

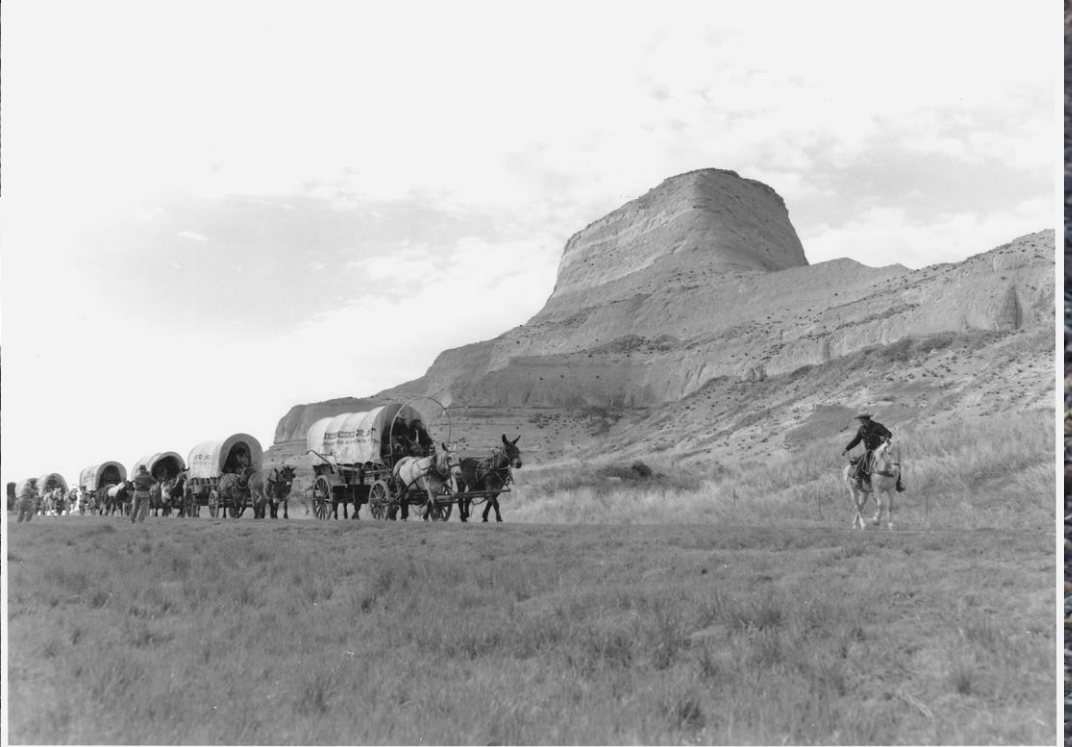


The Golden Spike

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The Oregon Trail

- Rough and Hazardous
- Needed a better form of transportation



Railroad Construction

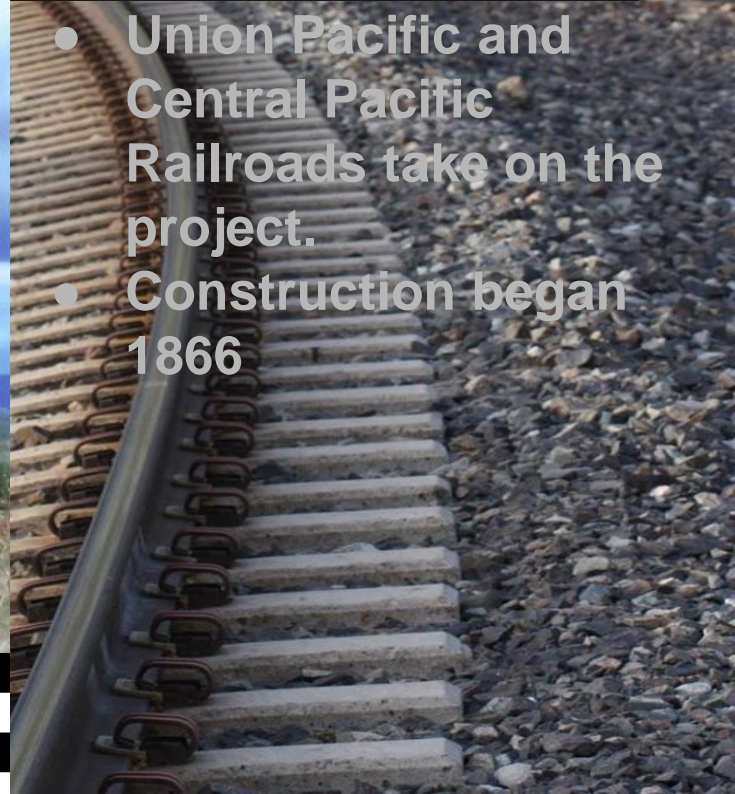
- Congress Offers Incentives for building railroad construction
- Pacific Railroad Act (1862)



