**Chapter 4**

**Transforming the West, 1865-1890**

**Lecture 2 (p. 92-96)**

**II. Exploiting the Mountains: The Mining Bonanza**

* The West experienced several stages of economic development, but all of them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_into the modern national economy.
* The first stage of development centered on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which attracted swarms of eager prospectors into the mountains and deserts in search of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, stimulated the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that brought further development, and contributed to the disorderly heritage of the frontier.

1. **Rushes and Mining Camps**

**1. The major rushes of the late nineteenth century**

* The first important gold rush in the Rocky Mountains came in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. More than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prospectors crowded into Denver and the nearby mining camps.
* The discovery of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ produced and eastward rush of miners from California. Some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ claims were made around Virginia City, Nevada, the main mining camp.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Idaho and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Montana became major mining centers.

**2. Characteristics of life in mining camps**

* Mining camps were often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by both distance and terrain.
* They frequently consisted of only flimsy shanties, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, crude stores, dance halls and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Gender imbalance in the mining camps**

* The population was overwhelmingly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* In 1860, about 2,300 men and only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ women resided in the Nevada mining camps of Virginia City and Gold Hill.
* Women found far \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ economic opportunities than men.
* Several opened \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and few worked as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and took in washing.
* The largest source of paid employment for women was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The gender imbalance in mining camps also made saloons prevalent among local businesses. An 1879 business census of Leadville, Colorado, reported \_\_\_\_ dry goods stores, \_\_\_ banks, \_\_\_ churches, but \_\_\_\_\_ saloons, \_\_\_\_ beer halls and \_\_\_\_\_ gambling houses

**B. Labor and Capital**

**1. Technological advances in mining**

* Initially mining was an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in which miners used simple tools, such as picks or shovels, wash pans and rockers, to work shallow surface deposits.
* More \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were needed to reach precious metal buried in the earth.

**2. Corporate control of mining**

* Hydraulic mining required \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to build reservoirs, ditches and troughs to power \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that would pulverize hillsides and uncover the mineral deposits.
* More expensive was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Time, money and technology were required to sink a shaft into the earth.
* Such complex, expensive, and permanent operations necessarily came under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* New corporations integrated the mining industry into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Corporate mining transformed prospectors into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with restricted opportunities. Miners’ status declined as new machinery like power drills reduced the need for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and prompted employers to hire cheaper workers from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Europe.
* To protect their interests, miners \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They persuaded governments to adopt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to appoint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.