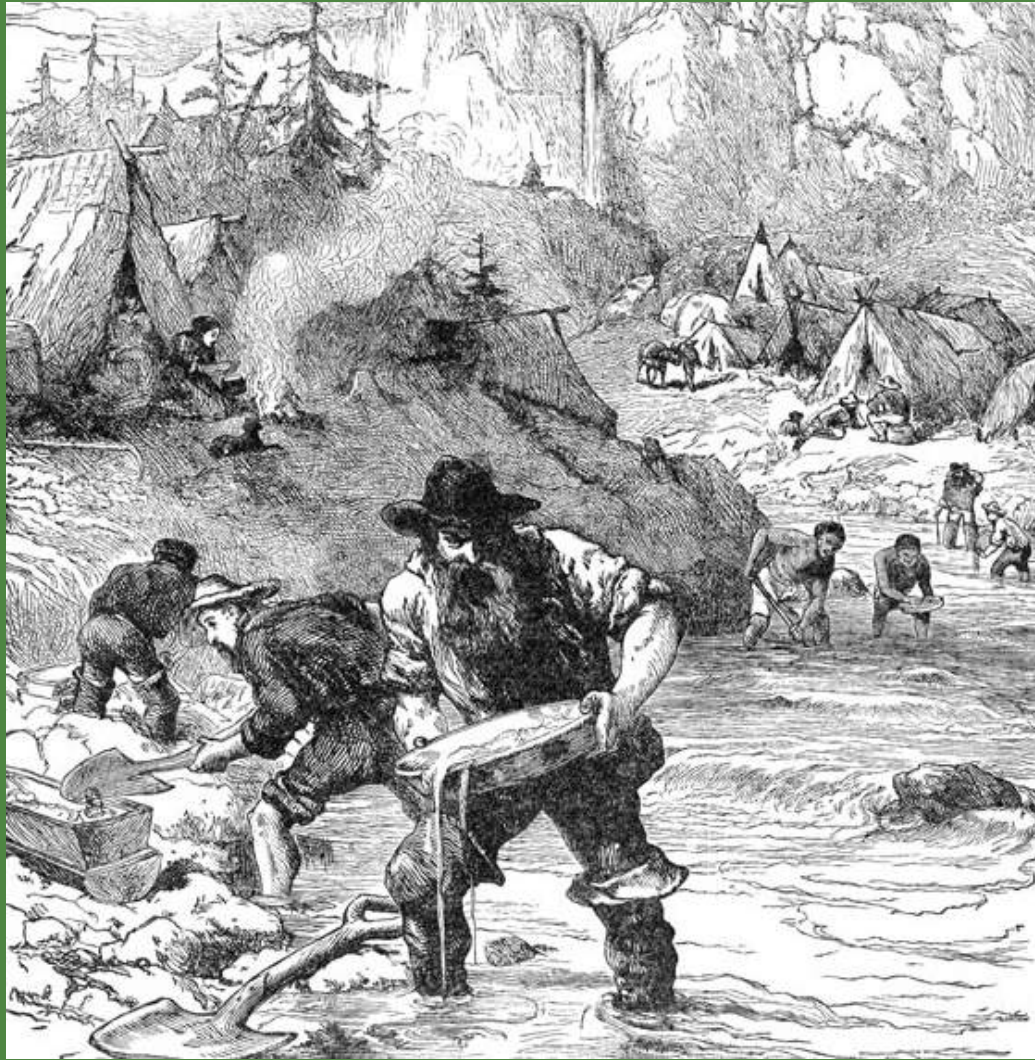


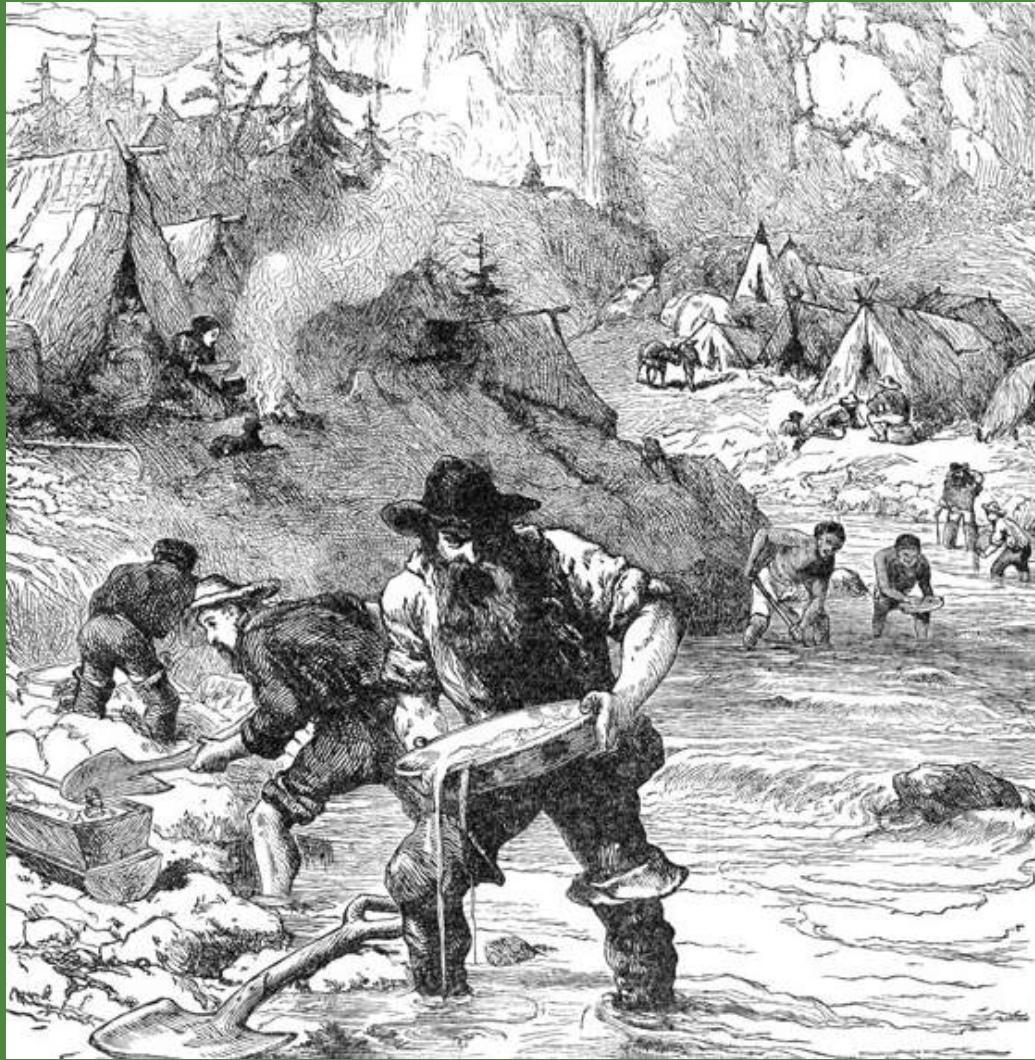
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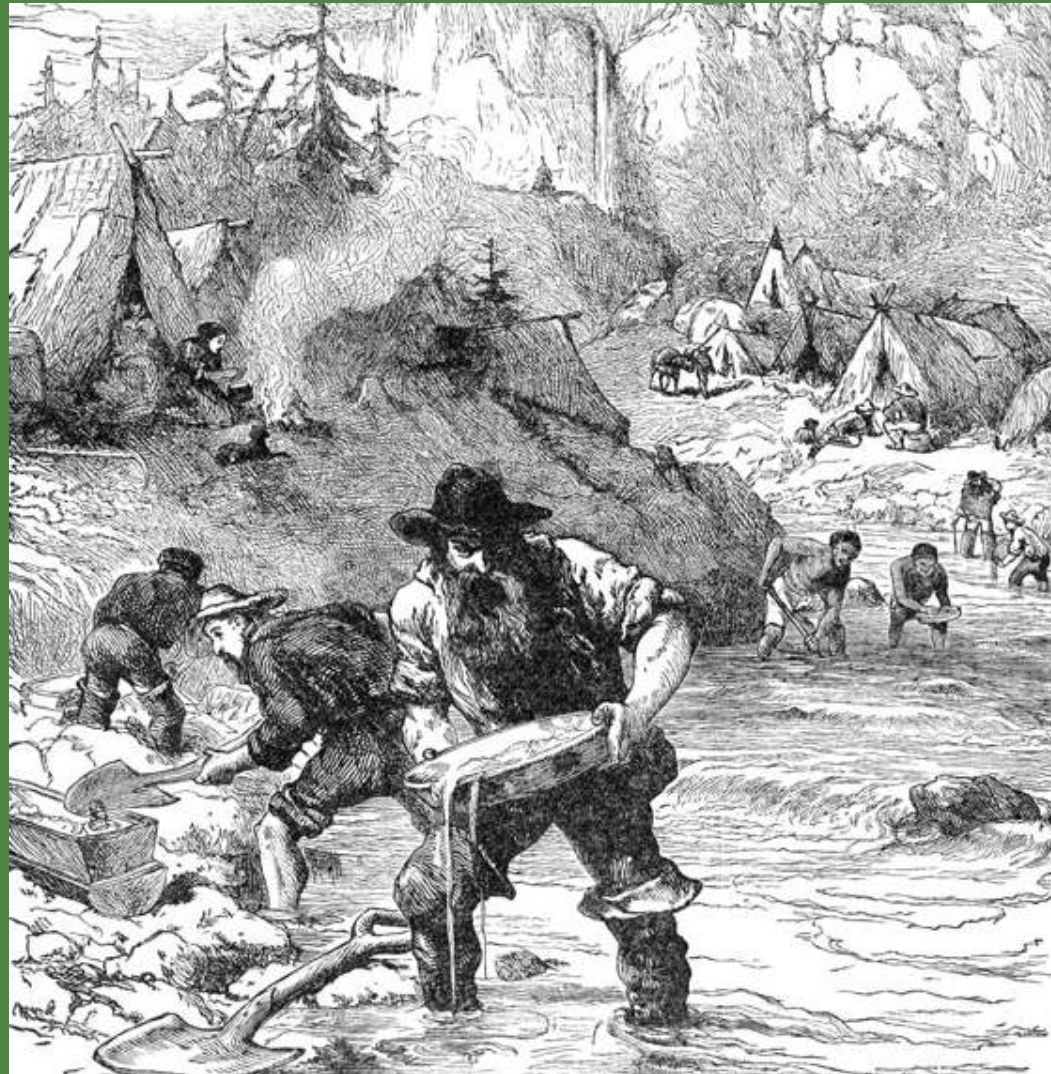
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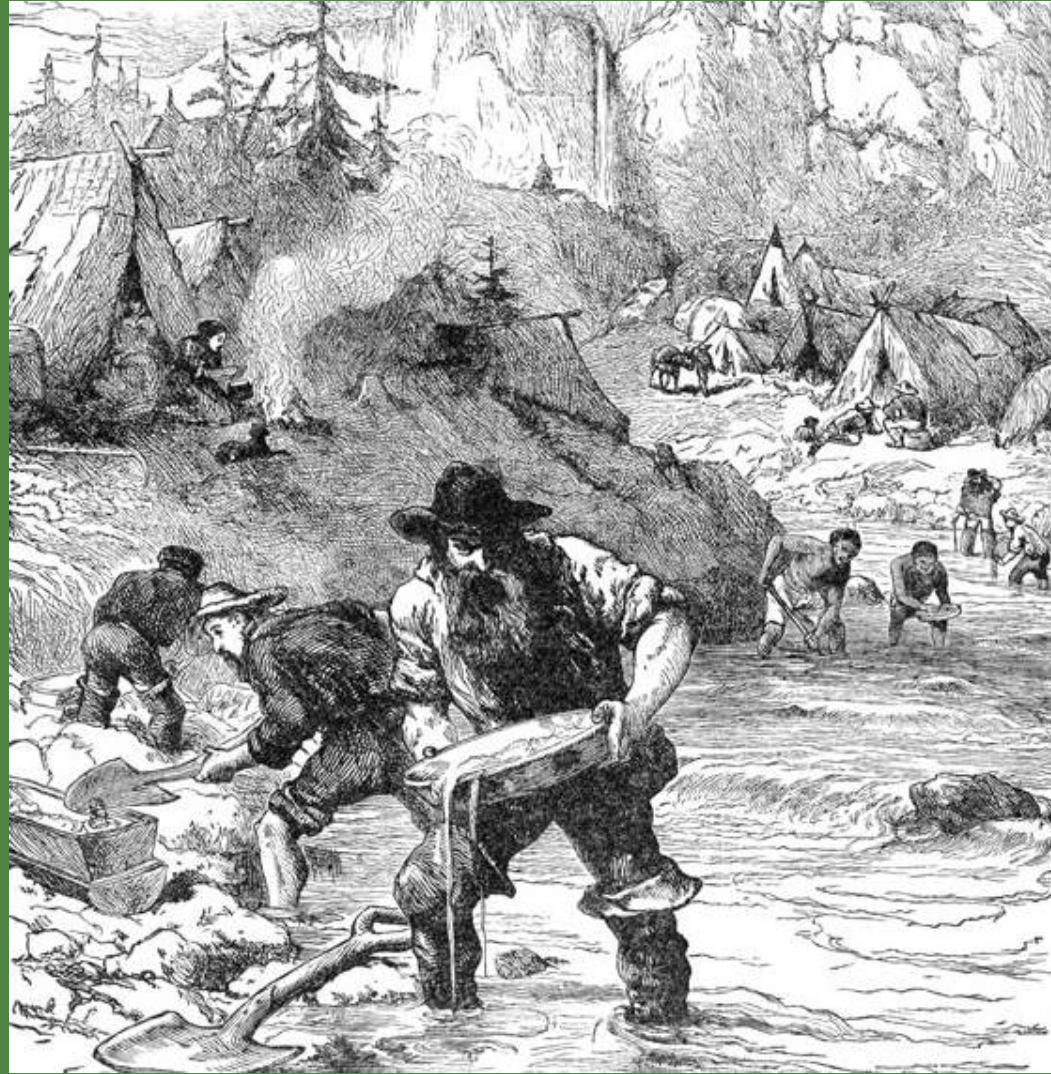
