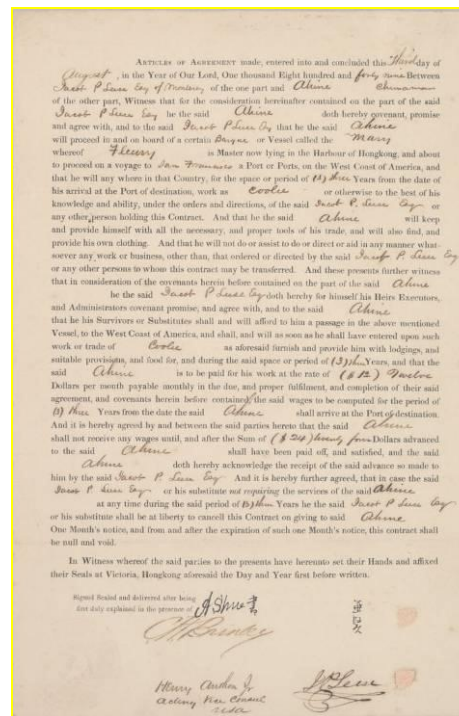


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1850	-----	-----	According to the 1850 census, California's population is 92,597, while the United States as a whole has a population of 23,191,876, an increase of 35.9% in ten years. 73% of California's population is between the ages of 20 and 40, and 92 % is male.
---		Sacramento River	CONNECTING THE WEST: During the year the steamboats <i>Fashion, Chesapeake, H.F. Clay, Gold Hunter, El Dorado, Hartford, Governor Dana, Yuba, Phoenix, Linda, New England, Lawrence, Star, Aetna,</i> and <i>Jack Hays</i> commence running on the Sacramento River.
---		San Francisco Bay	Ferry commuting begins on the San Francisco Bay.
---		Marshall Gold Discovery SHP	The town of Coloma is surveyed and Main Street is laid out in 1850.
---		Orleans Bar	Placer mining begins at Orleans Bar in 1850.
---		Millerton Lake SRA	Mining in the area begins in 1850. The town of Millerton is founded as Rootville in 1850.
---		Old Town San Diego SHP	Lt. William H. Emory is asked to serve as interim Boundary Commissioner.
---		Torrey Pines SR	Dr. C.C. Parry, engaged with the Mexican Boundary Survey in 1850, along with Dr. Joseph LeConte identifies the Torrey Pines as a distinct species.
---		Angel Island SP	Ship hulks are anchored off of Angel Island for the incarceration of prisoners until 1853.
---		Suisun City	Suisun City is founded. Suisun means "west wind" in the language of the Patwin Indians who live in this area
---		San Francisco	Of the 1200 murders in San Francisco in the four years 1850-1854, only one results in a legal execution.
---		California coast	George Davidson heads the survey of the California Coast. (1850-1857)
---		Nevada City	Nevada City is named.

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1850	---	China	COMPETING CULTURES: The Taiping Rebellion begins in Southern China, and will continue until 1872. This event will encourage many Chinese to flee to the American West; some accept indentured servitude to pay for their passage.

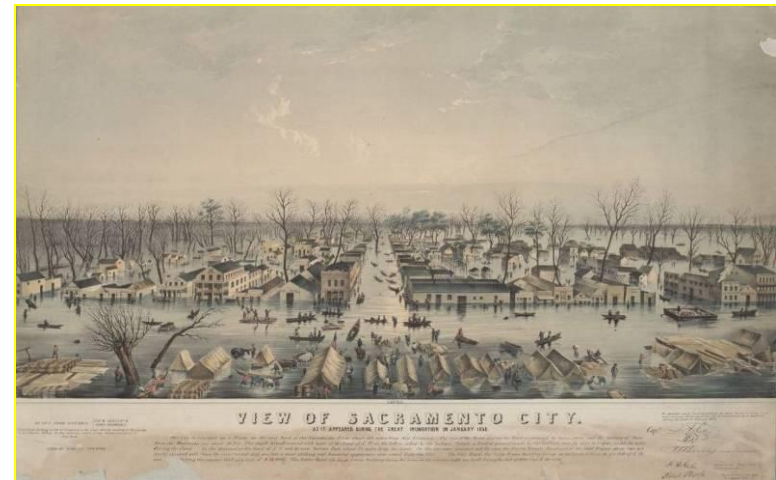


Articles of Indenture for Ahine, a Chinese migrant.

---	United States	Books prior to this year were printed on alkaline paper and tended to survive. Publishers switched to cheaper paper based on wood pulp instead of rags and linen. The new material contained an acid residue that ate wood fibers and destroyed books in as little as 30 years.
---	United States	Only 2% of the American population lives past 65.
---	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Female clerks are employed for the first time in the United States by Philadelphia storekeepers.

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---	United States		The Arapaho Indians issued a \$5 bill.
---	United States		Jersey cows are introduced into the United States.
---	Panama		Panama's city of Colon was founded as the isthmus of Panama became a route for the California gold rush.
---	Arctic		Expeditions to the Arctic involving 11 British and 2 American ships find evidence of the Franklin Expedition. Three graves dug into the permafrost are discovered in 1850, their headstones dated 1846. A written record was found in 1859, indicating that Franklin died on June 11, 1847, and that Erebus and Terror were abandoned in April 1848. The crews' deaths were later attributed to either scurvy or lead poisoning from the food tins.
January			
5		San Francisco	The California Exchange opens.
8		Sacramento	A large flood hits Sacramento. Settlers construct temporary housing on higher ground to the east and wait for the waters to recede. Fundraising begins for the construction of levees.




