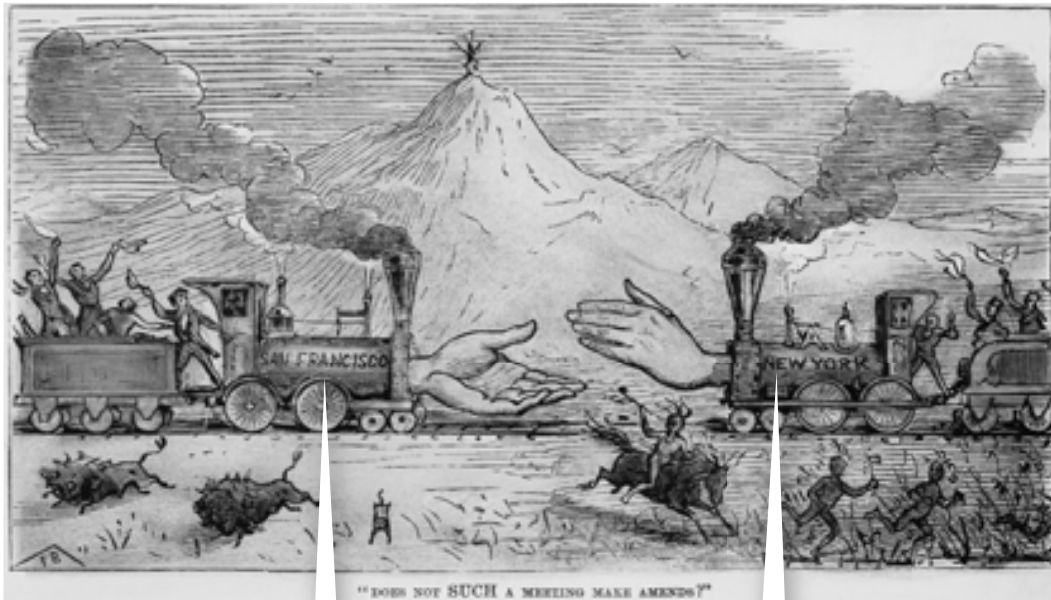


## Cartoon 19

## Political Cartoons

### The Transcontinental Railroad



The Granger Collection, New York

This cartoon celebrates the completion of the first American transcontinental railroad in 1869.

The cartoonist used San Francisco to represent the western track and New York to represent the eastern track. The western rail line actually began in Sacramento, California; and the eastern line began in Omaha, Nebraska.

### ANALYZING POLITICAL CARTOONS

Study the political cartoon, and then answer the questions that follow.

1. What do the two hands represent?

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2. Why do you think the artist shows Native Americans and buffalo running away?

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3. Is the political cartoon for or against the building of the transcontinental railroad? Explain your answer.

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