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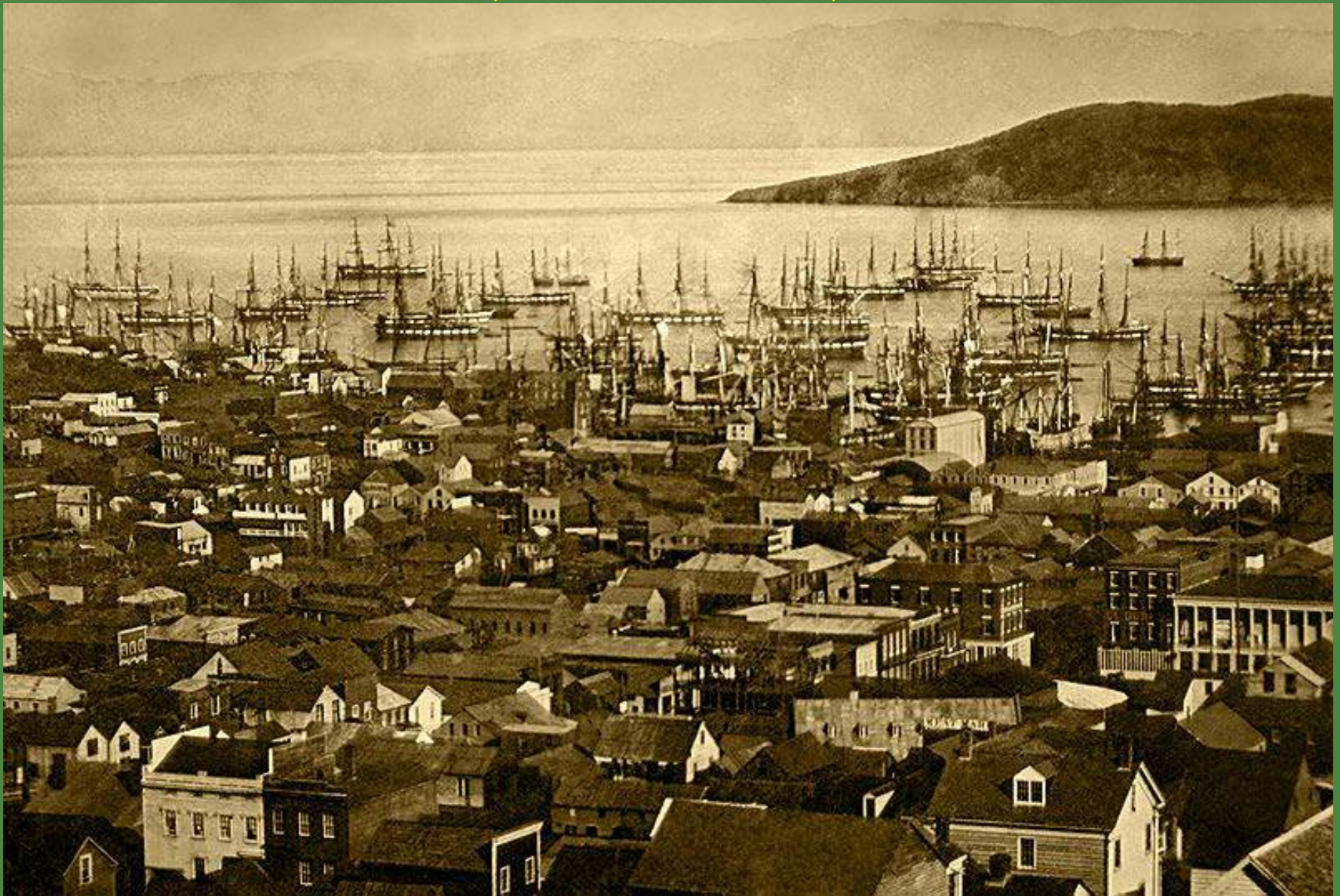
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This image shows the Harbor at San Francisco with Yerba Buena Island in the right background. This image was taken circa 1850-1851. This image is courtesy of the Library and Congress and Wikimedia Commons.

