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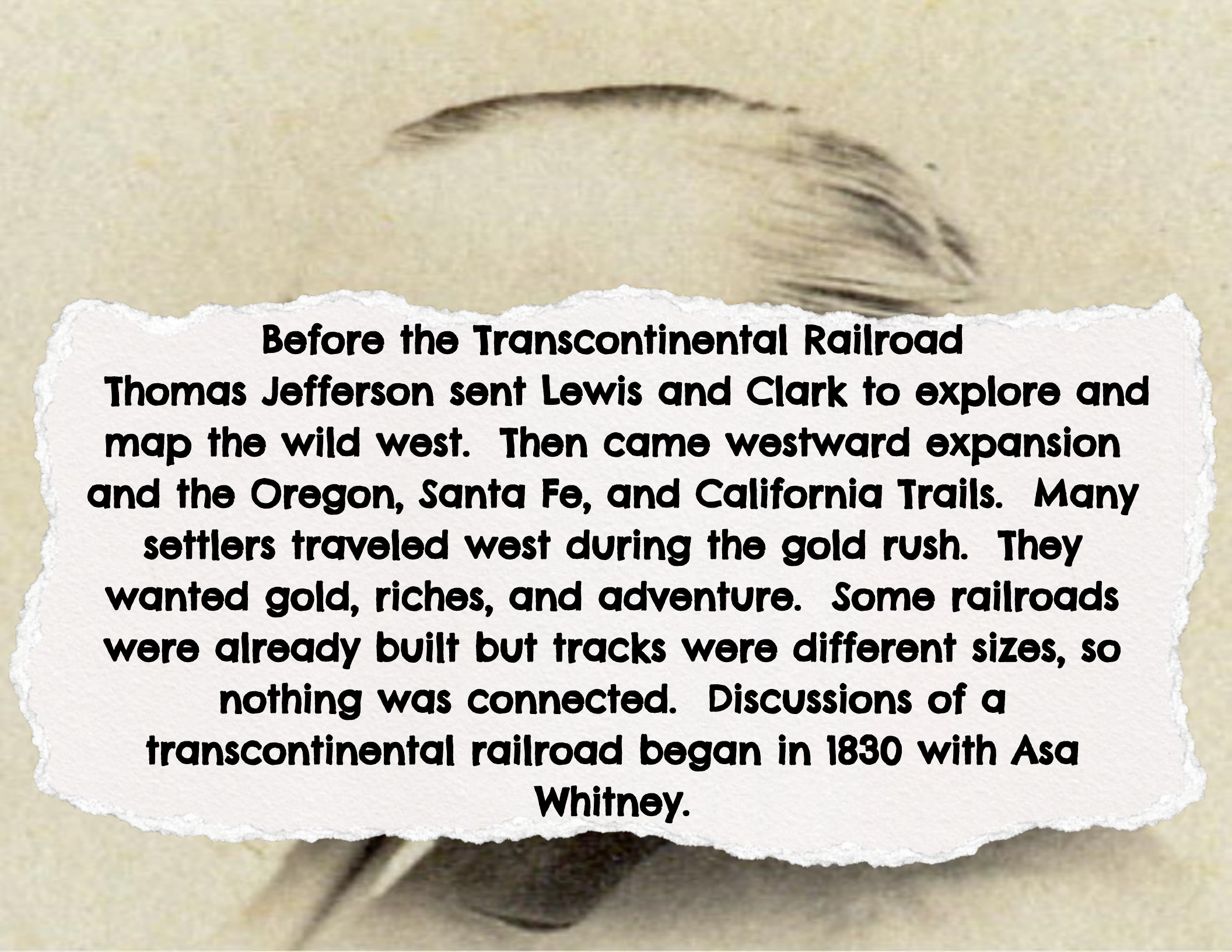
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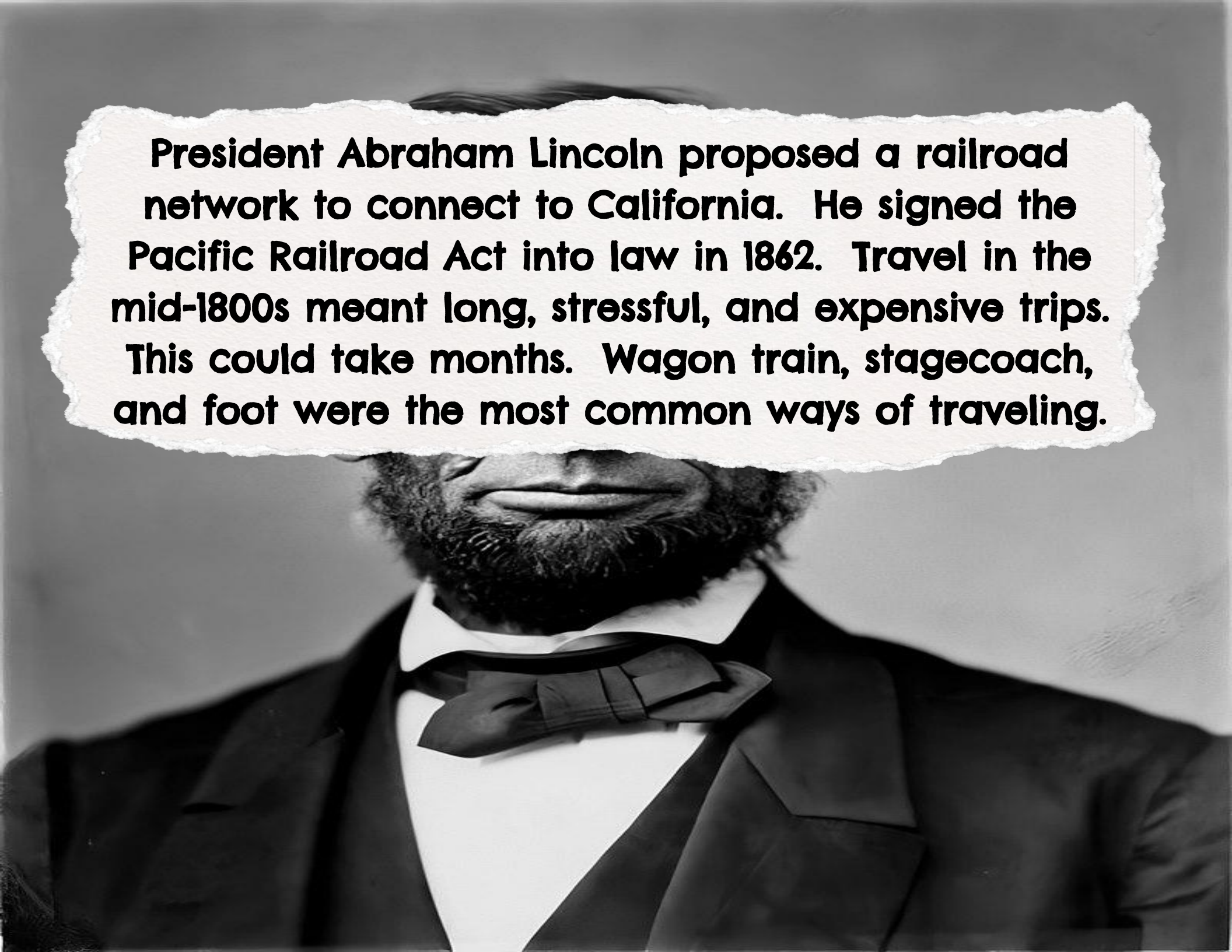
The image features a piece of torn, off-white paper with a deckled edge, placed over a background of a horse's head. The horse's head is shown in profile, with its mane and tail appearing as dark, flowing lines. The text on the paper is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in a single paragraph, with the first line acting as a title and the subsequent lines forming the main body of the text.

