

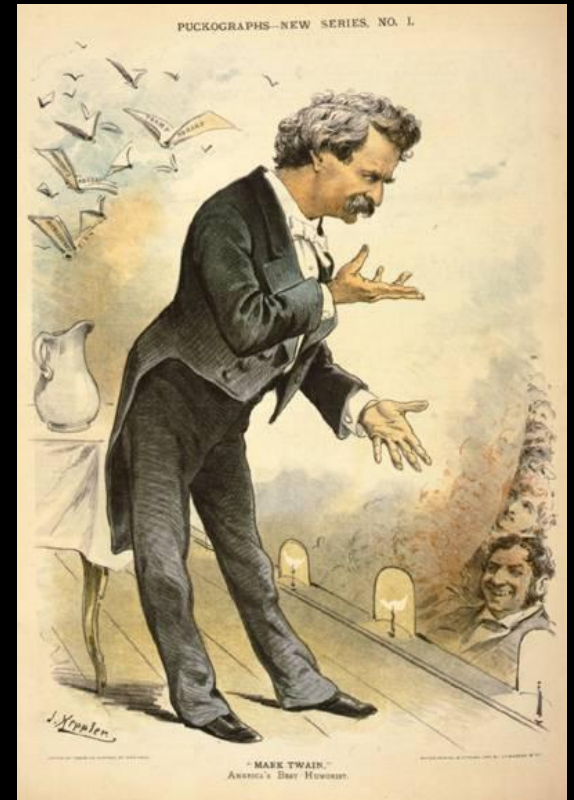
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Politics and Empire, 1877-1900



Topics of Discussion

- I. Pro-Business Government
- II. Weak Republican Presidents
- III. The Emergence of the Populist Party
- IV. The Election of 1896
- V. The Spanish American War
- VI. The Election of 1900



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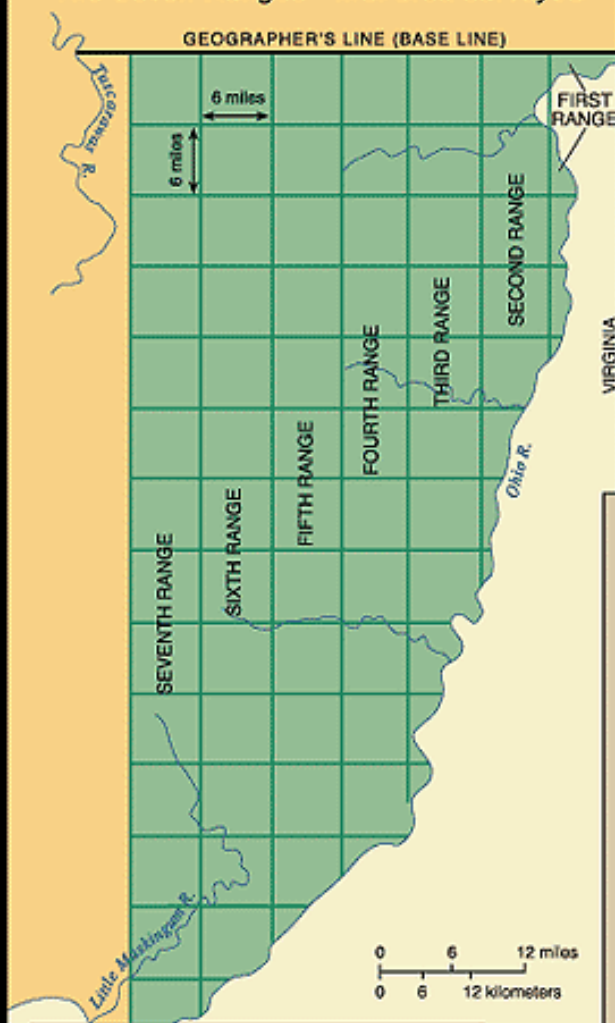