The Railroad Race

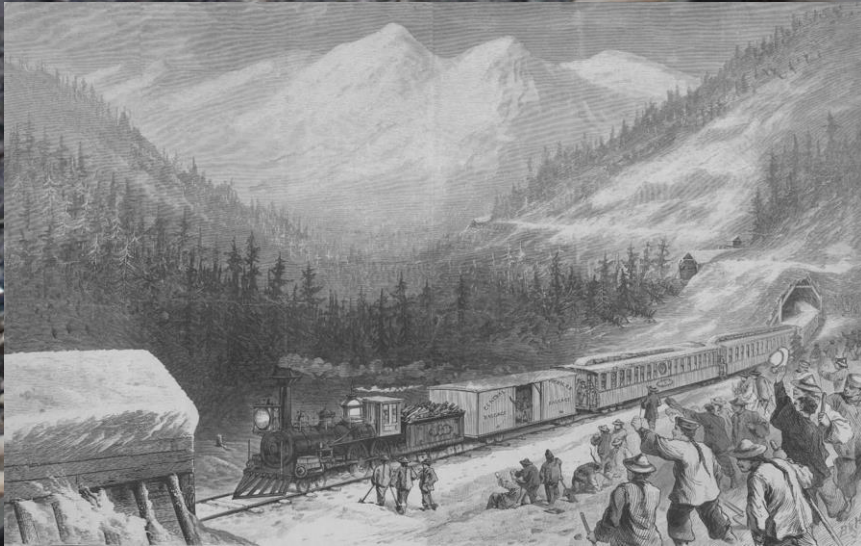


- Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads take on the project.
- Construction began 1866



Construction

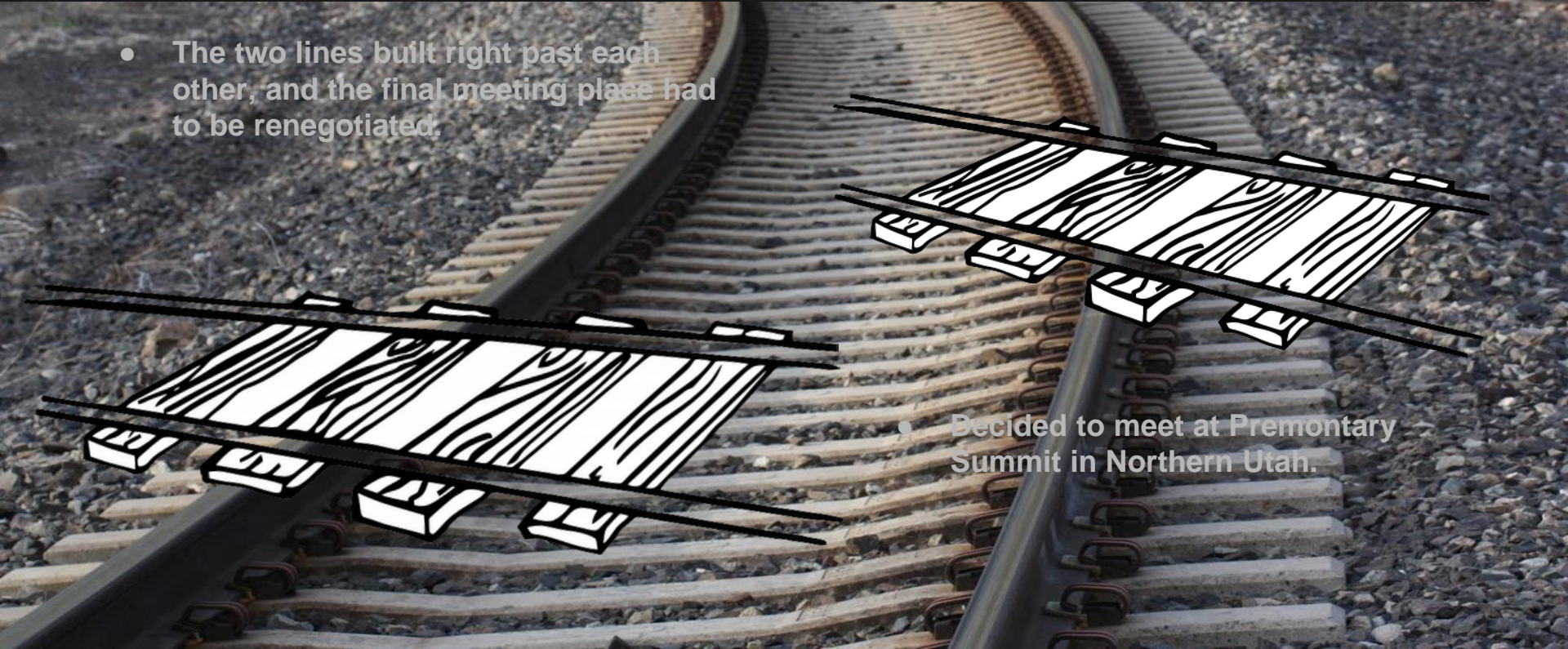
- 2000 miles of Track would have to be laid
- Very harsh working conditions
- Several Workers dead