Sacramento as it appeared during the Great Inundation of 1850.

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1850	16	Washington, D.C.	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: A bill is introduced in Congress to organize the territories of California, Utah, and New Mexico. Controversy erupts over their future status as "free" or "slave" states.
	18	Old Sacramento SHP	Shiny flakes discovered at the foot of J Street cause a minor gold rush in the streets of Sacramento.
February	1	Border Field SP	By February 1st, the Boundary Commission surveyors have determined the end points for the California portion of the international boundary.
	4	San Jose	Unhappy with their quarters at San Jose, a bill is passed by the legislature making Vallejo the new permanent seat of government.
	18	San Jose	California's first 27 counties are formed by an act of the Legislature. The first 27 counties were: Butte, Branciforte (later Santa Cruz), Calaveras, Colusi (later Colusa), Contra Costa, El Dorado, Los Angeles, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yola (Yolo), and Yuba.
March	27	Old Sacramento SHP	The City of Sacramento is incorporated.
	---	San Diego	William Heath Davis forms a partnership with several other investors to lay out a new town site for San Diego closer to the waterfront.
	---	Nevada City	Nevada City is organized as a town.
	---	-----	Charles Crocker comes to California.
	27	Columbia SHP	Gold is discovered by Dr. Thaddeus Hildreth, his brother George and a handful of other prospectors. Hildreth's Diggings, a tent-and-shanty town is established. It is later renamed American Camp, then Columbia.
	27	San Jose	The California Legislature adjourns.
	27	Benicia Capitol SHP	The city of Benicia is incorporated.

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27		Old Town San Diego SHP	The city of San Diego is incorporated.
			
			<i>San Diego in 1850.</i>
31	Washington, D.C.		John C. Calhoun dies while a senator from South Carolina. He had served as Vice President under two presidents, John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson. Calhoun is most notable for arguing that a state could nullify any federal law that it wished. This ideology will set a precedent for the secession of Southern States.
April			
4		Old Sacramento SHP	A second great fire strikes Sacramento.
4		Los Angeles	COMPETING CULTURES: Los Angeles is incorporated. Approximately 7,000 live in Los Angeles County; most still speak Spanish as their primary language.
9		San Jose	The State Library is founded, with the books kept in the Secretary of State's Office until 1861.
13		San Jose	COMPETING CULTURES: The legislature imposes a tax of \$20 per month on all foreign miners, in the form of a license.
15		San Francisco	The City of San Francisco is incorporated.

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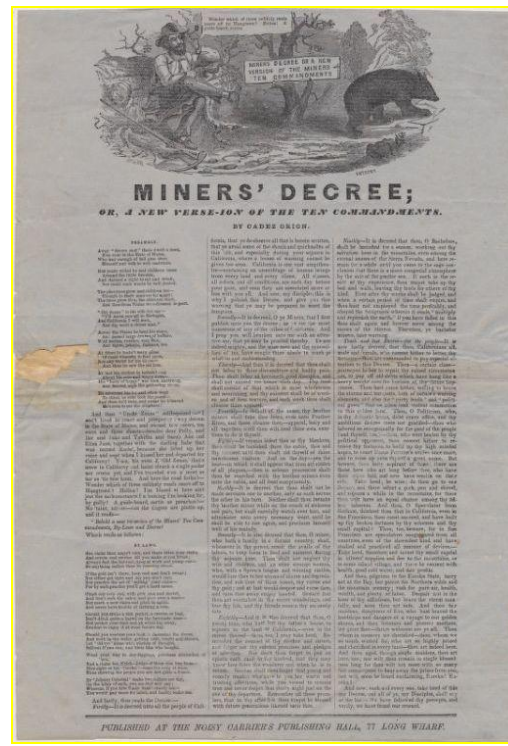
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1850		San Jose	INDIAN WARS: The California Legislature passes the <i>Act for the Government and Protection of Indians</i> . In reality, this legislation takes away basic citizenship rights for Native Americans, and allows for their enslavement. By the end of the 1850's, over 10,000 California Indians had been sold as slaves. The law will not be repealed until 1937.	
	23	near present-day Yuma, AZ	INDIAN WARS: At the confluence of the Gila and Colorado Rivers, a group of 100 California Militia members attack Quechan Indians there, but will remain besieged until September.	
		26	Sacramento	The <i>Sacramento Transcript</i> reports that Gold Run claims are being sold for between \$5,000 and \$18,000.
		28	Old Town San Diego SHP	The City of San Diego is chartered by the California legislature.
May	---	Downieville	The town of Downieville has grown to a population of 5,000 by April, 1850.	
	---	New York	E. Gould Buffam's <i>Six Months in the Gold Mines</i> is published in New York.	
	---	Prairie Creek Redwoods SP	At Gold Bluff Beach, gold is discovered in 1850. Miners Ridge Trail becomes a pack train route for miners.	
	---	San Francisco	James A. Folger helps William Bovee build a spice and coffee mill in San Francisco. He assumes control and Folgers Coffee establishes itself on the Barbary Coast as the first major coffee company in San Francisco.	
		1	San Francisco	John White Geary is elected first mayor of San Francisco. Leaving California in 1852, he will later become the governor of the Kansas Territory, a Civil War Officer, and Governor of Pennsylvania.
		4	San Francisco	San Francisco is engulfed by a great fire for the second time.
		15	near Upper Lake	INDIAN WARS: Pomo Indians, gathered at a sacred island known to them as <i>Bo-no-po-ti</i> or <i>Badon-napo-ti</i> (Old Island), are slaughtered mercilessly by the 1 st Dragoons Regiment of U.S. Cavalry, under the command of General Nathaniel Lyon. An estimated 60-100 Pomo Indians, including women and children, are killed in the event which came to be known both as the Clear Lake Massacre and the Bloody Island Massacre. Lyon will later fall as a Union General at the Battle of Wilson's Creek.