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**CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC**

The California Bear Flag Republic lasted for only a few weeks until the United States military took over the region and California was effectively made a territory of the United States. Its most enduring legacy was the modern flag of the State of California, shown here. This image was created by Devin Cook in 2008. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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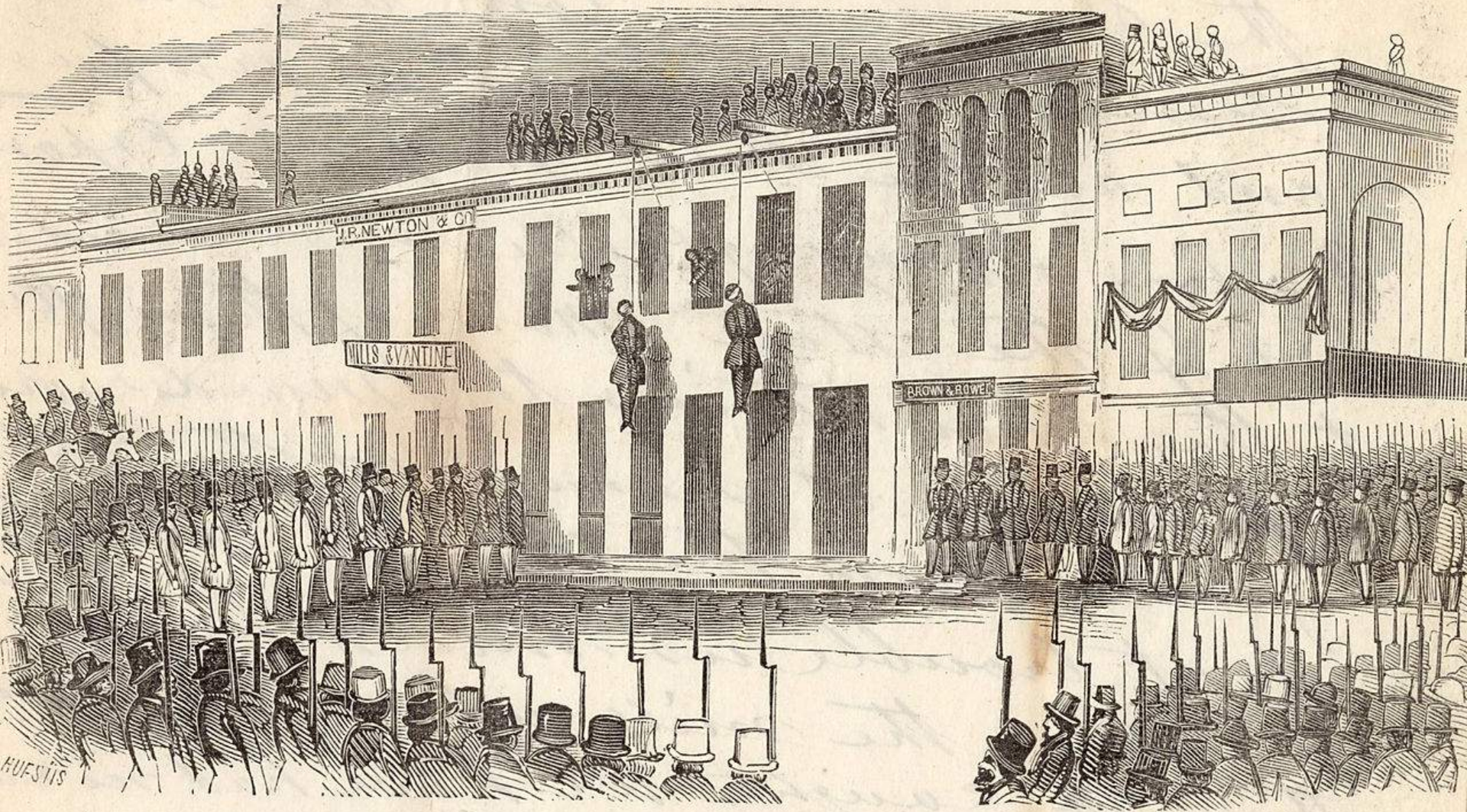
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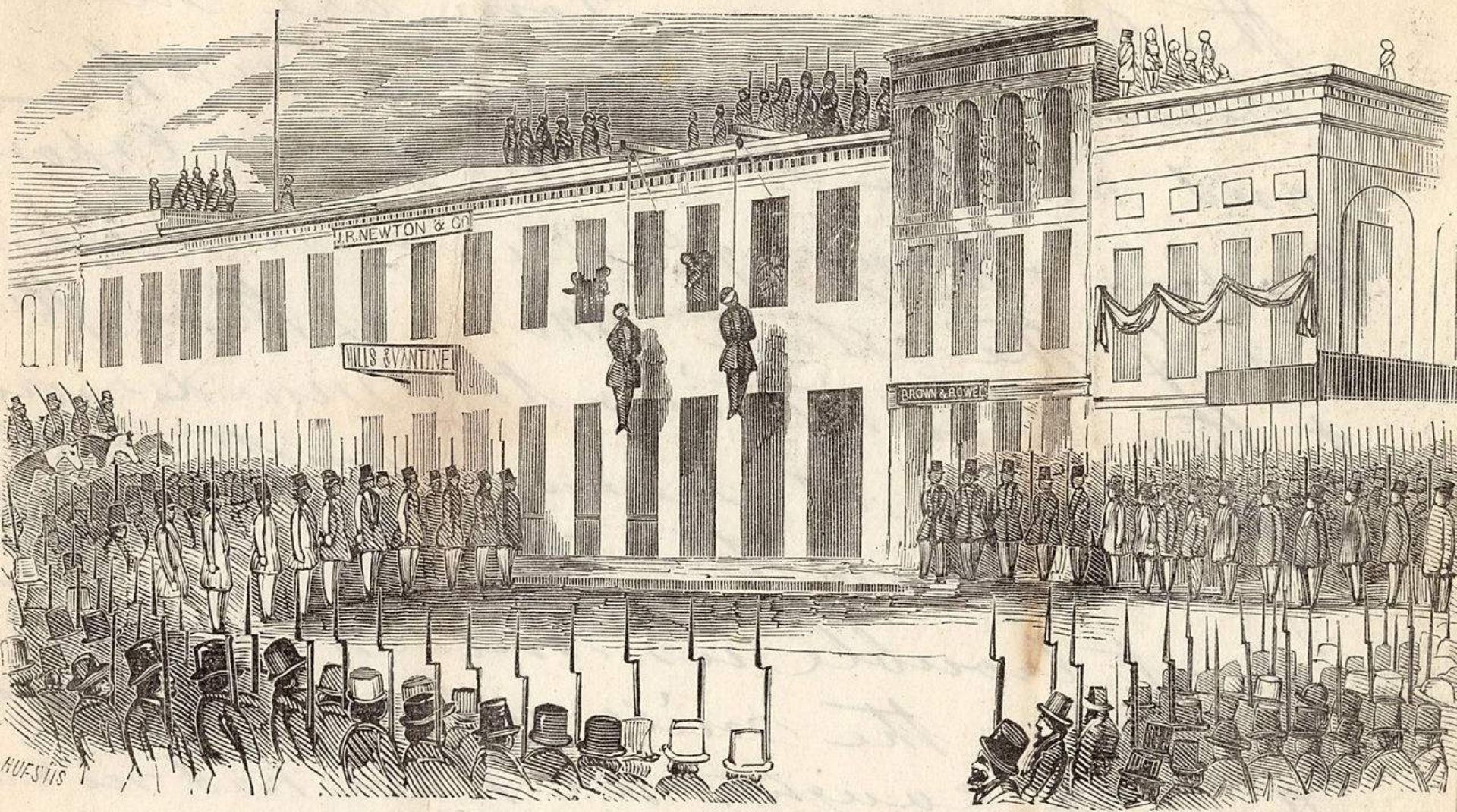
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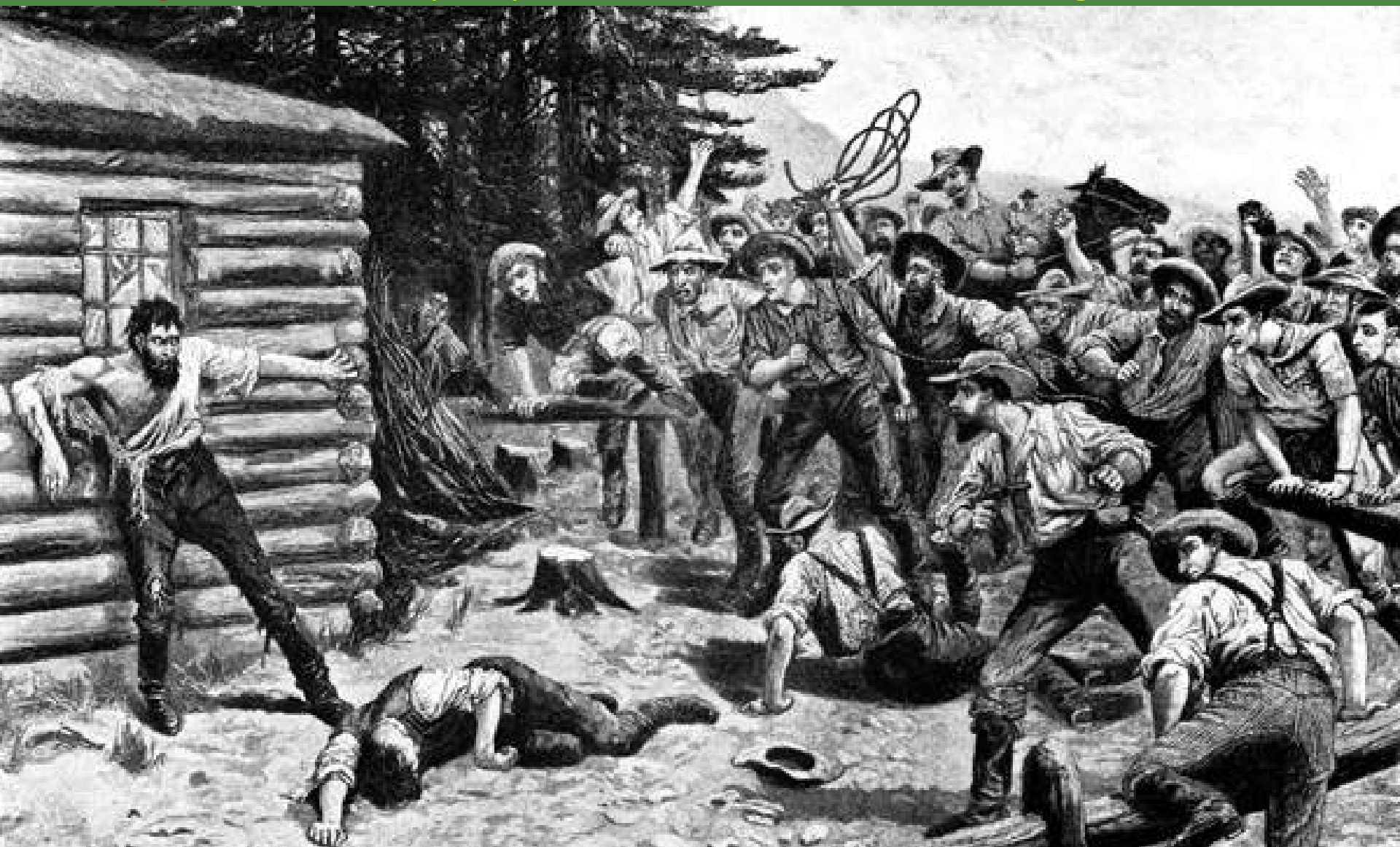
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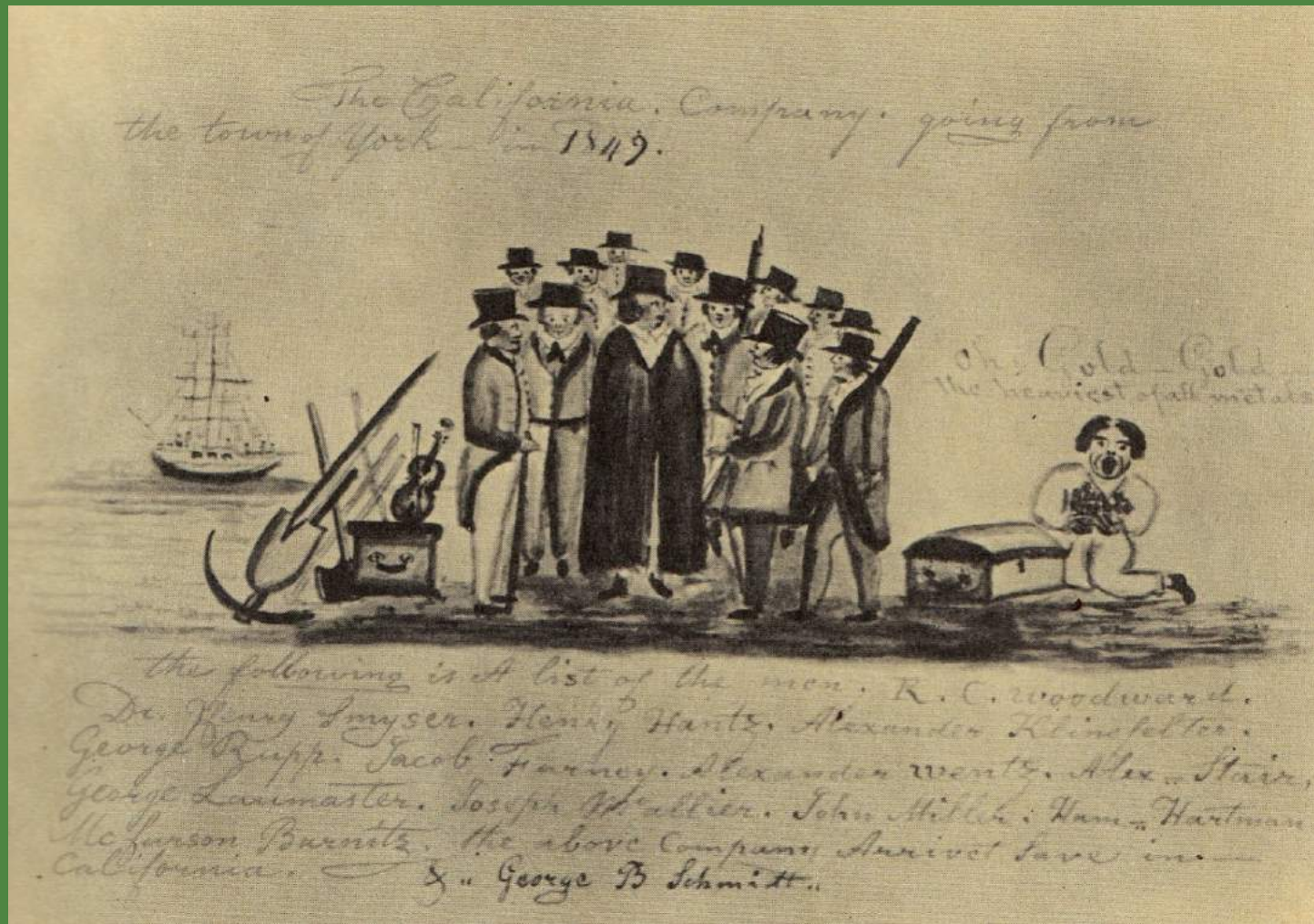


