

Industrial Growth

Chapter 20

Railroads and Industry

- Standard gauge (width) allowed a network of railroads to spread around the the country
- Improvements and inventions:
 - Air brake--George Westinghouse
 - Sleeping cars--George Pullman

- Smaller companies consolidated (combined)--owners of the new large companies became very rich
- Cornelius Vanderbilt gains control of a large railroad "empire"
- Wealthy railroad owners could eliminate competing lines by controlling prices

Time Zones

- Created so railroad schedules would be accurate

There are always two sides...

Negatives

- High prices for farmers
- Bribery by railroad owners

Positives

- Created many jobs
- A good model for running a big business
- Connected the country