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19		Columbia SHP and Sonora	<p>COMPETING CULTURES: An uprising of Mexican, French, Basque, German, and Chilean miners occurs at Sonora and in American Camp (later called Columbia) in response to posted notices related to the \$20 Foreign Miners Tax passed the previous month. The political fallout over the incident results in the expulsion of many foreigners.</p>
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Residing in towns with little or no official law enforcement, miners compiled and published various versions of “The Miner’s Ten Commandments” to maintain order. Although not officially law, decrees like this one were often respected in mining communities.

22	Santa Fe, NM		New Mexico forms its own government and applies unsuccessfully for statehood.
29		San Diego	The <i>San Diego Herald</i> publishes its first newspaper.

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June			
---		Empire Mine SHP	The first recognized discovery of gold quartz is made in Grass Valley.
---		Old Town San Diego SHP	John R. Bartlett is appointed Boundary Commissioner.
8		Shasta SHP	The town of Reading Springs, founded in 1849, is renamed Shasta on June 8th.
10		Sacramento	COMPETING CULTURES: Former slave Barney Fletcher comes to Sacramento during the Gold Rush and shortly thereafter founds the first African Methodist Episcopal Church on the Pacific Coast, which later comes to be known as St. Andrews.
14		San Francisco	San Francisco is burned in a third great fire.
17	Near Mentor, OH		The paddle-wheeler <i>G.P. Griffith</i> burns; 206 are killed.
July			
1		San Francisco	At least 626 ships are docked in San Francisco Bay. Many are quickly deserted.



By 1851, thousands of ships had been left deserted in San Francisco Bay; many used for lumber in constructing businesses. Most, if not all of the ships pictured here are abandoned.

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1	Independence, MO		CONNECTING THE WEST: The first regular overland mail service west of the Missouri River begins between Independence, Missouri and Salt Lake City, Utah.
4		Sonora	The first issue of the <i>Sonora Herald</i> is published.
9	Washington, D.C.		Zachary Taylor, 12th President of the United States, dies of cholera just 16 months into his first term, the third shortest tenure in U.S. history. Millard Fillmore succeeds Taylor as president.
17	Cambridge, MA		Harvard Observatory takes 1st photograph of a star (Vega).
23		Stockton	Stockton is incorporated as a city.
25	Rogue River, OR		Gold is discovered on the Rogue River in Oregon Territory.
August			
---	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Henry Clay proposes a compromise in Congress that California be admitted as a free state, that the Utah and New Mexico territories be allowed to determine their own laws regarding slavery, and that the slave trade--but not slavery--be abolished from the District of Columbia. Clay also urges a stiffer Fugitive Slave Law. The controversial Clay fails to get the compromise passed, but a slightly modified version is pushed forth successfully by Stephen A. Douglas. This compromise legislation remains in effect for only four years, when the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 is passed, also with hopes of avoiding potential conflict between Northerners and Southerners.
6		Marysville	The Marysville Herald is first published and edited by R.H. Taylor.
14	Ft. Laramie, WY		The number of gold seekers and home seekers bound for California, Oregon or Utah and stopping at Fort Laramie reaches 39,506 men, 2,421 women, 2,609 children, and 9,927 wagons by August 14th.
8-15		Old Sacramento SHP	Squatters riot in the streets of Sacramento. Mayor Bigelow is shot and the City Assessor J.M. Woodland is mortally wounded.
15		Sacramento (Brighton)	Sacramento County Sheriff Joseph McKinney is killed by squatters at Brighton.
18		on the Sacramento River	The steamboat <i>Fawn</i> explodes on the Sacramento River.
18	France		Honore de Balzac (b.1799), French novelist, dies.


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20 September		San Francisco	The Society of California Pioneers is founded.
7	Washington, D.C.		The House of Representatives passes the California bill by a vote of 150 to 56.
9	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: California is admitted to the Union as a free state, giving free states a majority in the Senate. This was one of the bargains of the Compromise of 1850 and a concession to the North. California is the 31 st state admitted to the United States.
9	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The Texas and New Mexico Act is passed by Congress. The act authorized payment to Texas of \$10,000,000 for relinquishing its claims to territories beyond the new state lines, and established the boundaries of New Mexico Territory. As a concession to the South, New Mexico will be a free or a slave state according to its constitution upon admission to the Union. This option was crafted as part of the Compromise of 1850.
9	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The Utah Act establishes the territorial boundaries of Utah. It is to be a free or slave state according to the constitution it adopts on admission to the Union. Part of the Compromise of 1850, this was a concession to the South.
11	Washington, D.C.		The California delegation presents itself in Washington, D.C. John C. Fremont, an anti-slavery Democrat, and William Gwin, a pro-slavery Democrat, are seated as California's first two U.S. Senators.
17		San Francisco	A fourth great fire engulfs San Francisco.
18	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Congress passes the Fugitive Slave Bill, requiring the return of runaway slaves to their owners. The legislation required the return of escaped slaves to their owners. Fugitives were not permitted a jury trial and could not testify in their own behalf. This law was part of the Compromise of 1850 and a concession to the South.
20	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The District of Columbia abolishes slave trade. Part of the Compromise of 1850, this was a concession to the North.

