

## 1 **Cities Grow and Change**

- Section 18-3

## 2 **I. Rapid Growth of Cities**

- “We cannot all live in cities, yet nearly all seem determined to do so.” - Horace Greely

## 3 **A. Urbanization**

- Rapid growth of city population
- 1860 1 in 5 city dweller
- 1890 1 in 3 live in cities
- Reason: cities attract industry and industry attracts people
- Fast growing cities located near waterways (New York, San Francisco, Chicago)

## 4 **B. Growing Out and Up**

- Elevated trains and Subway trains helped out growth in suburbs.
- Steel bridges helped growth.
- First skyscrapers - 10 stories, then 30 ...
- Elevators helped with this
- Poor lived in oldest section of city, Middle class farther out in row houses or apartments, Rich farther out in new homes.

## 5 **II. Problems of Urban Life**

- Fire - 1871 - Chicago Fire - leveled 3 square miles of downtown, killed 300, 18,000 homeless.

## 6 **The Chicago Fire -15:38**

## 7 **A. Tenement Life**

- Tenement: Buildings divided into many apartments.
- No windows, heat or indoor plumbing
- Over 10 people in a single room
- Streets littered with garbage
- Cholera and other diseases

## 8 **B. Improving City Life**

- Installed street lights
- Set up police, fire, and sanitation departments
- Mother Cabrini, Catholic nun, set up hospitals
- Salvation Army gave food, clothing and shelter to homeless

## 9 **C. Settlement Houses**

- Jane Addams - from wealthy family - had sympathy for poor
- 1889 she opened Hull House a settlement house (a center offering help to the urban poor) in the slums of Chicago
- Settlement houses taught English, music, sports and provided nurseries.
- Addams pressured legislative leaders to outlaw child labor

## 10 **III. The Excitement of City Life**

### **A. Department Stores**

- Department stores offered all goods in one place, instead of going to different stores for each item.

## 11 **B. Leisure Activities**

- Museums, orchestra, art galleries, entertainment, parks, zoos, gardens, circuses...
- 1850 - Frederick Law Olmsted planned Central Park

## 12 **C. Sports**

- Baseball most popular sport
- 1869 - 1st Professional team - Cincinnati Red Stockings
- 7 years later 8 teams in National League of Professional Baseball clubs
- 1891 - James Naismith nailed two peach baskets to the walls of a gym in Springfield MA - basketball became favorite winter sport
- Football was around but dangerous - no helmets - 44 college players died.