I. Pro-Business Government

- A. Railroad Acts of 1862 and 1864
- B. McKinley Tariff (1890) and Dingley Tariff (1897)
- C. Ended State Regulation of Railroads
Wabash v. Illinois (1886)
- D. Weak Interstate Commerce Commission (1887)
- E. Problematic: Sherman Anti-Trust Act (1890)
- F. Sherman Act Used Against Labor: Re Debs (1895)
- G. Inability to regulate manufacturing
United States v. E.C. Knight Co (1895)



The Seven Ranges—first area surveyed



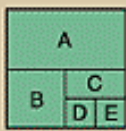
* Four sections reserved for subsequent sales

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7	8*	9	10	11*	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
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30	29*	28	27	26*	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

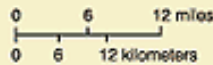
6 miles

1 mile

Section 18 reserved for school funds



- One Section = 640 acres (1 mile square)
 - A Half section = 320 acres
 - B Quarter section = 160 acres
 - C Half-quarter section = 80 acres
 - D & E Quarter-quarter section = 40 acres
- One township (six miles square)



Land Ordinance of 1785



Little Rock & Fort Smith Railway

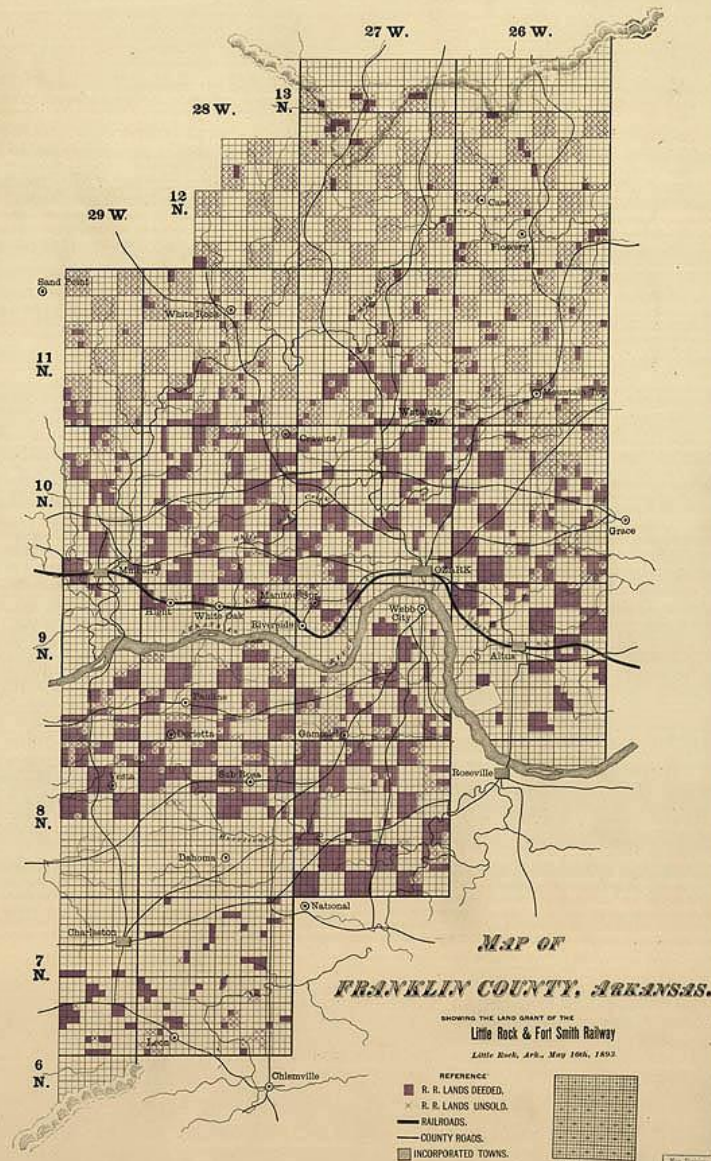
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Plan of Section, Township.



