

UNIT 11.1

MINERS, RANCHERS AND COWHANDS

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GREAT PLAINS – area from the Missouri River to the Rocky Mountains



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http://www.fs.fed.us/projects/lewisandclark/page4/images/great_plains.jpg

FRONTIER – unsettled or sparsely settled area of the country largely occupied by Native Americans

Railroads bring settlement to the frontier – supplies, people, etc.



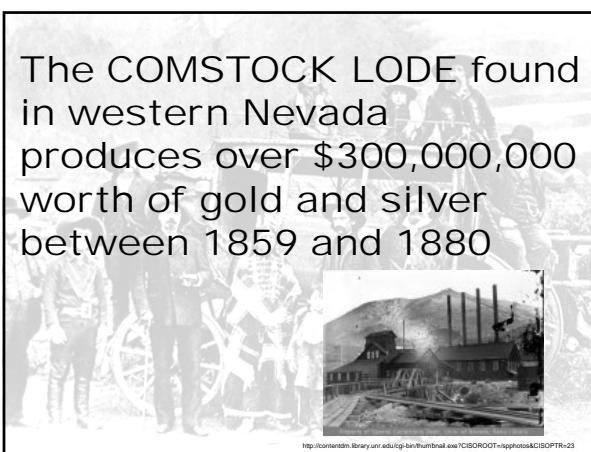
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Silver and gold are found in Colorado and Nevada in 1859

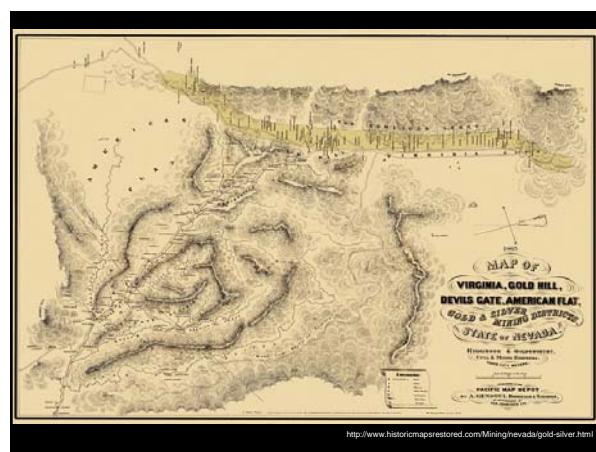


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The COMSTOCK LODE found in western Nevada produces over \$300,000,000 worth of gold and silver between 1859 and 1880



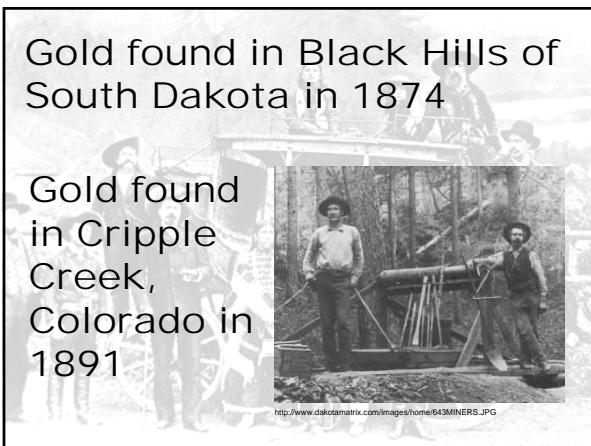
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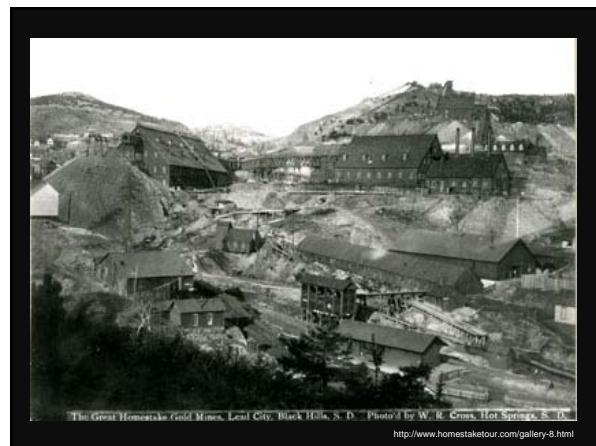
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Gold found in Black Hills of South Dakota in 1874

Gold found in Cripple Creek, Colorado in 1891



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The Great Homestake Gold Mine, Lead City, Black Hills, S. D. - Photo'd by W. R. Cross, Hot Springs, S. D.

<http://www.homestaketour.com/gallery-8.html>

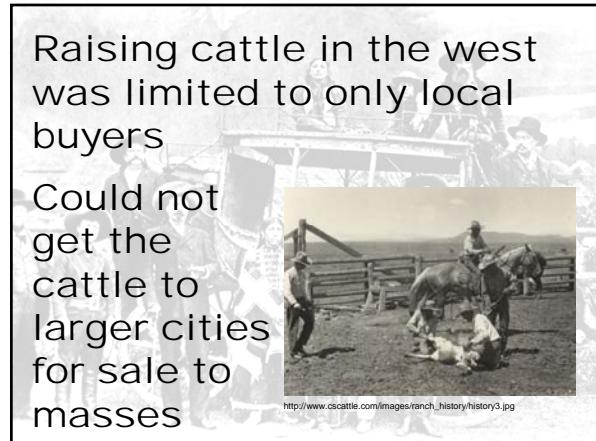
1896 gold was found in Yukon Territory in Canada



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Raising cattle in the west was limited to only local buyers

Could not get the cattle to larger cities for sale to masses



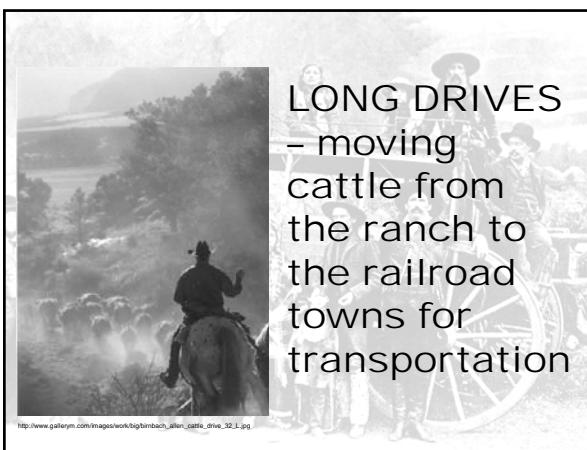
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Ranchers start "driving" cattle to railroad towns – Abilene, Kansas

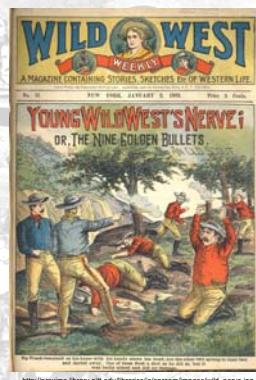


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LONG DRIVES
- moving cattle from the ranch to the railroad towns for transportation



West becomes known as the "Wild West" where people take the law into their own hands



People protect each other with VIGILANTES – groups of people who take the law into their own hands

People are usually punished without a trial



<http://www.legendsofamerica.com/photos-oldwest/OldWestHanging-275.jpg>

Railroads expand to more towns and soon there is no more need for the "Long Drives"