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27	New York City		The American actor Edwin Booth makes his New York City stage debut at the age of 16 in the play, <i>The Iron Chest</i> , at the National Theater.
25		San Francisco	The San Francisco Baptist Association is organized.
28	Washington, D.C.		CONNECTING THE WEST: The Swamplands Act is passed by Congress. This leads to drainage, landfill, and development of waterways throughout the United States.
28	Utah Territory		Mormon leader Brigham Young is named the first governor of the Utah Territory by Pres. Fillmore.
October			
7		San Jose	A state election is held to decide the location of the capital. Vallejo is selected.
12	Philadelphia, PA		1st women's medical school (Female Medical College of Pennsylvania), opens.
18		San Francisco	Formal news of the admission of California reaches California with the arrival of the mail steamer <i>Oregon</i> , entering San Francisco harbor flying all her bunting and signaling the news.
20		Sacramento	Cholera outbreak in Sacramento.
23-24	Worcester, MA		The first national women's rights convention is held in Worcester, Massachusetts.
25	Southern U.S.		SECESSION CRISIS: The Southern Rights Association is established, arguing for dissolution of the Union.

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1850			
29		San Francisco	Formal celebrations--parades, flags--and commemorative medals are struck in honor of California's admission. A grand celebration ball is given by the citizens of San Francisco in honor of the admission of California into the Union. Col. Jonathan D. Stevenson was Grand Marshal. Elizabeth Maria Wills sang an ode written for the celebration. The steamer "Sagamore" exploded during the celebration, as it cast off for Stockton. Up to 40 are killed near the city's Central Wharf.
			
			<i>Celebrating California's Admission to the Union, San Francisco, 1850</i>
November			
6	Washington, D.C.	Angel Island SHP	US President Millard Fillmore issues an executive order that designates the southern point of the Marin Headlands a military reservation, later called Lime Point Military Reservation. Land at Alcatraz Island, The Presidio, Angel Island, Goat Island, Black Point, and Fort Point is also set aside for military reservations.
9		Sacramento	A large fire erupts in Sacramento.
17		Sacramento	Sacramento is declared free of cholera.

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1850 December			
1		San Francisco	Sermon by Rev. Charles A. Farelly at the First Unitarian Church. He said there was sin in San Francisco, "But here it is unmasked—makes no apologies and asks none."

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1851	---	Washington, D.C.	-----	According to the 1850 census, California's population is 92% male, and 73% is in between the ages of 20 and 40.
	---	Los Angeles		Phineas Banning arrives in Los Angeles from his native Delaware and begins developing a port (San Pedro) for the city.
	---	Bidwell Mansion SHP		INDIAN WARS: Treaty G—one of eighteen treaties between the US government and Native Americans—is signed at Rancho Chico. The treaties are never ratified.
	---	Washington, D.C.		Congress passes a bill requiring California land grants to be confirmed. The Federal Land Commission requires all landholders to prove valid title.
	---	Rome, New York		The first US cheese factory opens on the Erie Canal outside Rome, New York.
	---	Point Lobos SR		The whaler's cabin is built at Point Lobos.
	---	Patrick's Point SP		Patrick Beegan homesteads the land near the Point which later will bear his name.
	---	Malakoff Diggins SHP		Gold is discovered. The town of North Bloomfield is established to provide services to the miners.
	---	Año Nuevo SR		José Castro's heirs sell their interests in their rancho to Isaac Graham.
	---	Old Town San Diego SHP		San Diego experiences a building boom with the construction of the Colorado House constructed by Cave Coutts, the Gila House and the Exchange Hotel. R.E. Raymond opens a store in the Pico adobe.
	---	-----		INDIAN WARS: Fewer than 100,000 Indians remain in California. The non-Indian population outnumbers the Indian population in the state for the first time.
	---	Mount Diablo SP		Mount Diablo is made the official base point for California land surveys. The government cabin and telescope are built on the summit.
	---	Cabrillo Nat'l Monument		CONNECTING THE WEST: A lighthouse is built at Point Loma near San Diego
	---	San Francisco		Books Inc. first opens as an independent bookseller in San Francisco.
	---	Beaver Island, Michigan		President Fillmore sends the USS <i>Michigan</i> , the Navy's first iron-hulled warship, to Beaver Island to arrest James Strang, who is later declared innocent of all charges.