Such justice became known as vigilante justice— law without judge or jury. This image was created for William H. Mace's *A School History of the United States*. It was printed in Chicago, Illinois in 1904 by Rand McNally and Company. This image is courtesy of [ushistoryimages.com](http://ushistoryimages.com).



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## People to Meet



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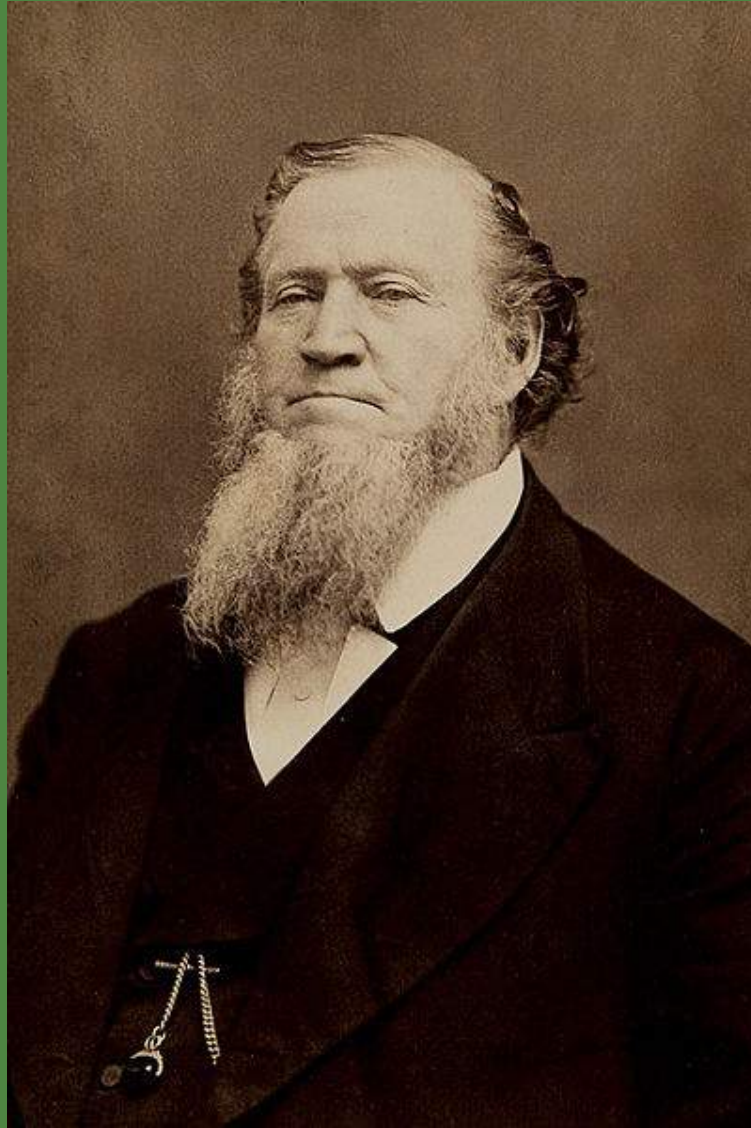