MAP OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

SHOWING THE LAND GRANT OF THE
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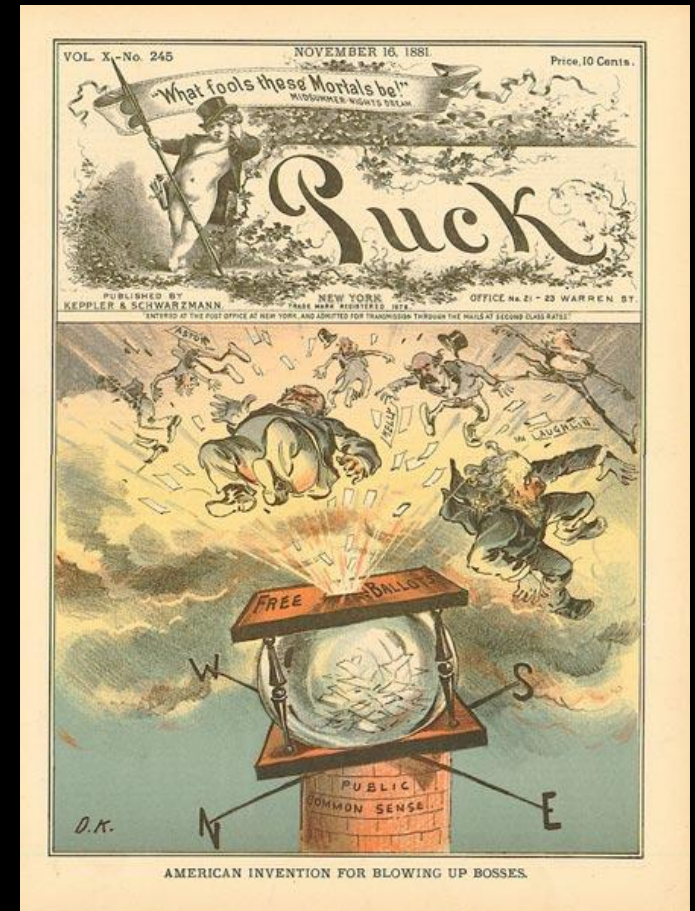
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II. Weak Republican Presidents

- A. Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-1881)
- B. James Garfield (1881-1881)
- C. Chester A. Arthur (1881-1885)
Pendleton Civil Service Act (1883)
- D. Grover Cleveland (Dem: 1885-1889)
- E. Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893)
- F. Grover Cleveland (Dem: 1893-1897)
- G. William McKinley (1897-1901)





OUR FARMERS SITUATION

SONG OF THE SAINTE.

LITTLE man's child is dead,
 'Tis true, but he could
 Not let the little boy with dead,
 'Tis true, but he could
 Not let the little boy with dead,
 'Tis true, but he could

Take him to the grave's field
 In his shaking coffin,
 To rest him with his kindred
 'Tis true, but he could
 Not let the little boy with dead,
 'Tis true, but he could

He was born a noble fellow,
 His name had been in story,
 Of a hero of his generation,
 'Tis true, but he could
 Not let the little boy with dead,
 'Tis true, but he could

