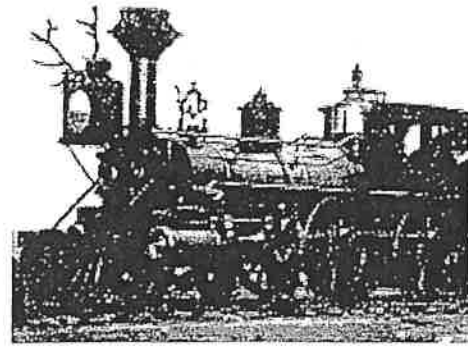


# Transcontinental Railroad



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**WHERE**

Pacific Railway Act

**WHO**

Union Pacific



Central Pacific

**Daily Life**

The construction crew worked "from sunrise to sunset, six days a week. They spend Sunday washing and mending, gambling and smoking". At the beginning of the workday, the men would head out to the work site. To the Irish, the Chinese looked strange with their "blue cotton pants, dishpan-shaped hats shadowing grave faces and delicate hands hidden in billowing sleeves.

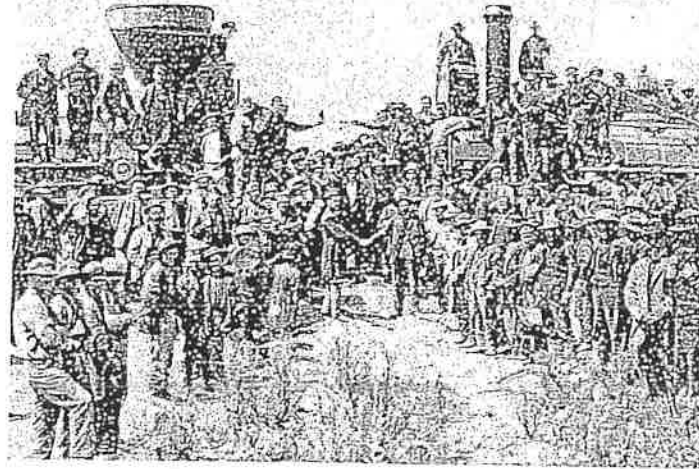
After the day's work was finished, all the workers would troop back into camp. The Irish would eat their dinner, consisting of beef beans, potatoes, bread and butter. Before they ate the Chinese would bathe and change clothes. Each Chinese work gang had a cook, whose duties required that he not only prepare meals but also have a large boiler of hot water ready each night. When the Chinese came off the road, they filled their little tubs, took a sponge bath, and changed clothes before their evening meal. For this meal, the Chinese would eat such exotic foodstuffs as dried oysters, abalone, cuttlefish, dried bamboo sprouts, pork, poultry, rice, salted cabbage, dried seaweed, dried fruit, peanut oil and tea.

After dinner, the Chinese would sit around their campfire, humming songs or chirping like angry orioles around a fan-tan game. ~~The Chinese tended to be habitual gamblers. They wagered wildly and frequently arguing over results of their fan-tan games.~~ However, they always kept the games and bickering among themselves. On Saturday nights, the Chinese work crews would smoke opium. The crew bosses reasoned that after an 80-hour week dangling over a cliff edge a man deserved his own kind of recreation.

**COMPLETION**

**NEW RECORDS**

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***THE RAIL ROAD INVASION***

1. Where did soldiers position themselves?
2. How would you avoid attracting attention from local tribes?
3. What were the most feared tribes?
4. How would you signal for help?

***TRACKLAYING***

1. How much did each rail weigh?
2. Define- fishplate
3. Who checked the job of the tracklayers?
4. Is a rail longer than the classroom?

***LET'S BUILD A TOWN***

1. Which was harder works, building the railroad or building a town?
2. Define - ghost town
3. What happened in town when money ran out?
4. What was the most familiar sight along the tracks?

***GOING UNDERGROUND***

1. What was the job after the explosion?
2. Define - nitroglycerin
3. How do you make a blasting hole?
4. Why didn't these workers get much sleep?

***WHERE DO WE LAY THE TRACKS***

1. Name 5 states the railroad was in.
2. Define - herders
2. What is the job of the surveyors crew?
4. What was one danger on the Surveyors Crew?

***DIG D' DIG***

1. How much can a track rise over a mile?
2. Define - grader
3. What happens if you break a tool?
4. Why do graders have to work so fast?