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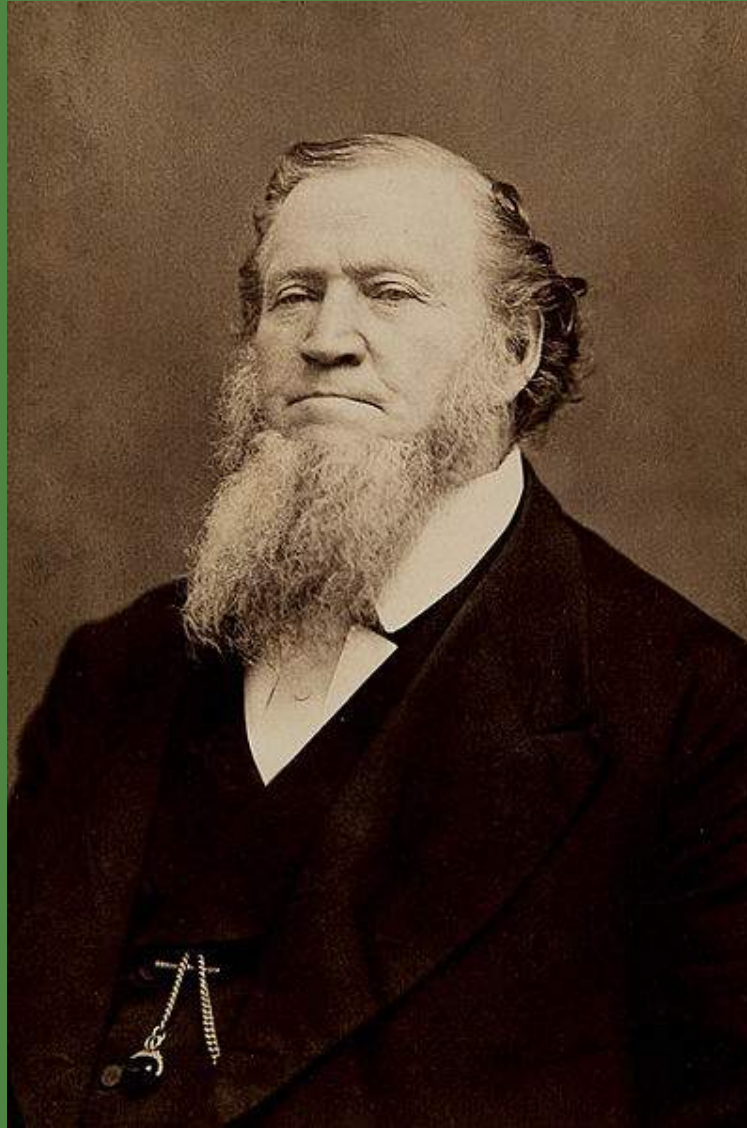
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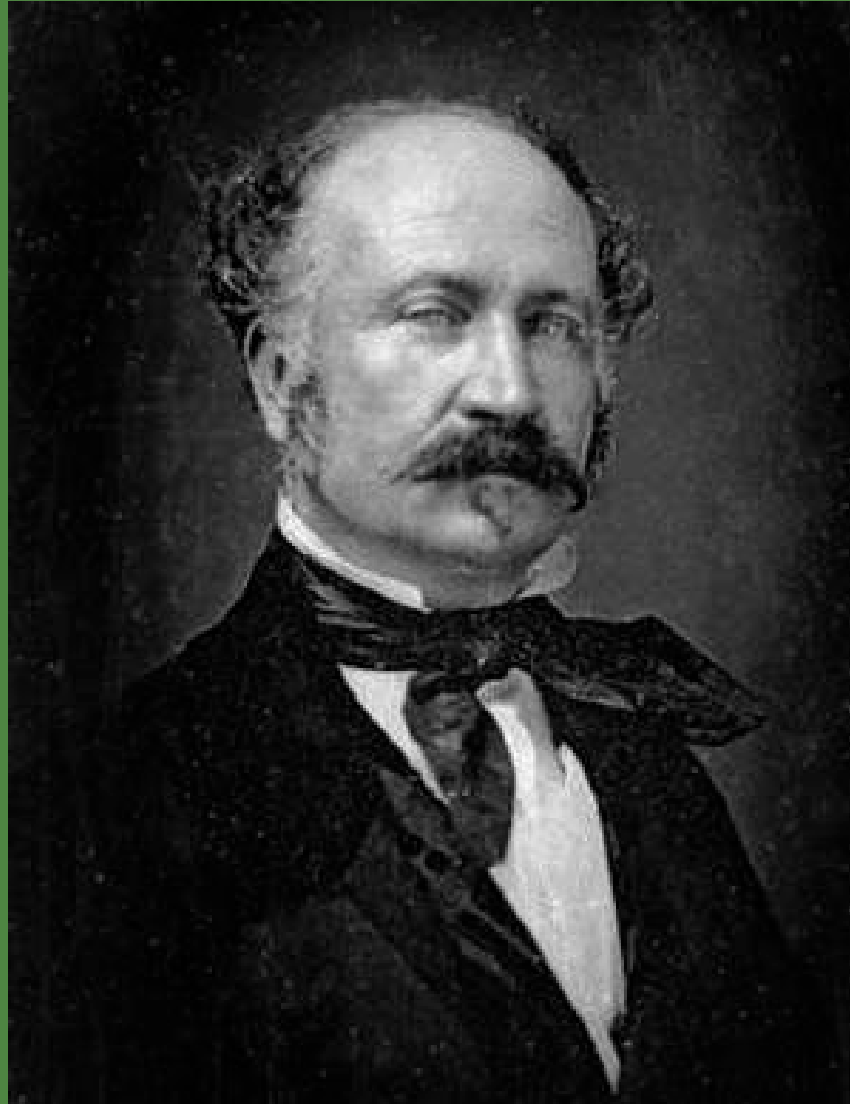
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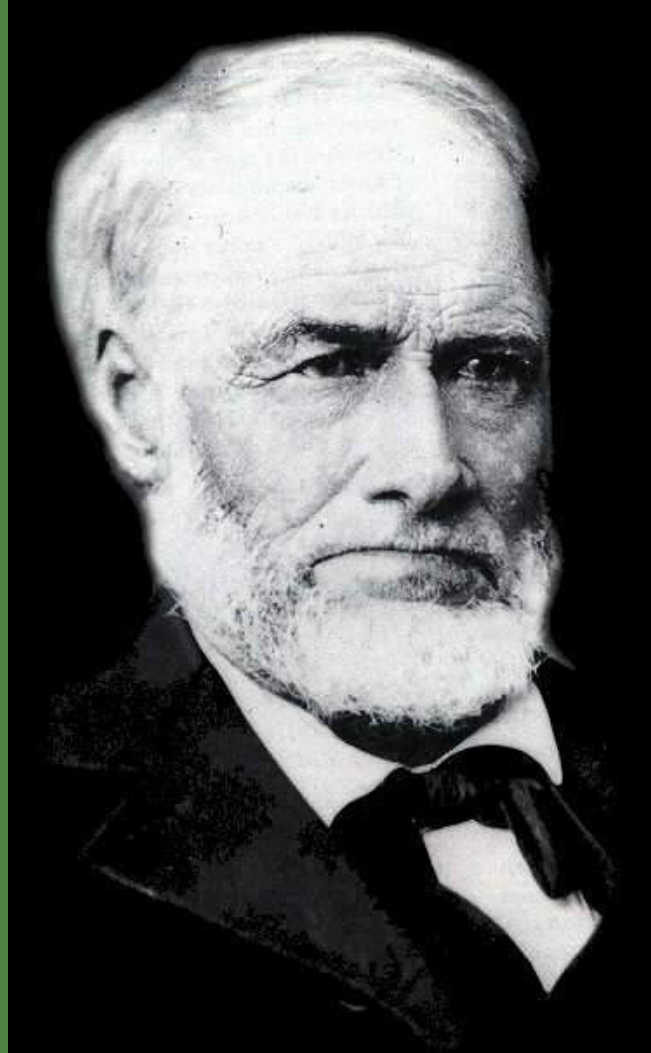
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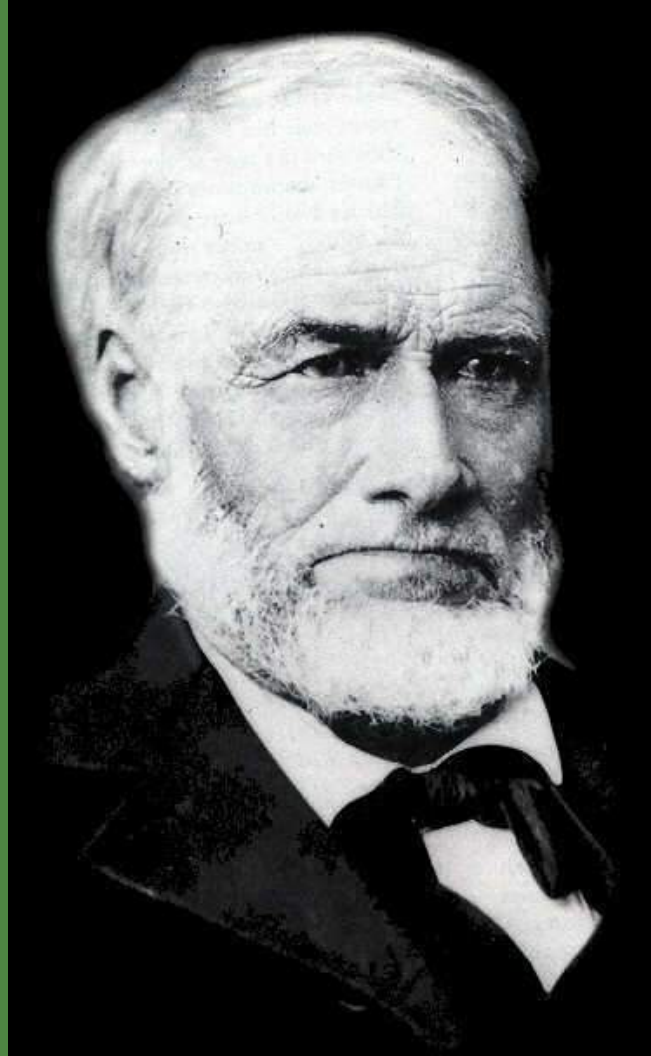


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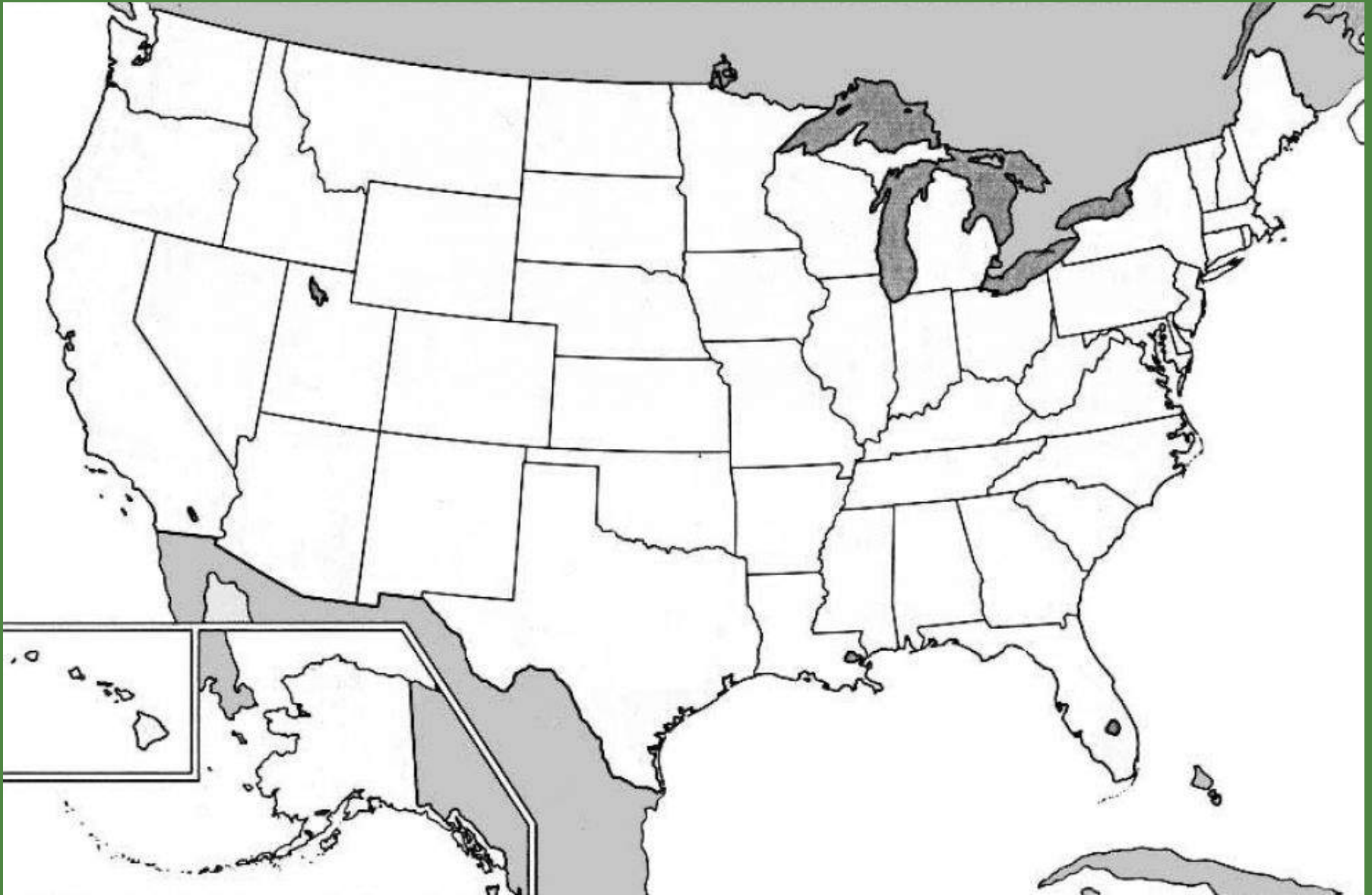