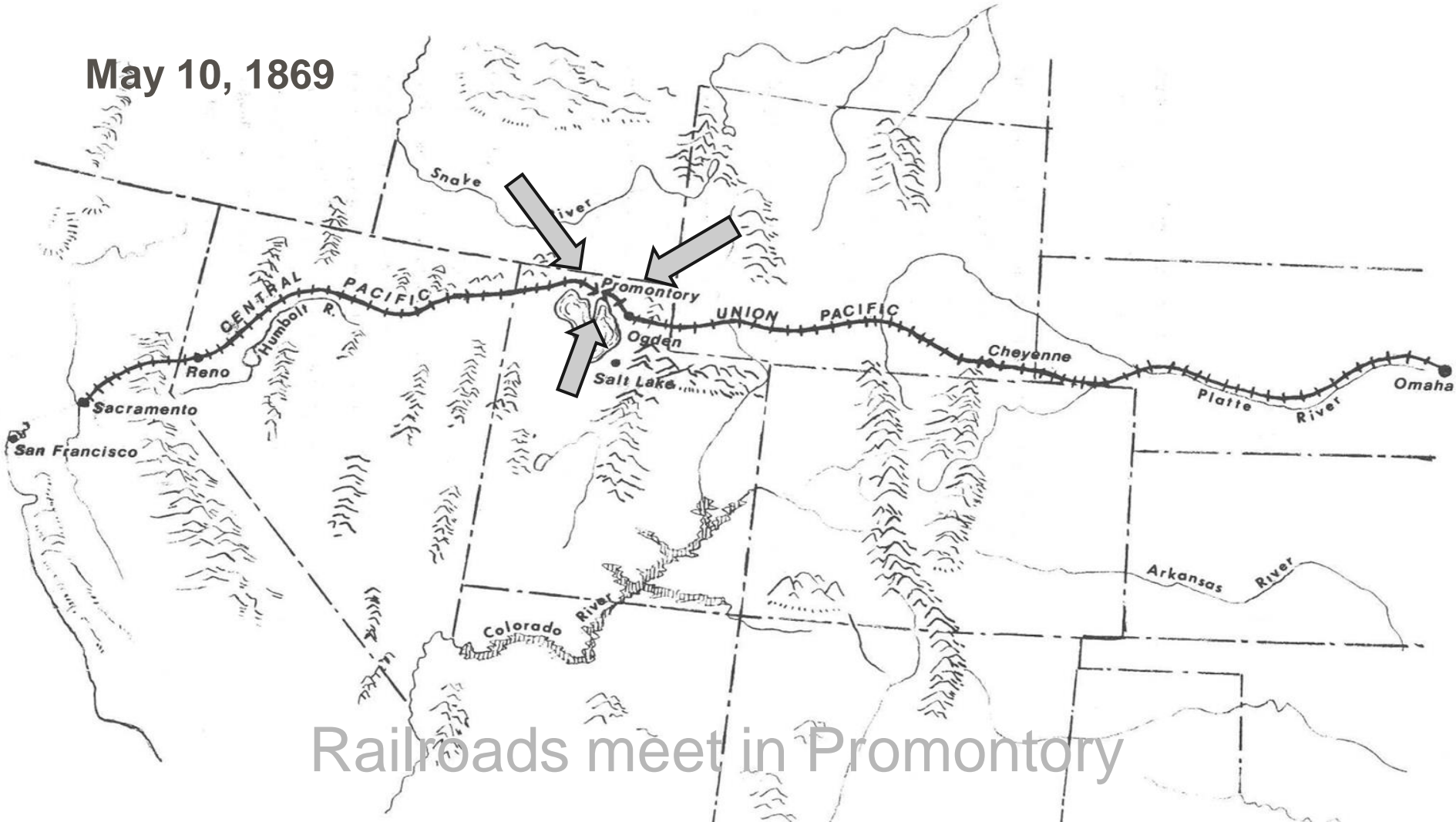
Final Meeting Place

- The two lines built right past each other, and the final meeting place had to be renegotiated.

- Decided to meet at Promontory Summit in Northern Utah.



May 10, 1869



The Golden Spike Is Set

- Ceremony at Promontory, Utah on May 10, 1869.
- California: Golden Spike.

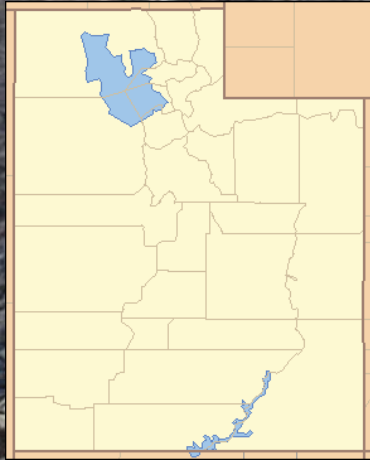


Influence Of The Railroad

- Travelers could make the trip between San Francisco and New York in a week.
- Within ten years of its completion, the railroad shipped \$50 million worth of freight coast to coast every year.
- Conversations begun in the east ended in the west. Books written in San Francisco found homes on New York shelves just one week after their publication.



The Utah Quarter



- In fact, this railroad was so substantial, the ceremony at Promontory Summit was even put on the Utah quarter!



Summary



- The Face of the country was changed
- America grew faster than ever before.





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