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...In the late 1800s and early 1900s, miners came and went. Some were rewarded with great success while others experienced great tragedy. One famous miner who experienced both was "Wild" Bob Womack. In 1878, Wild Bob found a small piece of silver and spent the next ten years searching for its source. In 1889, he secured a grubstake and ten months later staked a claim on Beacon Hill, the El Paso Load. Due to the high degree of skepticism in the area, Womack's discovery was not taken seriously. Two years later, Womack sold the El Paso Load for a total of \$800. This was all the money that Womack would ever receive, and later died in poverty. The El Paso Load went on to vend over \$5,000,000. ...The Pony Express was founded by John Butterfield in 1858. Riders for the Pony Express were expected to ride day and night to reach their destinations on time. It took a special type of cowboy to be an express rider and the most famous of these riders was Clifford "Swift" Clavenhold. Swift held the record for the fastest time between Missouri and Colorado. Stories are told of a sleeping rider who once stormed through the middle of town. Later, Swift admitted that there was one time when he fell asleep in Kansas and woke up at the Colorado line, still on his horse. Coincidentally, Swift has no memory of that record-setting ride.

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