God bless on his right hand,
 'Tis true, but he could
 Not let the little boy with dead,
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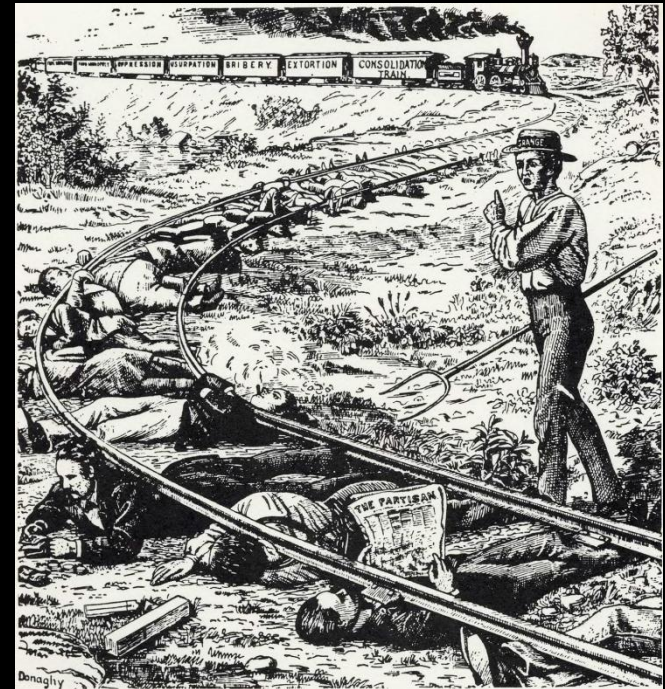
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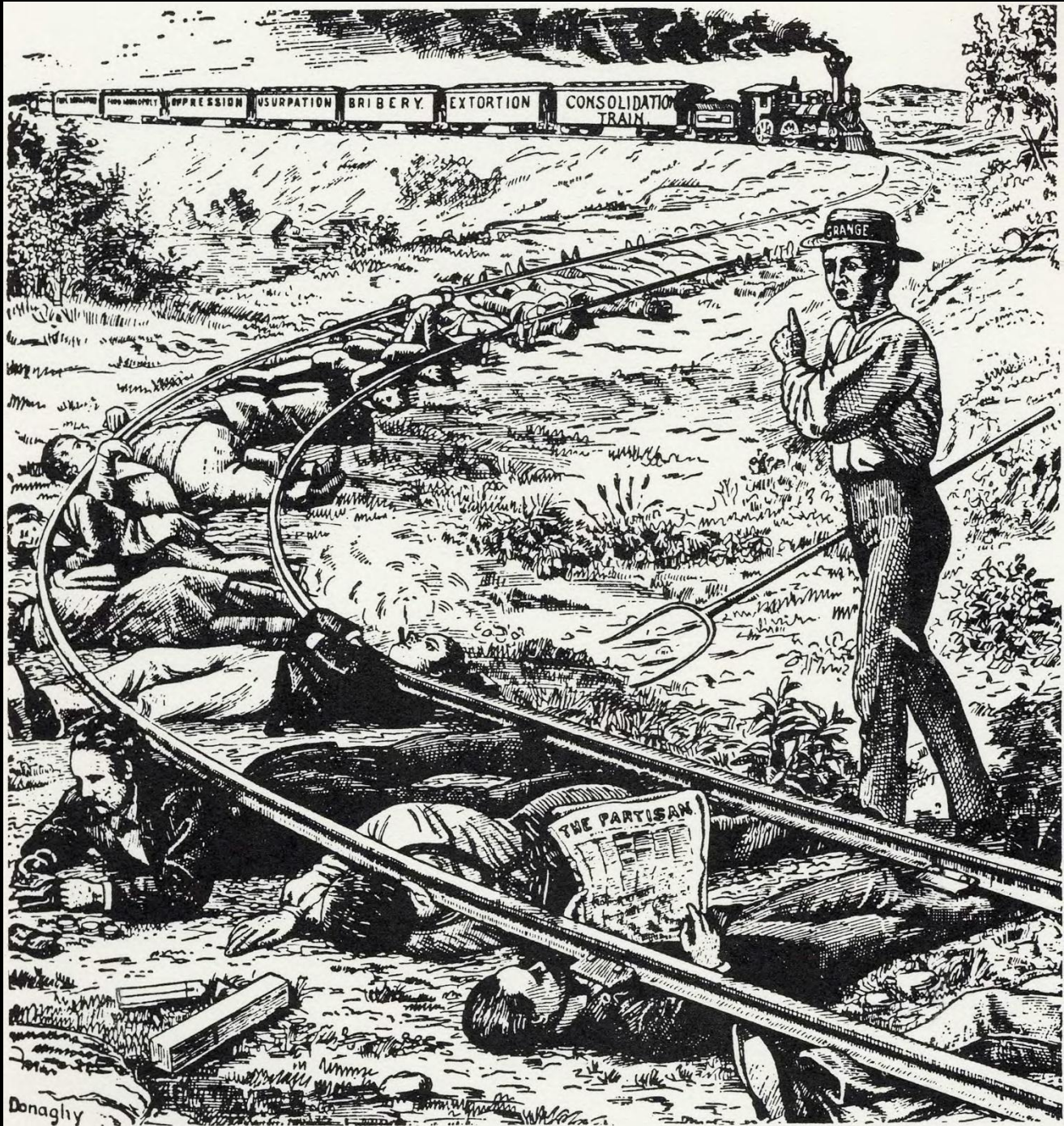