Before the Transcontinental Railroad
Thomas Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark to explore and map the wild west. Then came westward expansion and the Oregon, Santa Fe, and California Trails. Many settlers traveled west during the gold rush. They wanted gold, riches, and adventure. Some railroads were already built but tracks were different sizes, so nothing was connected. Discussions of a transcontinental railroad began in 1830 with Asa Whitney.

**Discussions of a transcontinental
railroad began in 1830 with
Eli Whitney.**

TRUE

FALSE

A black and white portrait of Abraham Lincoln, showing his head and shoulders. He has a full, dark beard and mustache, and is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and a dark bow tie. The image is partially obscured by a white, torn-edge rectangular box containing text.

President Abraham Lincoln proposed a railroad network to connect to California. He signed the Pacific Railroad Act into law in 1862. Travel in the mid-1800s meant long, stressful, and expensive trips. This could take months. Wagon train, stagecoach, and foot were the most common ways of traveling.

President Abraham Lincoln proposed a railroad network to connect to ____.

A. Nevada

B. California

C. Oregon

Workers

The rail crews included immigrants, former soldiers from the Civil War, and Americans looking for a job. Union Pacific workers were primarily Irish laborers.

Mormons built much of the track in Utah. Central Pacific workers were Chinese immigrants. The Chinese were hard workers and required less pay because they were very poor in China. They earned \$25 a month. White men, however, received \$35 a month plus a place to live and food to eat. The Chinese were not allowed to become citizens, own property, vote, testify in court, or live with whites.



**Central Pacific workers were ____
immigrants.**

A. French

B. Chinese

C. Greek