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1851			Strang then effectively detached his Mormon kingdom from the US but maintained voting rights.
	_____		Photography had a major breakthrough with the development of a new emulsion called collodion, which caused photosensitive salts to adhere to a sheet of glass.
	France		Louis Napoleon stages a coup. Victor Hugo seeks refuge on the Channel Island of Guernsey where he writes <i>Les Miserables</i> and other works.
---		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: Peter Donahue, an Irish immigrant from Scotland, opens the state's first iron works and machine shop in San Francisco, becoming the Union Iron Works.
	_____		Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel, <i>The House of Seven Gables</i> , is published.
	Boston		<i>Gleason's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion</i> , the first US pictorial magazine, is founded. The publication is discontinued in 1859.
	New York		Lola Montez, a self-styled Spanish dancer (she is Irish), opens a two-year American tour with the performance of <i>Betty, The Tyrolean</i> in New York.
---		Los Angeles	The Los Angeles <i>Star</i> begins publication.
---		Sacramento	George Fitch founds the <i>Placer Times and Transcript</i> in Sacramento.
---		Oroville SRA	Louise Amelia Knapp Smith Clapp begins writing to her sister Molly from Rich Bar and Indian Bar. Her 23 letters are later published in the <i>Pioneer</i> in 1854-55 and once again in 1922 as <i>The Shirley Letters</i> .
January			
6		San Jose	The second session of the Legislature convenes at San Jose.
9		San Jose	Citing "personal matters" but suffering from dramatic disapproval in both public opinion and in the state legislature, the state's first governor, Peter Burnett, resigns. John McDougal is sworn in as his successor.
23	Portland, OR		The flip of a coin determines whether a new city in Oregon is named after Boston, Massachusetts, or Portland, Maine, with Portland winning.

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1851	25	Akron, Ohio	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Freed slave and abolitionist Sojourner Truth attends a national women's convention where the female delegates were heckled by men in the audience who claimed that men were superior to women. Frances Gage, president of the convention, recorded Sojourner Truth's words that day. "Dat man ober dar say dat women needs to be helped into carriages and lifted ober ditches, and to hab de best place everywhar. Nobody eber helps me into carriages, or ober mud-puddles, or gibbs me any best place! And ain't I a woman! Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed, and planted and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man--when I could get it--and bear de lash as well! And ain't I a woman? I have borne thirteen chilern, and seen 'em mos' all sold into slavery, and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain't I a woman?" Sojourner Truth's words, according to Gage, "turned the sneers and jeers of an excited crowd into notes of respect and admiration."
	27	New York City	John James Audubon, famed naturalist and artist, dies at the age of 65.
	31	San Francisco	First orphanage in California, the San Francisco Orphan Asylum, is founded by Protestants.
	31	New York	Gail Borden announces invention of evaporated milk.
February	---	Plumas Eureka SP	The Eureka gold quartz vein (a mammoth deposit) is discovered. The vein yielded more than 2 million dollars in 14 years. Jamison City and other mining camps are founded nearby.
	14	San Jose	An act of the Legislature removes the capital to Vallejo.
	15	Boston	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Shadrach, a fugitive slave, is rescued from forcible return to his master by an abolitionist mob in Boston. Many states begin to pass personal liberty laws designed to circumvent the federal Fugitive Slave Law.
March	3	Washington, D.C.	Three-cent stamps are authorized by Congress. A letter weighing half an ounce can now be sent up to 3,000 miles for 3 cents.
	4	Washington, D.C.	Vallejo
			John C. Fremont's term as U.S. Senator expires. Political bickering in the pro-slavery dominated California legislature will leave the seat vacant until January of 1852.

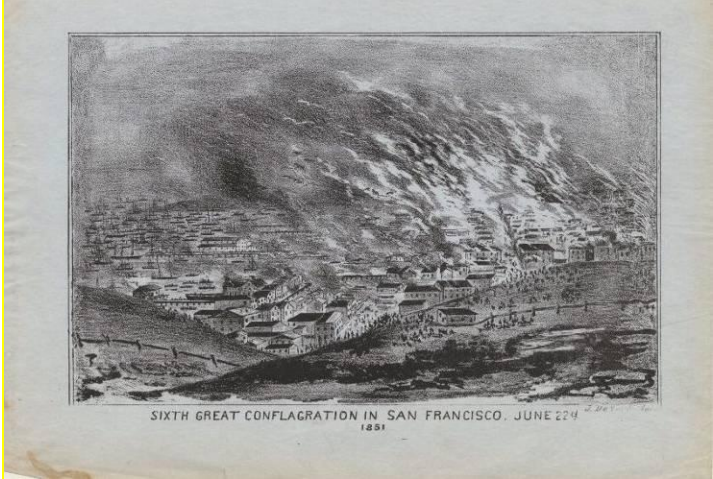
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1851			
		Sacramento	The Sacramento Fire Department is organized.
		San Jose	COMPETING CULTURES: The Foreign Miner's Tax, which was designed to discourage Chinese gold mining, was repealed as a result of massive public outcry.
		Sacramento	The first issue of the Sacramento <i>Daily Union</i> is produced.
		Santa Clara	Jesuit College is established at Santa Clara, which will later be known as Santa Clara University, and is California's College as well as the first Catholic University west of the Mississippi.
		Yosemite Valley	INDIAN WARS: The 58 men of the Mariposa Battalion under Major James D. Savage are the first whites to enter Yosemite Valley. Their first view is from the plateau later named Mount Beatitude. They expel Chief Tenaya and his band of Hwahneechee Indians. Dr. Bunnell, a physician in the battalion, names the valley Yosemite to honor the local Indians, not realizing "yohemeti" means "some of them are killers" and thus was an insult against the valley people.
April	Vietnam		Emperor Tu Duc orders Christian priests put to death, infuriating Western powers.
		Old Town San Diego SHP	Cave J. Couets marries Ysidora Bandini, daughter of Juan Bandini of San Diego.
		San Jose	California's Homestead law is signed by Gov. John McDougal.
May	Canada		The first Canadian postage stamp was issued.
	London, England		The Great Exhibition opens in London—the first-ever world's fair—and attracts more than 6 million visitors to see the glass and iron Crystal Palace through October 15. Cyrus McCormick exhibits his reaper at the Great Exhibition.
		San Francisco	A fifth great fire strikes San Francisco; thirty are killed.
		San Francisco	The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is organized.
	New York		Linus Yale is awarded a patent for the first drum and pin lock.
	_____		John Gorrie is awarded a patent for the first ice-making machine.


