

## Chapter 23 - Political Paralysis in the Gilded Age

### Essential Question

How did the American political system deal with the problems of the Gilded Age?

### Essential Vocabulary

Tweed Ring

Credit Mobilier scandal

Panic of 1873

Gilded Age

Patronage

Compromise of 1877

Sharecropping

Jim Crow

*Plessy v. Ferguson*

Chinese Exclusion Act

Pendleton Act

Homestead Strike

### Questions from Reading

1. What led to Grant's election in 1868?
2. Describe the economic corruption of the time period?
3. What were the economic problems of the 1870s?
4. How did both political parties use patronage?
5. What were the challenges of sharecropping?
6. What was the ruling in the case *Plessy v. Ferguson*?
7. What was the impact of the Chinese Exclusion Act?
8. What was the goal of the Populist movement?
9. What happened at the Homestead Strike?