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## Maps

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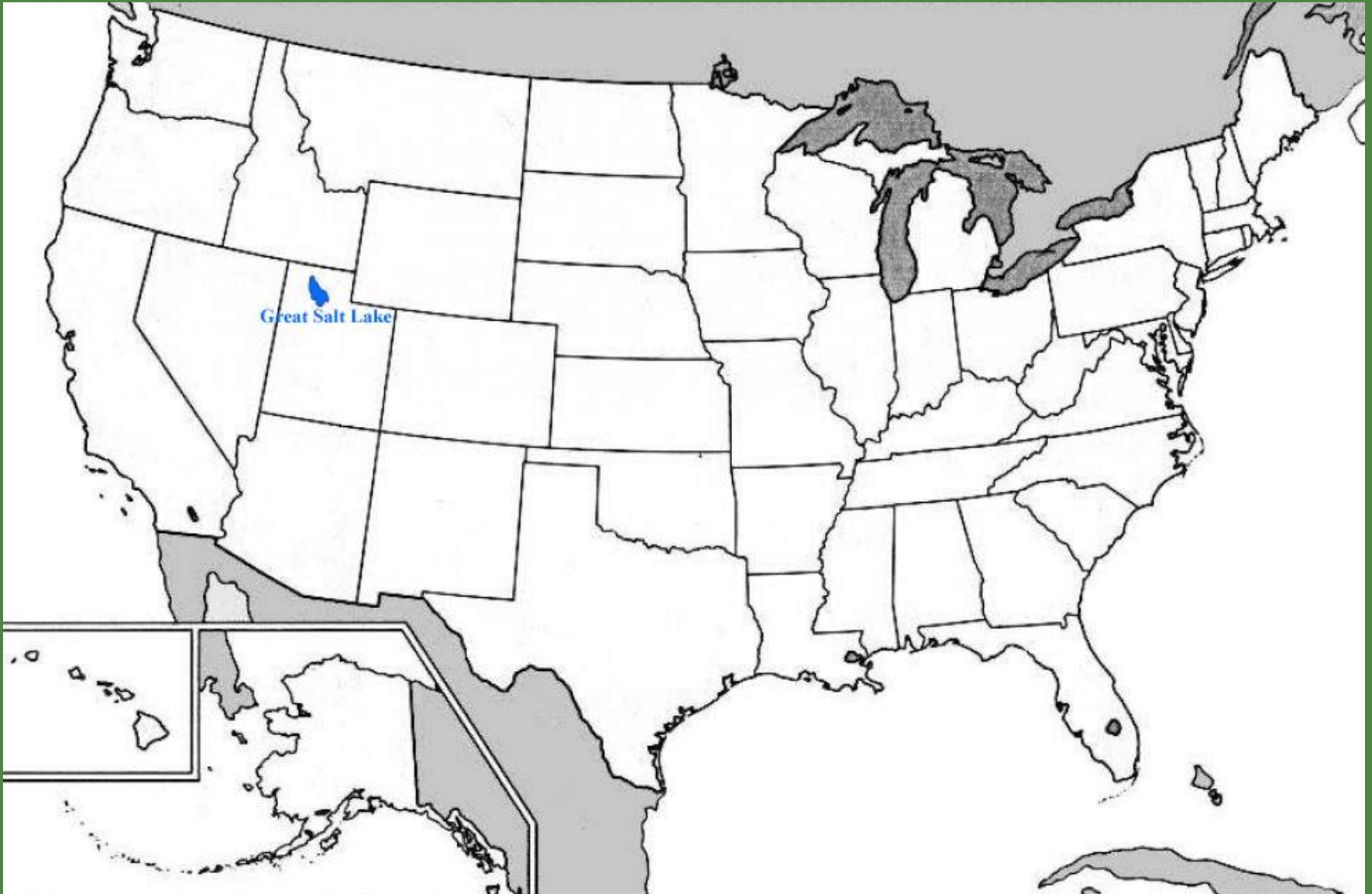
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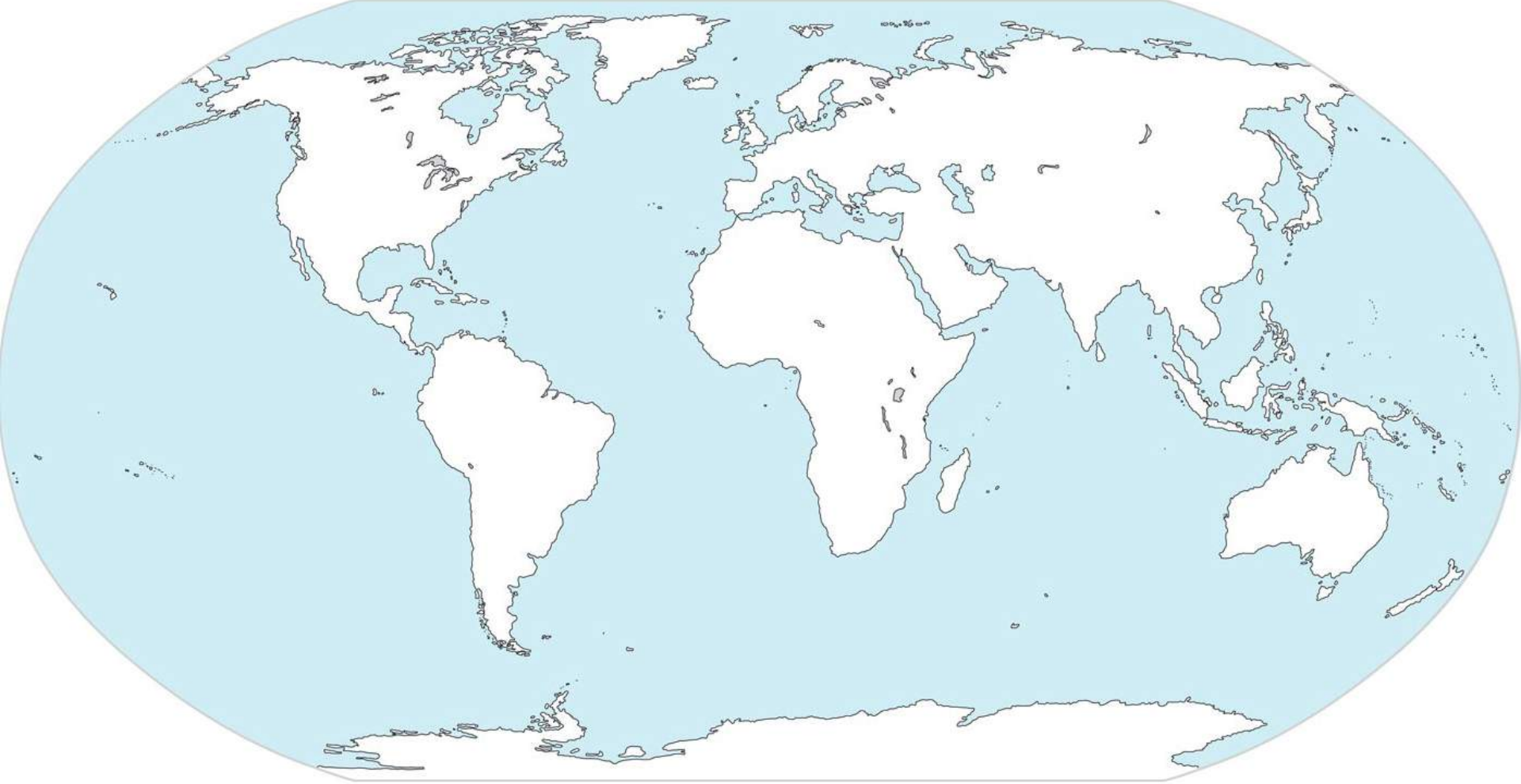
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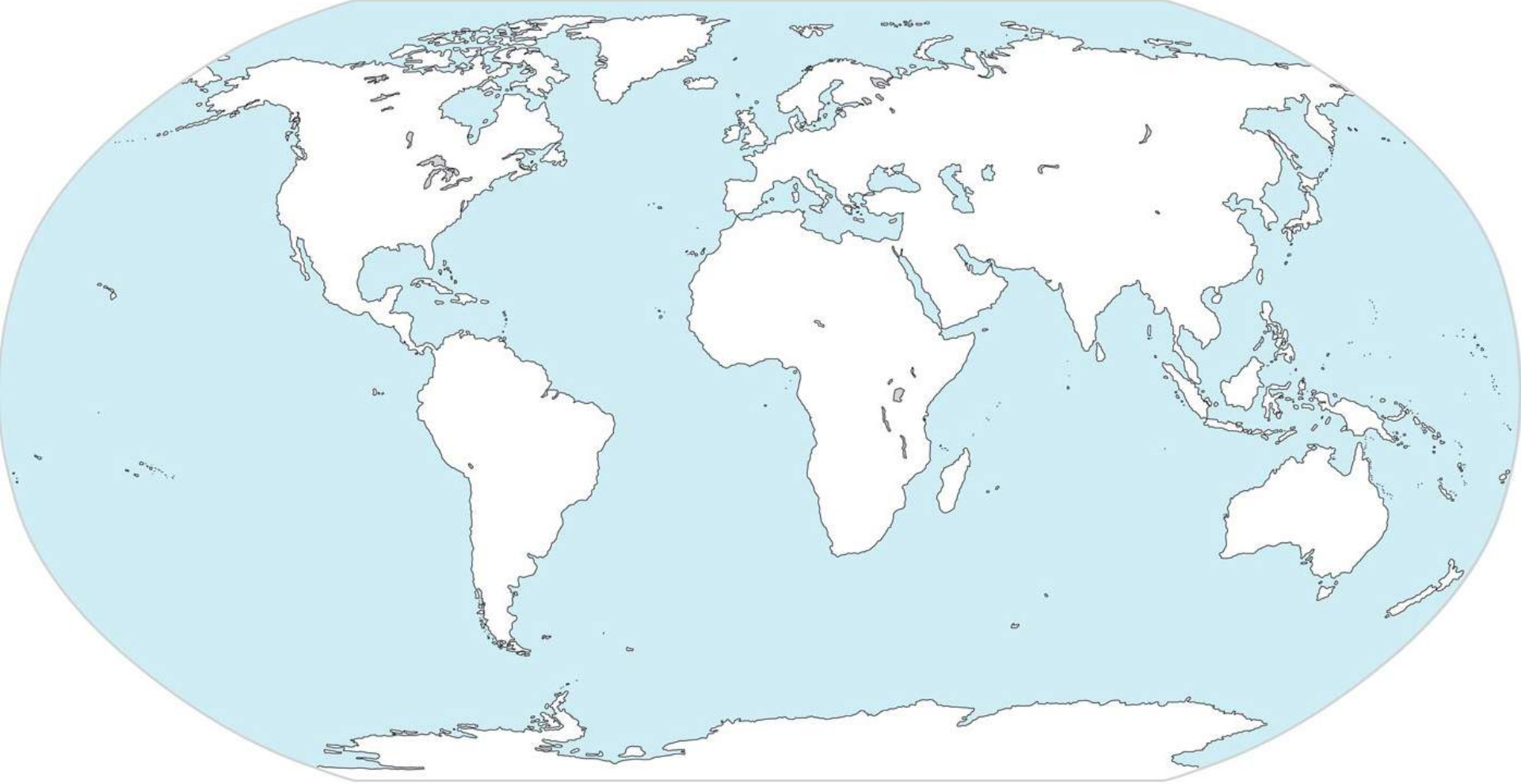
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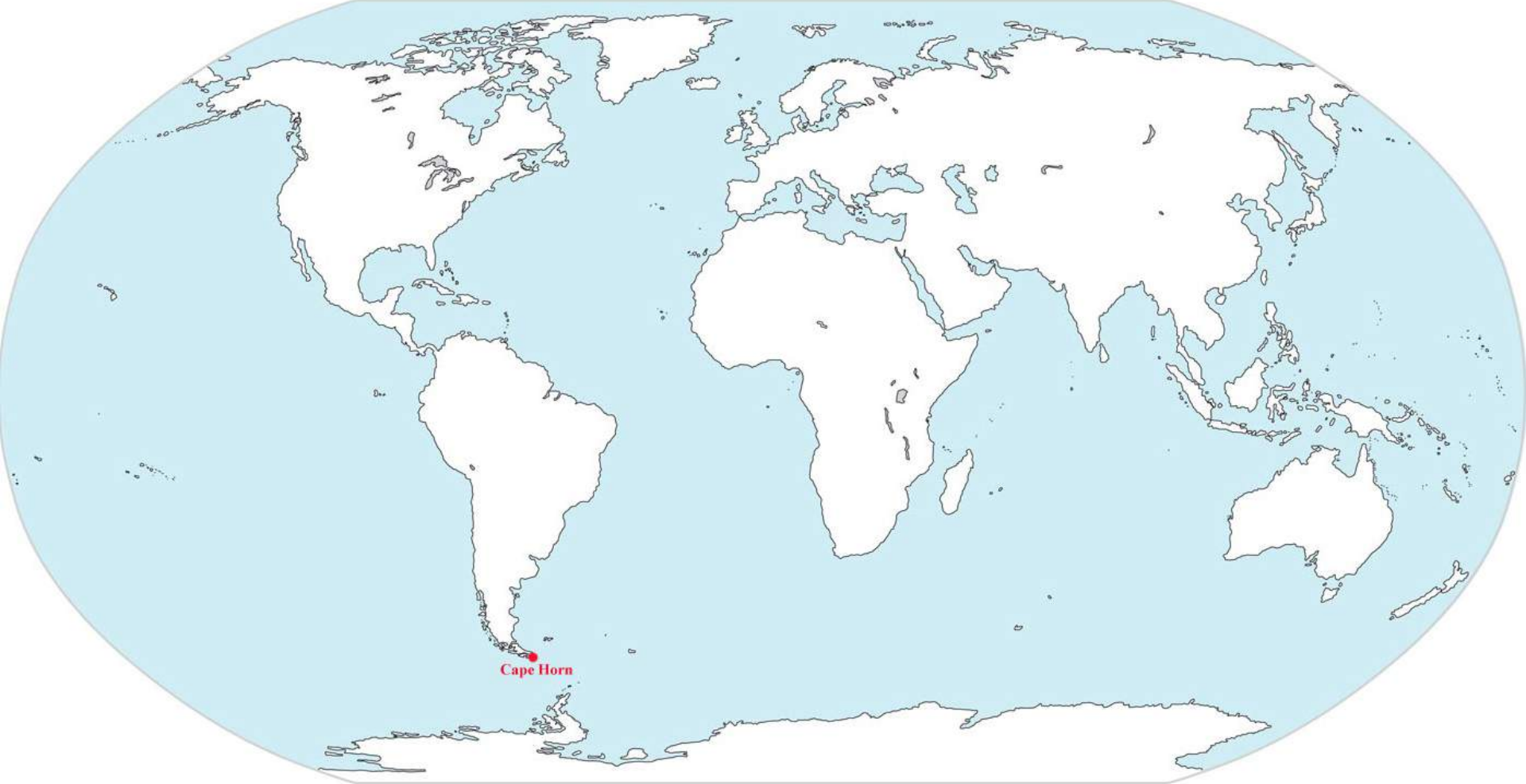