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1851			
15		San Francisco	San Francisco experiences a “severe earthquake”, breaking windows and shaking buildings and ships.
25	Argentina		Jose Justo de Urquiza leads a rebellion against his former ally, the absolute ruler Juan Manuel de Rosas.
26		Millerton Lake SRA	Camp Miller (later Ft. Miller) is founded to check escalating violence among settlers, miners, and Yokut Indians.
26		Mt Diablo SP	Mount Diablo made official base point for land surveys.
29		Old Town San Diego SHP	The San Diego <i>Herald</i> first begins publication.
June			
2	Maine		Maine becomes the first state to enact a law prohibiting alcohol.
3	New York		The New York Knickerbockers wear the first baseball uniforms.
5	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Harriet Beecher Stow published the first installment of <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> in <i>The National Era</i> .
9		San Francisco	In response to a wave of crime and arson, the First Committee of Vigilance is organized at the California Engine Company's firehouse at the corner of Market and Bush streets. George Oakes, a volunteer fireman and James Neall, a merchant who lived in Happy Valley, were the organizers. They asked Sam Brannan, another volunteer fireman, to help found the group. On the same day he commits theft, John Jenkins is hanged.
20		San Jose	The <i>San Jose Weekly Visitor</i> (later called the <i>San Jose Mercury</i>) begins publication.
22		Vallejo	California’s capital is moved from San Jose to Vallejo.

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1851			
22		San Francisco	A Sixth Great Fire strikes San Francisco, destroying 14 blocks of the city's heart in only 4 hours.
			
			<i>San Francisco, as destroyed by fire for a sixth time in 1851.</i>
July			
---		Benicia Capital SHP	An ordinance depot is established at Benicia. It is renamed Benicia Arsenal in 1852.
4	Washington, D.C.		The enlargement of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. is begun with the laying of the cornerstone for an extension.
7		San Francisco	The city population of San Francisco is estimated to be 30,000.
10		Santa Clara	The College of the Pacific is chartered in Santa Clara, as California Wesleyan College. In 1852, it is renamed the University of the Pacific and transferred to San Jose. It will eventually be relocated to Stockton in 1924.

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11		San Francisco	James Stuart, a wanted criminal who was transported from England to Australia for forgery, confesses to numerous crimes and is hanged publicly by the Vigilance Committee.
			 <p style="font-size: small;">JAMES STUART HUNG BY THE VIGILANCE COMMITTEE IN MARKET ST. WHARF ON THE 11th OF JULY 1851. — IMMENSE MULTITUDE PRESENT. — 500 OF THE VIGILANCE COMMITTEE ON DUTY AT THE EXECUTION. — His confessions & confession proved him guilty of the murder of John Moore Sheriff of Placer County, — of the murderess Abigail a robbery of Mr. Jackson in this city, & of the Captain of the brig "Sea Castle" in the harbor — of the robbery of the Custom House at Monterey — besides numerous other robberies & murders. No criminal was ever more hated or successful — more reckless or cold-blooded. He was a Sydney convict, transported for life for forgery. His last words were "I die resigned — my sentence is just!"</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">VIEW TAKEN FROM THE STORESHIP "HYDRA" — PUBLISHED BY "THE WORLD" OF NEW YORK — SAN FRANCISCO. — PUBLISHED BY DEATH QUINN & CO. (Call Care New York) 27 3-2</p>
23	_____		INDIAN WARS: The Sioux Indians sign the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux, giving up their land in Iowa and Minnesota to the United States.
August			
---		Beckwourth Pass	CONNECTING THE WEST: James Beckwourth leads the first intact wagon train across the Sierras, on a trail he built earlier that year along a pass he discovered the previous year.
---		Benicia	The Benicia Arsenal becomes active. It is the 1st ordnance supply depot in the West
11-13	New Orleans		Gen. Narciso Lopez leads an expedition of Spanish refugees and American Southerners from New Orleans to Cuba in a failed attempt to inspire an uprising against Spain.

