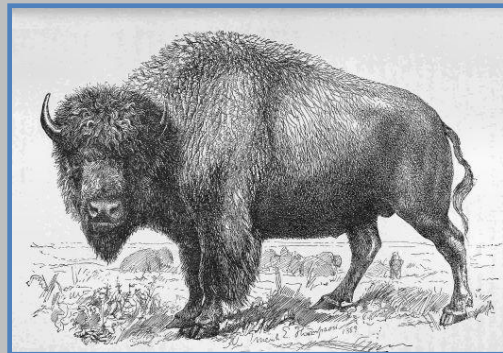


Subsidies = grants of land or money from the government

Section 2: Native Americans Struggle to Survive

Fort Laramie Treaty

- U.S. government wanted the Native Americans to stop following the buffalo
- U.S. government promises to protect Native American land.



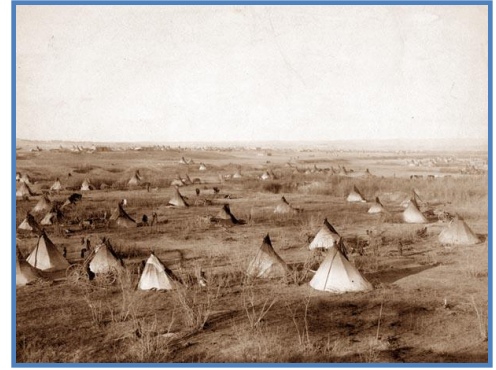
Sand Creek Massacre

- U.S. troops attack a group of Cheyenne



Reservations

- Land set aside for Native Americans to live on.



Custer's Last Stand

- Little Big Horn Valley
- Colonel Custer and his troops are wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne warriors.



Wounded Knee

- Group of Sioux appear as a threat because of their "Ghost Dance".
- It turns into a battle between the Army and the Sioux.
- This marked the end of the Indian Wars



The Dawes Act (1887)

- U.S. government tried to turn Native Americans into farmers.
- Schools tried to make Native American children more like other Americans.
- It was **NOT SUCCESSFUL**



Section 3: The Cattle Kingdom

Open Range = unfenced land out West



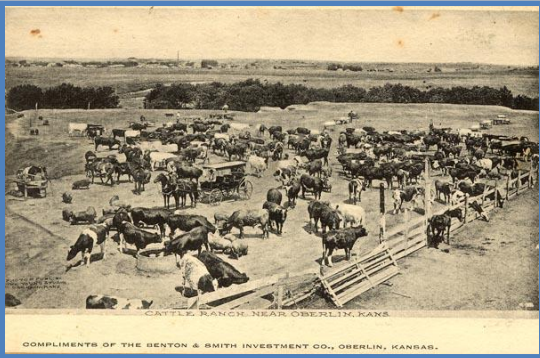
Cattle Drives

- Moving of cattle over long distances out West



Cattle Kingdoms

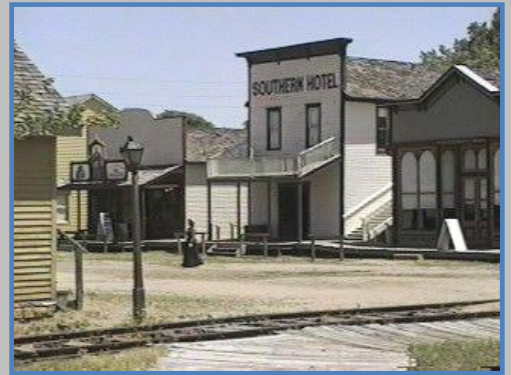
- Areas that were dominated by the cattle industry



Ranches



Trails



Cow towns

Section 4: Farming in the West

Homestead Act(1862)

- Government gave 160 acres to settlers
- Live on and farm the land for 5 years.



Homesteader

Settler that farmed the free land



Sodbuster

A farmer out on the Plains



Exodusters were African-Americans
that farmed the Plains



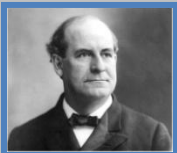
Granges were groups of farmers

Farm Cooperatives

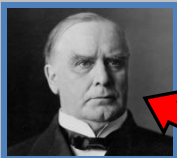
- Farmers that put money together to buy supplies at a discount.



Election of 1896



William Jennings Bryan ("The Great Commoner") → supported by farmers



William McKinley → supported the Gold Standard

He won!

