

Wired To the World  
The Telegraph and the Making of the West

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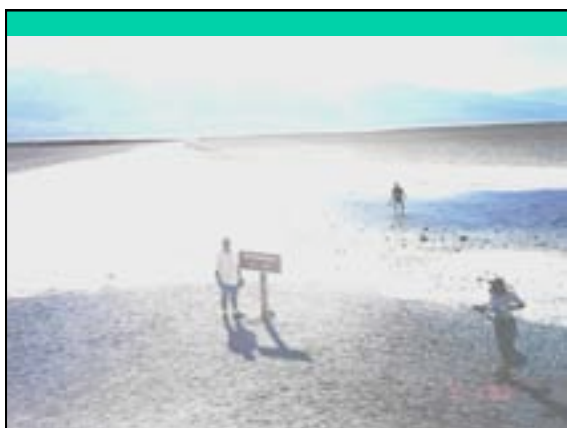
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Samuel F. B. Morse



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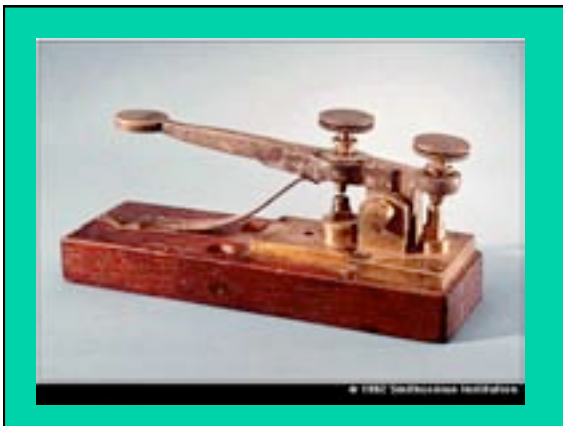
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**Morse Code**

A ·—	B —···	C —···	D —··
E ·	F ····	G —··	H ····
I ··	J ···—	K —·—	L ····
M ——	N —·	O ———	P ····
Q —··—	R ···	S ···	T —
U ···	V ····	W ·—	X —···
Y —··—	Z —···	0 ———	1 ·····
2 ·····	3 ·····	4 ·····	5 ·····
6 —····	7 —····	8 —····	9 —····

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### Acceleration of Movement: Things vs. Information

Railroad over Freight Wagon:  
How much faster?  
10-15 times

Telegraph over Pony Express:  
How much faster?  
44,000,000 times

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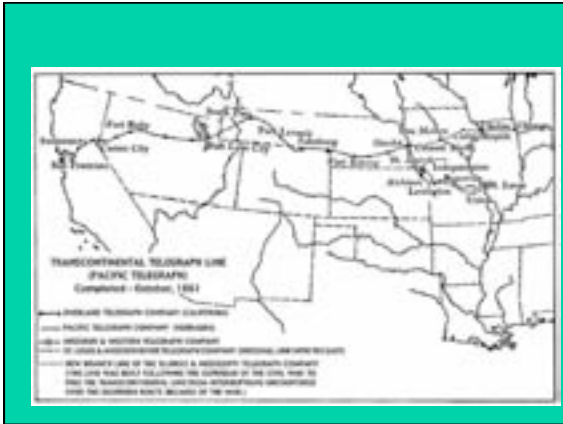
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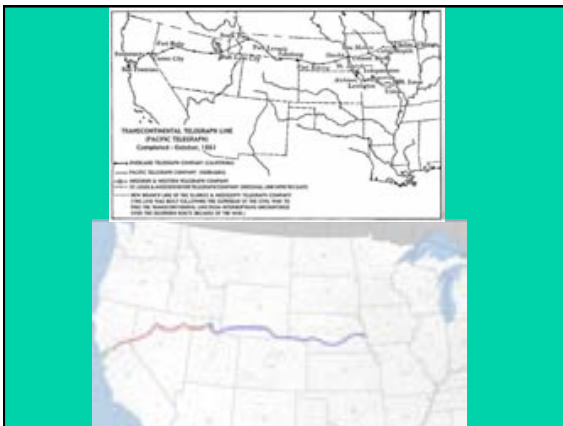
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**Pacific Telegraph Co.:**  
**Construction Costs**

- Stock issued for payment: \$1,000,000
- Estimated actual cost: \$ 147,000

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## How the West Was Being Made

- A technological revolution
- Rise of the corporation
- A partnership of corporations and government
- A corrupt bargain

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## How the West Worked

- Discovery and inventory of resources
- Putting them to new uses
- Linking them to an international economy
- Connecting the West to the World

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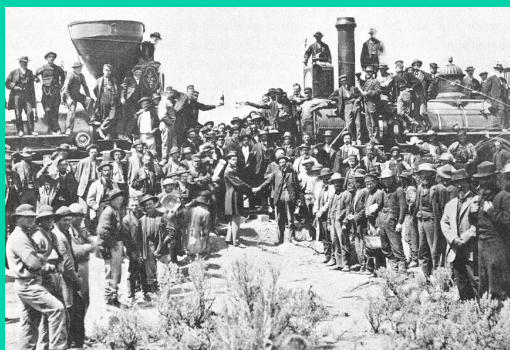
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How We Think About the West

- The West as One Place
- The West as Married to the World
- The West as Conquest

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Samuel F. B. Morse

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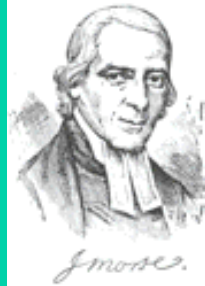
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Jedidiah Morse



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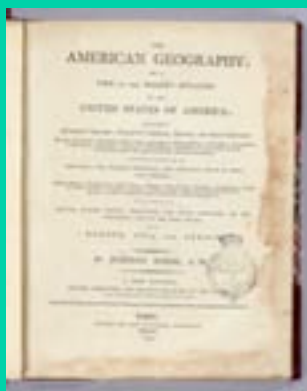
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What Hath God Wrought?

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God, who brings them out of Egypt,  
Is like the horns of a wild ox for them.

Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob,  
no divination against Israel;  
Now it shall be said of Jacob and Israel,  
“What hath God wrought?”

Look, a people rising up like a lioness,  
and rousing itself like a lion!  
It does not lie down until it has eaten the prey  
and has drunk the blood of the slain.

Numbers 23:23-24

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