



Unit 3 Review: The Gilded Age

Politics in the Gilded Age

- ▶ During the late 1800s, many cities were run by a political machine
- ▶ Maintained their control by providing aid to citizens in exchange for political support
- ▶ Graft: The illegal use of political influence for personal gain
 - ▶ Municipal: city government
- ▶ Boss Tweed: powerful political boss of New York whose political machine was known as Tammany Hall
- ▶ What did cartoons like this lead to?



Civil Service Reform

- ▶ Garfield wanted change
- ▶ Arthur was a Stalwart- wanted to keep PATRONAGE
- ▶ The Pendleton Civil Service Act (1883):
 - ▶ It established the Civil Service Commission to make appointments to federal jobs on the basis of competitive examinations (merit) rather than “pull.”



Rise of Big Business

- ▶ Why was steel so important?
- ▶ Bessemer Process
- ▶ Vertical Integration:
 - ▶ Control production and distribution processes
- ▶ Horizontal Integration:
 - ▶ Buy out or merge with their competitors



Labor Unions Grow

- ▶ Terrible working conditions leads to the rise of labor unions
- ▶ Samuel Gompers focuses on higher wages and better working conditions to develop the largest labor union in America
- ▶ Conflict between labor and management led to strikes



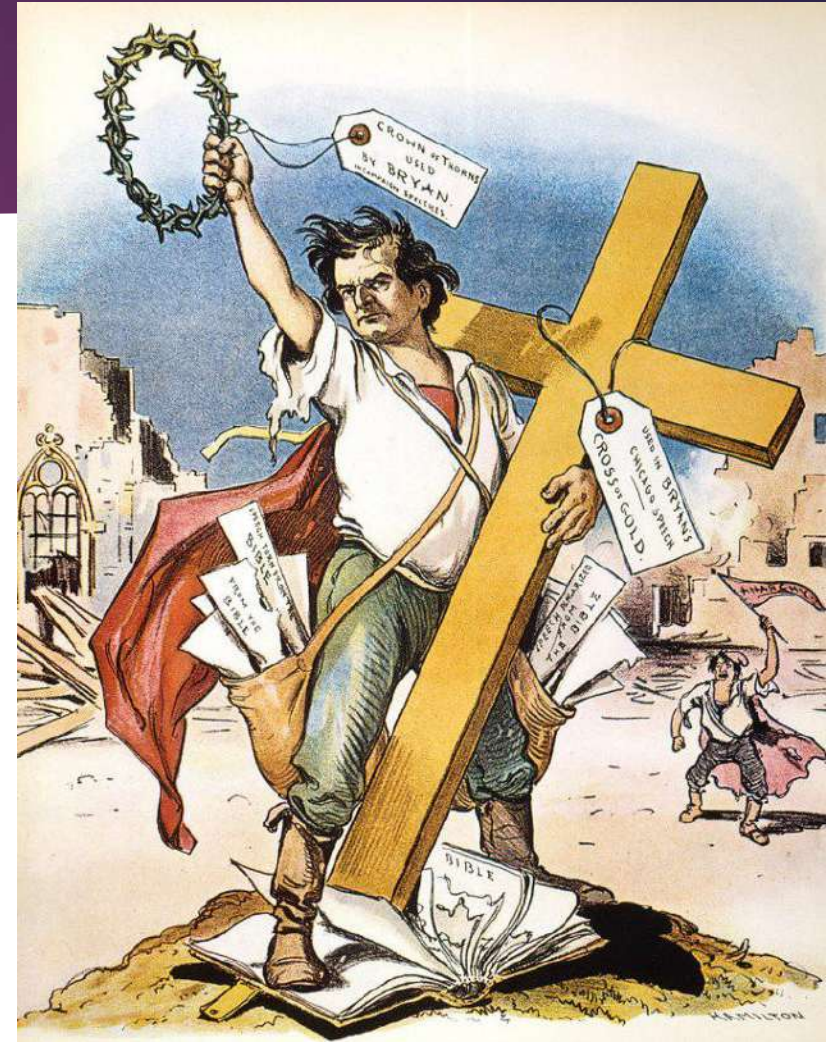
The West Changes

- ▶ Wounded Knee- the culmination of the US government's military operations against native peoples
 - ▶ Native Americans are generally defeated
- ▶ The Dawes Act breaks up tribal property and gives it to private individuals- supposed to farm and assimilate



The West Changes

- ▶ The Populist Party gains support from farmers
- ▶ Improvements in technology led to overproduction of crops- caused the price of crops to drop and farmers were struggling to make a profit
- ▶ William Jennings Bryan ran as a populist candidate
- ▶ Lost to McKinley- McKinley had the support in the cities with big business
- ▶ Cities now look like the future of America- not the western frontier



Rapid Urbanization

- ▶ Cities are booming
- ▶ Immigrants, farmers, and African Americans are moving to cities for a fresh start
- ▶ Settlement houses worked with meeting the needs of immigrants
- ▶ Social Gospel Movement grows—preach salvation through service to the poor



Islands Controlling Immigration

- ▶ Ellis Island in New York controlled European immigration



- ▶ Angel Island in California controlled Asian immigration



African Americans in the Gilded Age

- ▶ Booker T Washington
 - ▶ Vocational education
 - ▶ Tuskegee Institute
 - ▶ Economic self-sufficiency
- ▶ WEB DuBois
 - ▶ Higher education
 - ▶ Talented Tenth
 - ▶ Political and civil rights immediately
- ▶ What would they disagree about?