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12	Washington, D.C.		A patent for a practical sewing machine is granted to Isaac Merrit Singer, who quickly organizes the I.M. Singer & Company. The unique feature of Singer's machine is its continuous stitching action. Elis Howe, whose machine was then the most popular, initiates a royalty suit against Singer for producing a similar machine.
21	Poverty Point, Australia		Gold is discovered at Poverty Point.
22		San Francisco	The San Francisco Committee of Vigilance hangs suspected arsonist Robinson, who had just been pardoned by Governor McDougal. Gov. McDougal, along with San Francisco's mayor and sheriff, respond by raiding the Committee's office the following day, and rescuing the two condemned men. On August 24, the Committee organizes to break down the jailhouse doors, recapture their prisoners, and then proceeds to hang them in front of a large crowd. Sam Brannan, a Committee leader, addressed the large crowd in the moments after the double execution.
22	Off the Coast of England		The schooner <i>America</i> defeats fourteen British vessels off the English coast, to win the first America's Cup.
25	Ballarat, Australia		Golden Point is named for the discovery of gold. The area in Australia develops as the Ballarat Diggings.
31		San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: <i>The Flying Cloud</i> arrives in San Francisco from New York with a record time of 89 days, which is less than half the time of the average passenger ship of its day.
September ---		San Bernardino	Rancho San Bernardino is bought for \$84,000 by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons).
1		San Francisco	Several members of the Committee of Vigilance are elected to state and municipal offices.
4	Geelong, Australia		The <i>Geelong Advertiser</i> reports the gold discovery at Ballarat, Australia.
14	Cooperstown, New York		James Fenimore Cooper dies at his home in Cooperstown, New York.
15		San Francisco	Committee of Vigilance votes to disband. There were 700 members when it dissolved.


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1851			
	17	Wyoming	INDIAN WARS: The Ft. Laramie Treaty of 1851 is signed between the U.S. government and the Cheyenne, Sioux, Arapaho, Navajo, Crow, Shoshone, Assiniboine, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara nations. The treaty sets forth traditional territorial claims of the tribes as among themselves, in exchange for a promise of safe passage for white settlers and annual \$50,000 payments for ten years.
	18	New York City	The first edition of The New York <i>Daily Times</i> is published. The <i>Times</i> is founded by Henry J. Raymond, Republican Speaker of the New York State Assembly, and banker George Jones as a conservative counterpoint to Horace Greeley's <i>Tribune</i> . (It becomes the New York <i>Times</i> in 1857.)
	19	-----	John Bigler elected governor over the Whig candidate Pearson B. Reading.
	20	Geelong, Australia	The first gold license is issued in Australia.
November	---	Warner's Ranch	INDIAN WARS: Antonio Garrá, head of the Cupeño Indians, attempts to create a union of tribes to drive the Americans out of Southern California. He gains recruits, who plunder ranchos and kill settlers, but the revolt ends with Garra's execution.
	2	Paris	Louis Napoleon takes power in France.
	13	London, Paris	The London-to-Paris telegraph opens.
	14	_____	Herman Melville's novel, <i>Moby Dick</i> is first published in the United States.
	15	Hawaii	Sam Brannan and party landed in the Kingdom of Hawaii and asks King Kamehameha III to give them land for a pro-slavery colony. Brannan is soon forced by the king to return to San Francisco.
December	---	San Bernardino	COMPETING CULTURES: Hearing rumors about Indian attacks, Mormon settlers construct Ft. San Bernardino.
	1	Washington, D.C.	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Charles Sumner fills the US Senate seat, vacated by Daniel Webster in 1850 upon his becoming Secretary of State. Sumner is a strong voice for abolition.

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1851	16	Waterbury, Connecticut	The first patent for a process of shaping brass into bowls is issued to Hiram Hayden. Dishes of brass are fastened to spinning dies, are pressed to the shape of the die.
	20	San Diego	INDIAN WARS: Antonio Garra, leader of the Garra Revolt throughout Southern California, is captured by the U.S. Army as a result of betrayal by one of his allies, Cahuilla leader Juan Antonio.
	24	Washington, D.C.	Fire destroys two-thirds of the Library of Congress, about 35,000 volumes.
	29	Boston	The first American Young Men's Christian Association is organized in Boston.
	---	-----	Gold exports for the year 1851 amounted to \$34,492,000.

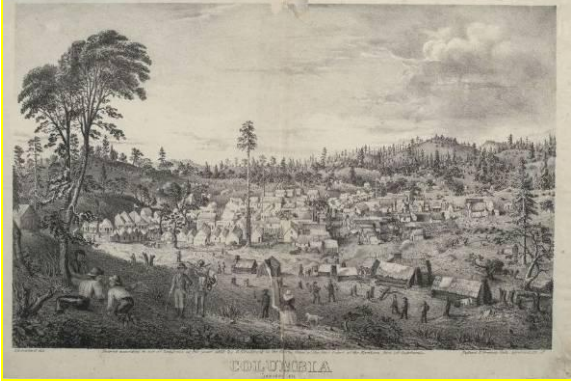
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1852	---	-----	<p>COMPETING CULTURES: California's state population is approximately 255,000. During the year 1852, 20,026 Chinese arrive in California. This is 8 times the total of the previous year, and Chinese will account for 1/10 of the state's non-Indian population throughout the decade. They flee floods, droughts, famines and revolutions.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Mongolian" Miners Washing, ca. 1852.</i></p>
---		California	<p>COMPETING CULTURES: Of the 11,794 known Chinese living in the state, only 7 are women.</p>
---		California	Sierra, Siskiyou, and Tulare Counties founded. Pautah County founded.
---	Meriden, Conn.		The International Silver Co. as its beginnings in the Meriden Britannia Co., founded in Meriden, Conn.
---		Sutter's Fort SHP	John Sutter is bankrupt by 1852.
---	Paris, France		The first piano accordion appears in Paris.
---	Philadelphia		John Neumann, a Catholic missionary, becomes the bishop of Philadelphia. He was later made a saint.
---	Utah Territory		<p>COMPETING CULTURES: Mormons concede for the first time that they practice polygamy, or "plural marriage."</p>

