

Empire Express

*Building the First
Transcontinental Railroad*

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Viking

1842 - 1875

Started work when 36
took 14 years
started at Middlebury 1987
What is a memorial?

Sen William Hart Benton -
Old Bullion

In middle of Civil War
June 20, 1862 | Senate passes
July ' Smith Central Pacific
says it bill

" 20 million acres of public land
and \$60 million loan - handed
over to a group of obscure
businessmen "16 P116

The gauge decision

The Pacific Railroad Act
Sept 2, 1862 -

Chicago meeting
163 commissioners

Smith to decide
① Eastern terminus
Union river

② Gauge
Union and Central Pacific
order & have a yard
of tracks between them
in 6 2'

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Ara Whitney to China - 153 days
Returned April 2, 1844
1842

Ara Whitney's P.S.
Massachusetts Railroad proposal
Whitney's proposal was tabled -
by Congress around Polk's inauguration
Mar 3, 1845

Whit. would forget profits for 1st 20 years.
W. looked like Napoleon

Polk is Pres.
U.S. in Mexico
national good for religion p31
What was a memorial - Westford Cover

1846 - Brigham Young
moves from Council Bluffs
to Salt Lake 15,000
Mormons follow
George Walker
John Plummer
Sam Houston
W. H. Benton

5 railroad resolutions
"a babel of special interests"
Whitney/Cover/Walker/Houston/Benton
no railroad action by end of 49.
Compromise of 1850 - all that was
decided for 10 months

Jan 13, 1851 - Whitney appears
before Congress - he failed
died 1872.

Gambler and stock jobber
pre-destined to prevail
Congress gave authority for railroad to Jefferson Davis

Theodore Nelson Judah -
makes the dream a reality - (p52)

Thomas Durant
Collis Huntington

Theodore Judah
Gerritt Dodge
Spotted Tail
Red Cloud

The Trail
Chinese
Lindes/Grant
Sherman/Shenando

Mark Twain
Walt Whitman
1847

Mexican War
California
Nevada
New Mexico
Utah
Arizona
Colorado
Wyoming
Oregon

\$15 million purchase
2000 American die
4000 wounded
100 million cost of war

Sec. of War
1853

Judah b 1826

maria cousin of Frank Pierce 1847

Charles Lincoln Wilson meets S.F. businessman ^{William} ~~Peck~~ ^{Sheer} ~~man~~
1852 →

Ted and Anna move to Sac. / Build Sac. Valley
Run into money troubles Railroad

Rep. Erastus Corning N.Y. led bid for (p132)
4' 8 1/2 inch gauge - he was also President of
New York Central Railroad
Leland Stanford - Gov. of Cal. and
Central Pacific R.R. (133)

^{p133} Judge Crocker - fed railroad power to
members of Congress

Rep Ignatius Donnelly of MN
ask for \$10,000 - Huntington gave him
\$5000 through an intermediary

Union labor - eventually received 12,000

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Gauge - Chap 12 1863 5ft vs. 4' 8 1/2"
meeting with Lincoln - a former national lawyer

Leland Stanford - Gov. of CA and Central Pacific Pres.

Rep. Erastus ~~Corning~~ Corning was also Pres. New York Central R.

Stanford appointed Edwin Bryant Crocker to be
Chief Justice of CA. Supreme Court

Judah dis - age 37 \$10,000 a year engineer for
Central Pacific
railroad

Mr. Union Pacific Thomas C. Durant



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What was the pay for the workers? Chinese!
White Workers
Were there any black
Irish

Credit note stock holders - a lot of north western
Oliver and ~~sons~~ Oakes Ames -
Congressman Samuel Hooper

General Dodge
his friend Tecumseh Sherman

Thomas C. Durant - responded well to favoring

Leland Stanford (Governor)

Mark Hopkins

Collis P. Huntington

Credit Mobilier - name change March 26, 1864
originally - Genl. Fiscal Agency
allowed individual to obtain credit based
on personal property and real estate

Credit Mobilis - Oakes Ames dat 69/1873

Hearings - The Poland Comm.

Dec 1872

Jan 1873 - opened secret hearing - 39 witnesses

Oakes and Brooks (D) censured not expelled

The Gilded Age
Novel by
Mark Twain
Dec 1873

Wilson Committee

C. P. Huntington / Central Pacific

died 1900 in N.Y.

Stanford d. 1893 at 69

Mark Hopkins 1878 at 65

P452 - "More Hungarian Men in Congress"
Huntington - loyalty of the green variety"
Rep Sam Cretch - off the books attorney costing \$5000 a year
Sen Roscoe Conkling

Piedmont - Asper Summit - 300 workers surround train
Demand cash for back pay

May 10, 1969 - The Last Spike → May 8, 1869

! The Mountain Wedding

P649

Norman Brigham Young

Indians

Story of Big. Gen
Patrick Edward Connor
63 Indian scalps at
Anapahoe Camp on
Tongue R. p 231

Credit Mobilier de France

① individuals obtain credit
based on personal property
and real estate

② idea of limited liability

Mardi 26, 1864 C. M. of America

Chinese laborer (p 361)

wanted \$45 a month
reduced from 11 to 16 hrs. a day

Bosse - import "black freedman"

³⁶⁷Acrimony between Soc. Union

and the railroad was
at base political - a

de-caying of corporate influence
in the statehouse as well as
the Capital in W.A.S. 4.