III. The Emergence of the Populist Party

B. Patrons of Husbandry (The Grange) – 1870s

1. Midwest and South
2. Militant
3. Education
4. Hatred for bankers
5. Never a political party
6. State legislatures pass anti-monopoly laws
7. "BUY LESS PRODUCE MORE!"





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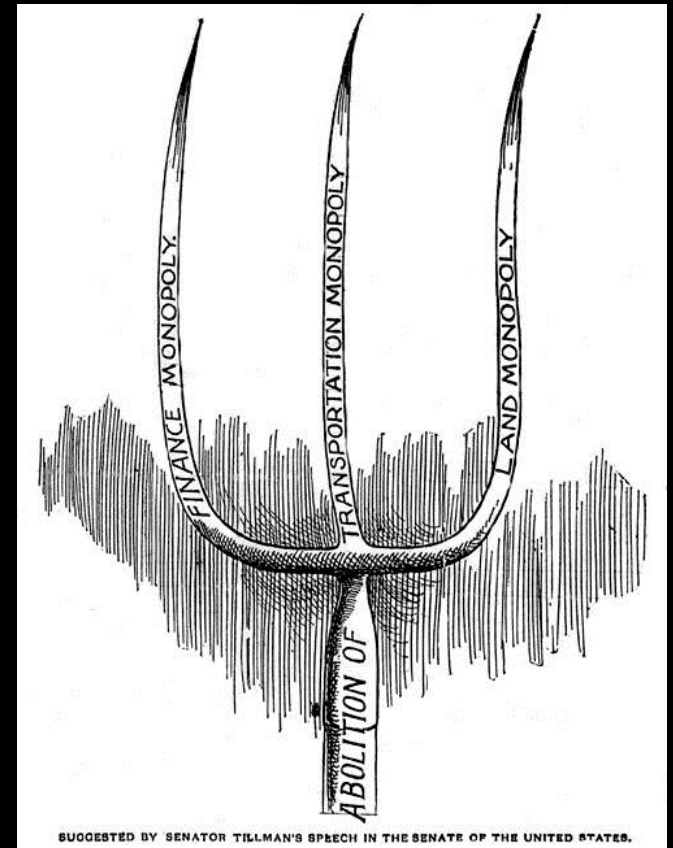
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C. Farmers' Alliance (POPULIST) – 1880-90s

1. Militant organization
2. Cooperatives
3. Monopsony
4. Subtreasury Plan
5. "RAISE LESS CORN AND MORE HELL
6. 1891-92, The People's Party (Populist)
7. 1892, 11 representatives to Congress.
8. 1892, Presidential Candidate, James Weaver
9. 1894 sent 40 representatives to Congress



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IV. The Election of 1896

- A. 3 Parties: Republicans, Democrats, Populists
- B. Republicans, William McKinley
- C. Democrats, William Jennings Bryan
- D. Populist party - Betrayal of 1896
- E. Decline of Populist power



Election of 1896

Electoral Vote by State		Popular Vote
REPUBLICAN William McKinley	271 ●	7,102,246
DEMOCRATIC William J. Bryan	176 ●	6,492,559
MINOR PARTIES	—	315,398
	<hr/> 447	<hr/> 13,910,203



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V. The Spanish American War, 1898

1. 1875-1900: Age of Imperialism
2. After 1890, Many Americans seek Empire/War
 - A. Theodore Roosevelt, Asst. Secretary of Navy
 - B. Alfred Mahan, *Influence of Sea Power* (1890)
3. Naval Bases Sought: Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Cuba
4. Cuban Independence Movement against Spain, 1895
5. Feb 15, 1898: *Maine* exploded in Havana harbor
6. Yellow Press: Hearst, NY Journal; Pulitzer, NY World