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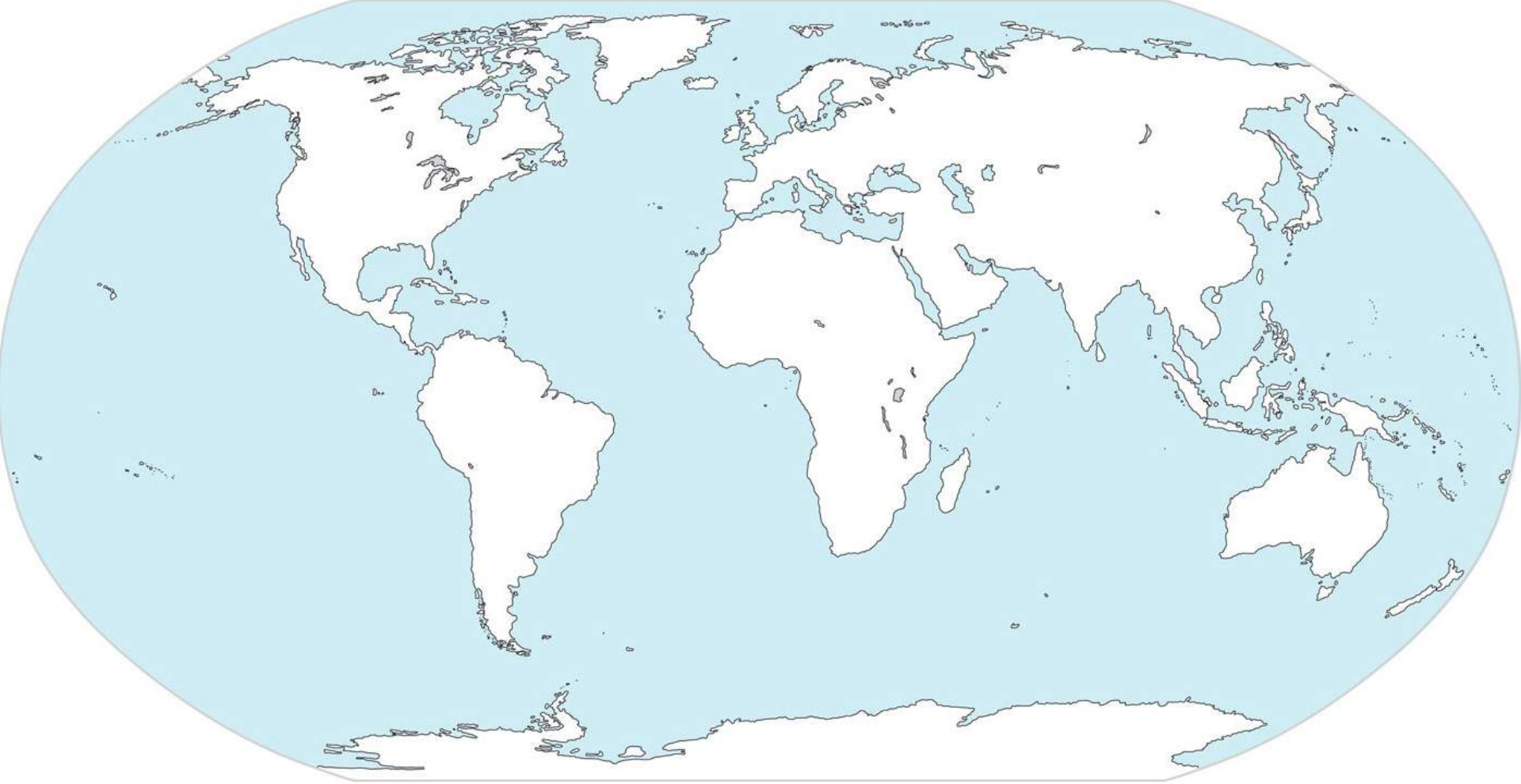


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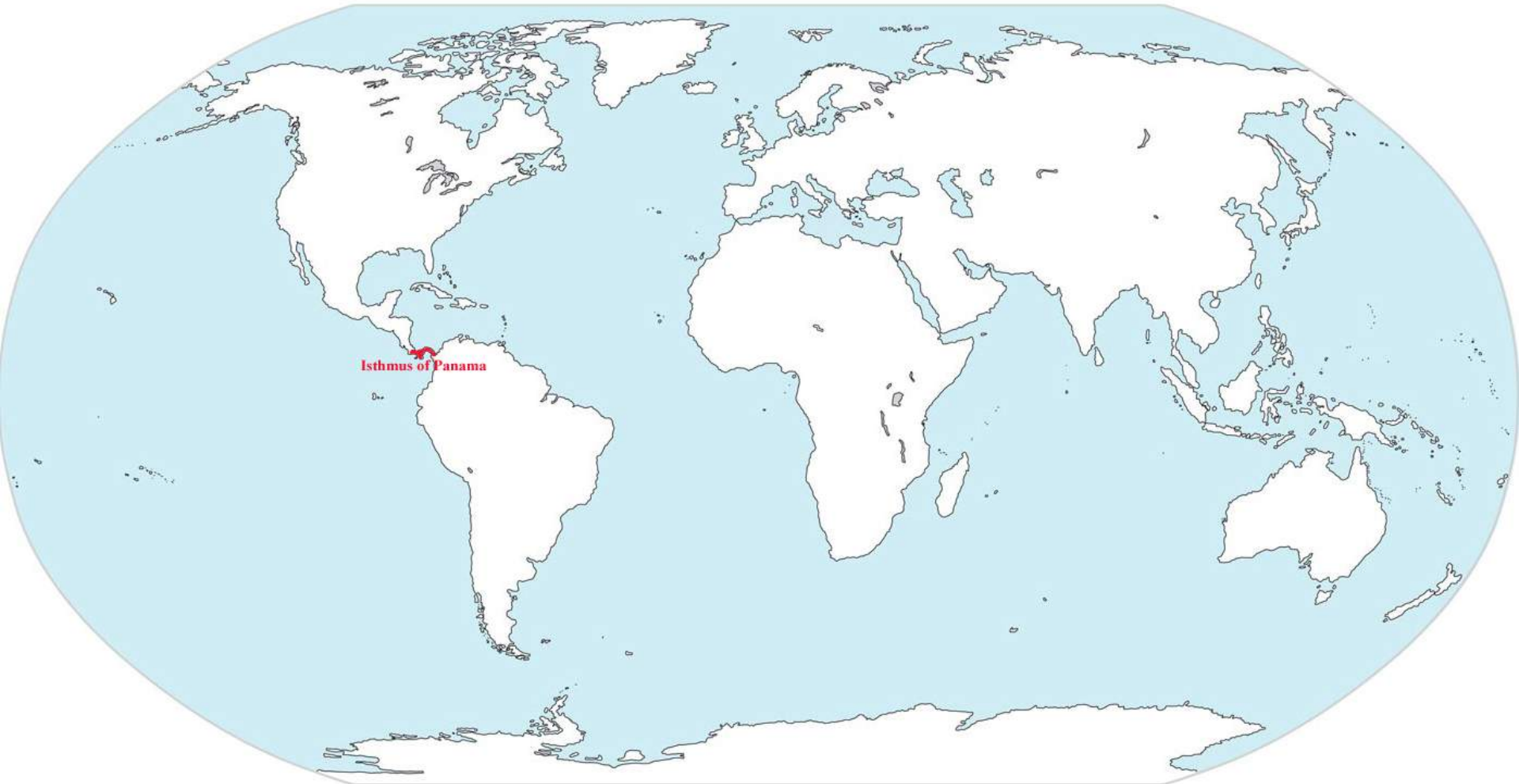
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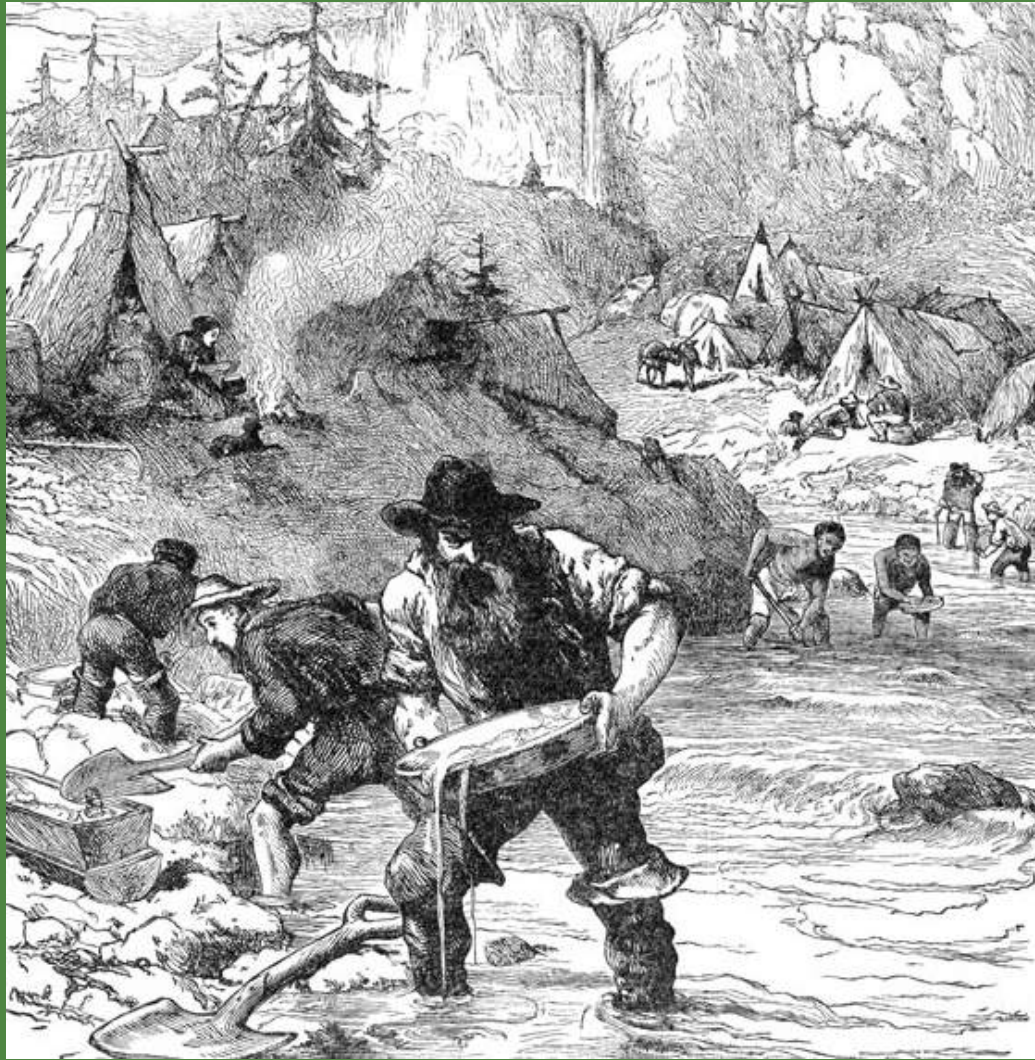
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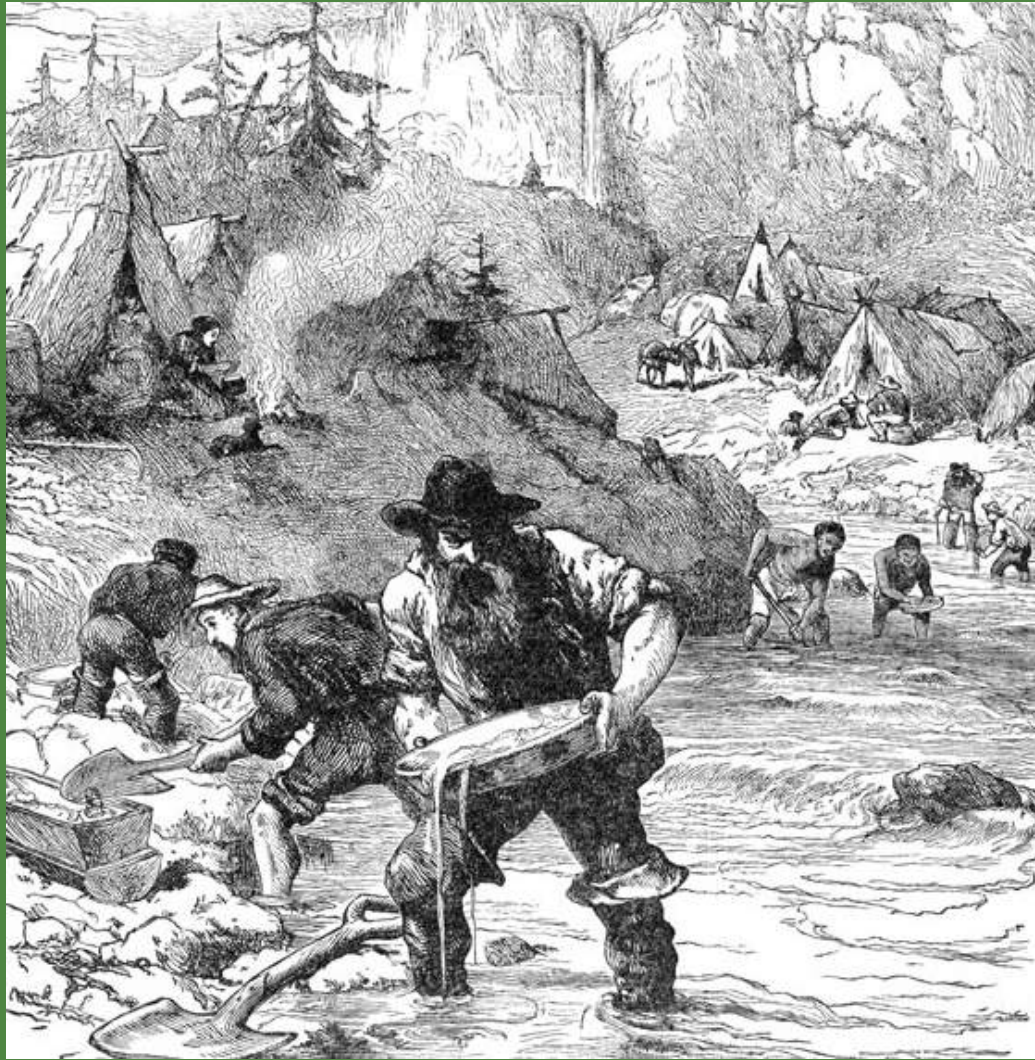
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