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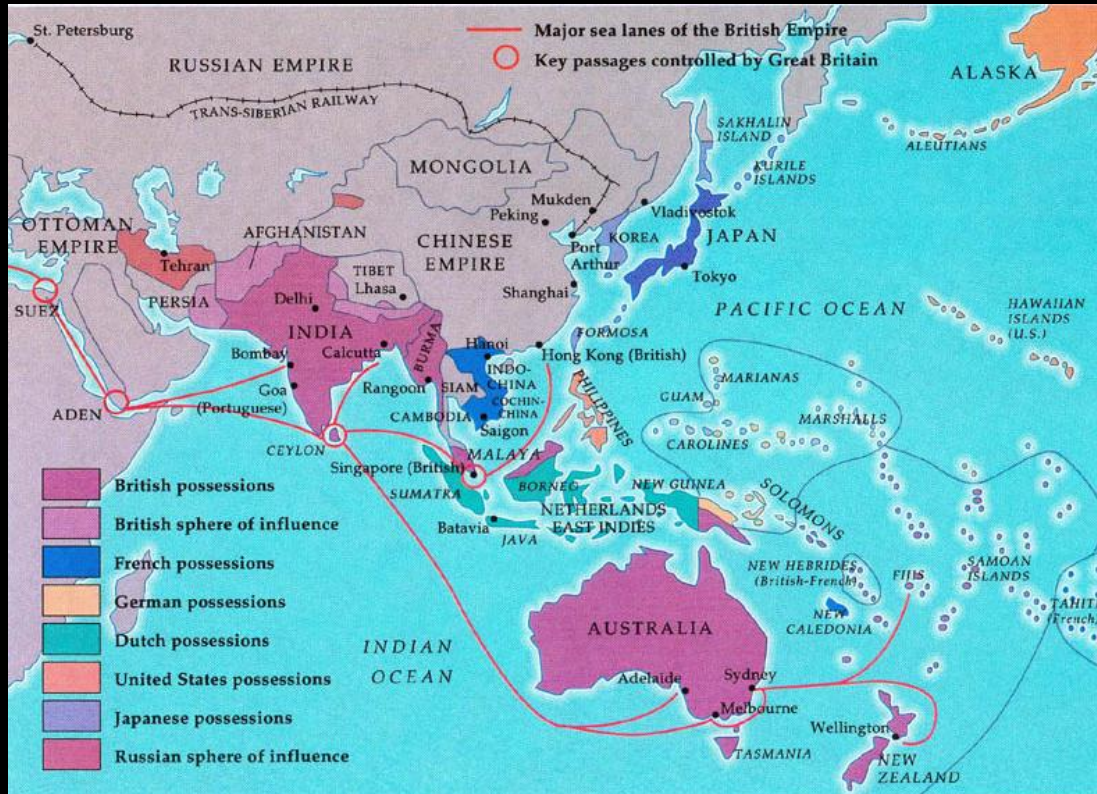


Africa, 1885



Africa, 1914

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Asia, c. 1900



French cartoon (1890s). A pie representing China is being divided between Queen Victoria of Great Britain, William II of Germany, Nicholas II of Russia, the French Marianne, and the Meiji Emperor of Japan. The Empress Dowager of China is behind them calling for a halt.

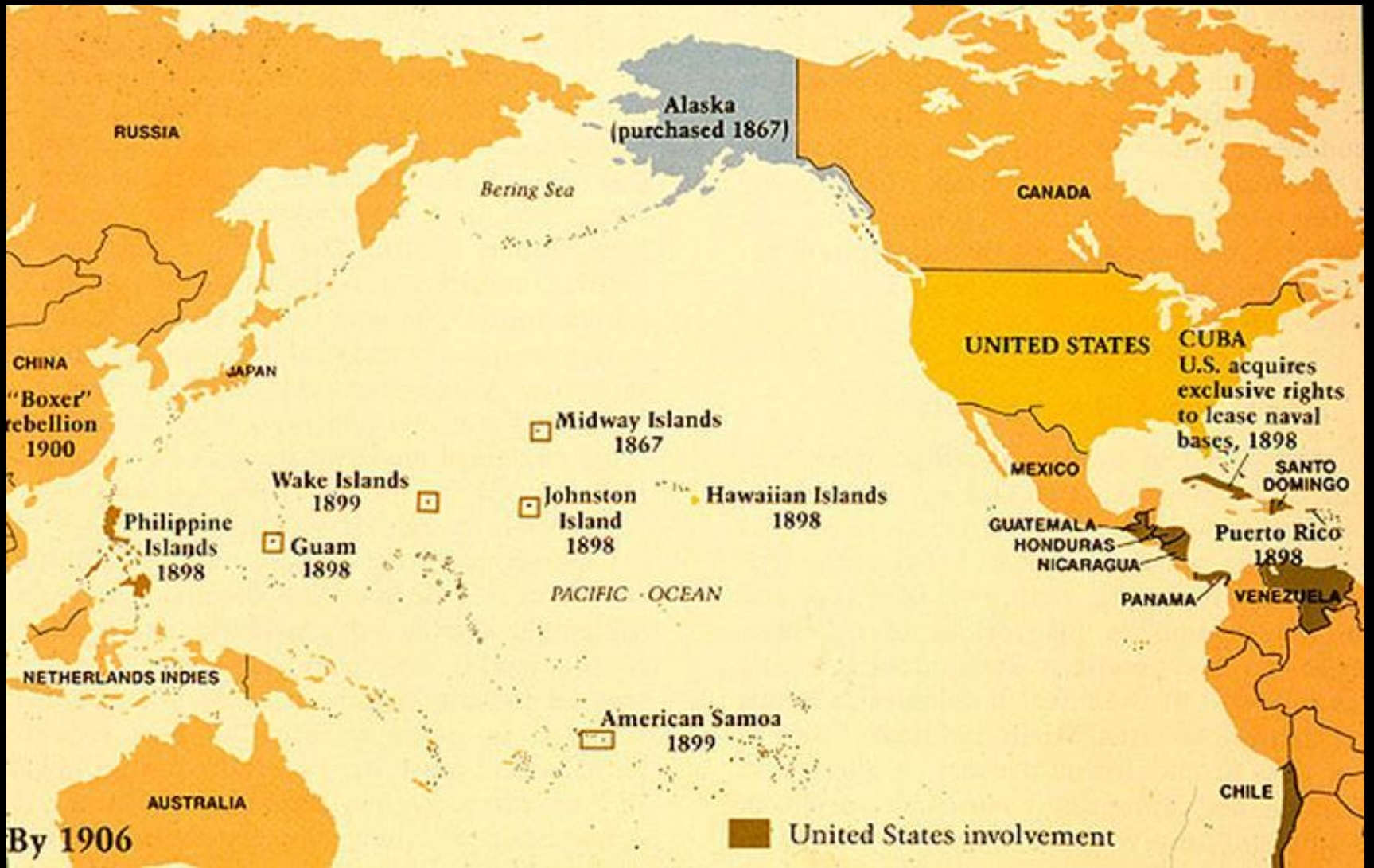
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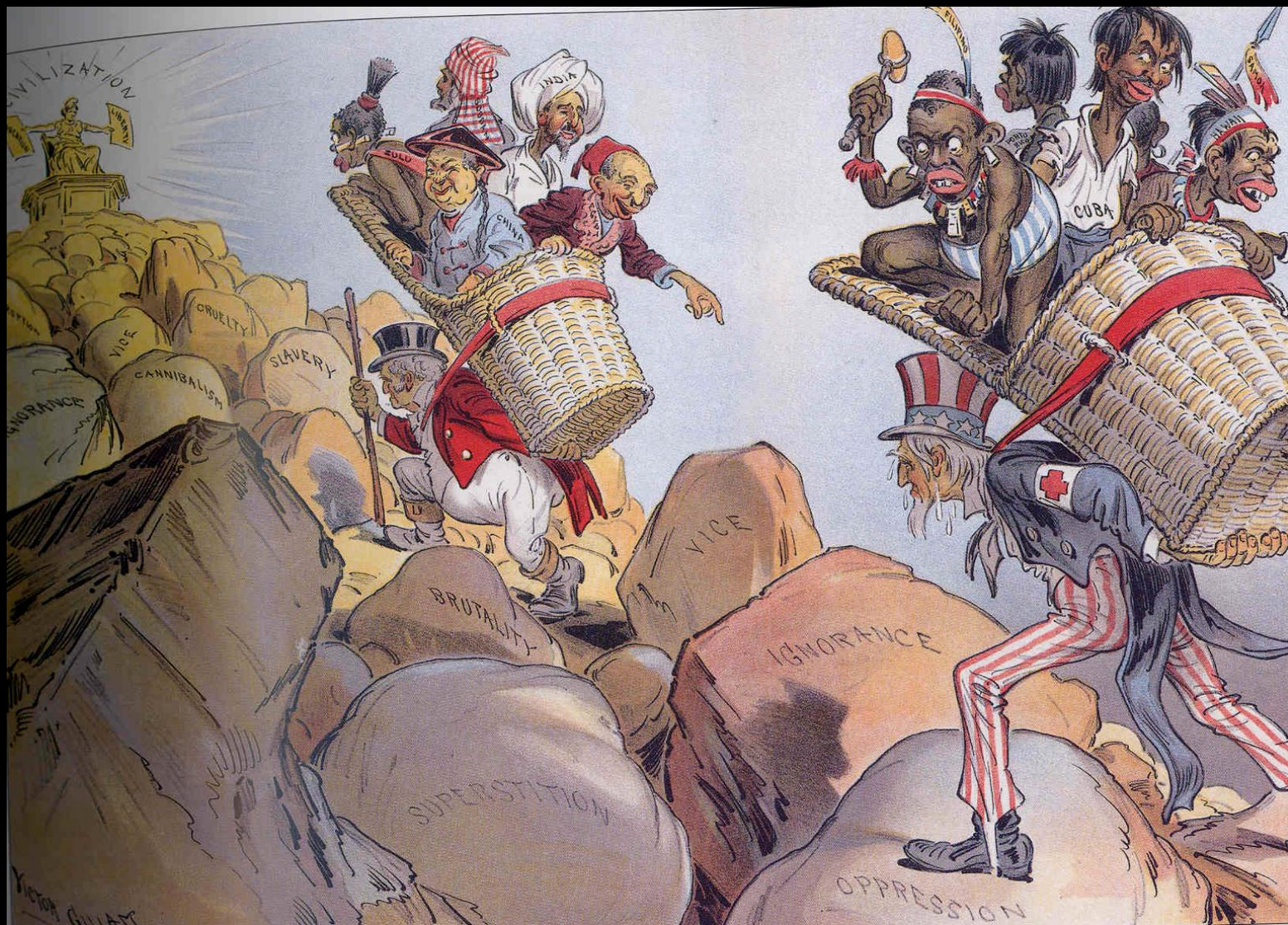


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7. Declaration of War against Spain, April 1898
8. Teller Amendment (1898)
9. War: less than 4 months and 400 killed
10. US received Philippines, Puerto Rico, Guam
11. Cuba forced to accept Platt Amendment (1901)
12. In addition, in July 1898: Hawaii annexed
13. Citizens of subjects?







The White Man's Burden, Judge, 1899



Another Shotgun Wedding



School Begins



The Election of 1900



Candidate	Party	Popular Vote	Electoral Vote
McKinley	Republican	7,218,039	292
Bryan	Democrat	6,358,345	155
Woolley	Prohibition	209,004	0
Debs	Socialist	86,935	0