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1852			
---	Paris, France		Maria Vernet Worth, a Parisian shop clerk, becomes the first professional model, when her husband finds that he sells more dresses when she shows them off.
---	Washington, D.C		General Winfield Scott runs as a Whig against Franklin Pierce for president. Congress passes a resolution giving Scott the pay and rank of a lieutenant general.
---		San Francisco	Hubert Howe Bancroft arrives in San Francisco to try his hand at mining and selling books. He later opens a book and stationery store in San Francisco in 1856.
---		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: Henry M. Collins, a civil rights advocate of African American descent from Pittsburgh, arrives in San Francisco. He becomes a financial, religious, and cultural leader.
---		San Francisco	Isaac Friedlander corners the San Francisco flour market, forces up bread prices, and makes his first fortune.
---		San Francisco Bay	CONNECTING THE WEST: Contra Costa Steam Navigation Co. begins operation.
---	Hudson River		Andrew Jackson Downing, architect and horticulturist, dies in a Hudson River explosion.
---	Boston, Massachusetts		The Holstein cow breed arrives aboard a Dutch vessel.
---	Springfield, Massachusetts		Smith & Wesson found a business in Springfield.
---	Russia		COMPETING CULTURES: Heinrich Schliemann, German businessman, moves from California to Russia and makes another fortune selling indigo and potassium nitrate to the Russian Army.
---		San Diego	CONNECTING THE WEST: Phineas Banning and D.W. Alexander begin the first San Diego to Los Angeles stage line.
---		San Francisco	Wells Fargo Co. is founded.

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1852			
---		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: Domingo Ghirardelli, an Italian candymaker, opens up a new store on the corner of Washington and Geary streets, after an older store burned down in May. Ghirardelli imports cocoa beans from Peru and begins manufacturing his famous chocolate in San Francisco. D. Ghirardelli & Co. is incorporated.
January			
---		Columbia SHP	By 1852, there are over 5,000 people living in Columbia, with 8 hotels, 4 banks, 17 general stores, 2 firehouses, 2 bookstores, 1 newspaper, 3 churches, and over 40 drinking/gambling establishments. It is now the second-largest city on California.
			
			<i>Columbia in 1852, California's second-largest city.</i>
2		San Francisco	The United States Land Commission meets at San Francisco.
3	Hawaii		COMPETING CULTURES: The first Chinese arrive in Hawaii.
5		Vallejo	The Third Session of the California State Legislature begins at Vallejo. Due to inadequate accommodations and flooding, the legislature will move this session temporarily to Sacramento.
8		Vallejo	John Bigler is sworn in as California's third governor.
8		Vallejo	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: California's legislature passes laws that allow slave masters to reside indefinitely.
10		San Diego	INDIAN WARS: Antonio Garra, leader of the Garra rebellion, is convicted of murder and executed by a 12-man firing squad.

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1852			
	12	San Francisco	Ex-Governor McDougal and A.C. Russell, editor of the "Picayune," engage in a duel. Russell is hit in the hand and slightly wounded. Shortly afterwards, McDougal is arrested by the San Francisco Police Department for attempting to start another duel with a second person who had insulted him when he was governor.
February			
	5	Sacramento	The <i>Democratic State Journal</i> appears.
	16	Allegheny, Pennsylvania	Charles Taze Russell, founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses, is born.
March			
	7	Sacramento	A second flood devastates the City of Sacramento.
	13	New York, New York	The familiar symbol of the United States, "Uncle Sam," makes his debut as a cartoon character in the New York <i>Lantern</i> .
	18	New York City	Wells Fargo & Co. is founded by Henry Wells and William Fargo. It evolves into Wells Fargo Bank.
	20	United States	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Harriet Beecher Stowe's (1811-1896) <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> is published. It based on the theme that slavery is incompatible with Christianity. Due to the book's impact on forming public opinion against slavery, President Lincoln, upon meeting Stowe in 1862, asked her "So you're the little woman who wrote the book that made this Great War?"
April			
	23	New York	Uncle Sam cartoon figure made its debut in the NY <i>Lantern</i> weekly
	---	Orleans Bar	INDIAN WARS: Miners vote to "kill on sight" any Indian carrying a gun.
	19	San Francisco	The California Historical Society is founded.
	29	England	The first edition of Peter Mark Roget's <i>Thesaurus</i> is published. A London physician of French-Swiss ancestry, he began to collect and organize English words to improve his public speaking.
May			
	---	San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: 10,641 immigrants arrive by boat during the month of May.


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1852	---	Weaverville	INDIAN WARS: As revenge for the killing of five cows belonging to a white man, a posse of citizens rampage surrounding Wintu villages, leaving only two young girls alive. In total, 153 Wintun Indians are killed.
		Oakland	The City of Oakland is incorporated.
		Vallejo	COMPETING CULTURES: A foreign miner's tax (in the form of a \$3.00 license fee) is enacted in California and enforced primarily against the Chinese. Other states pass similar taxes.
June		San Francisco	The San Francisco Evening Journal begins publication by Pinkham Gee & Co.
	1-6	Baltimore	The Democratic National Convention nominates Franklin Pierce of New Hampshire for the presidency and William R. King of Alabama for the vice presidency. The convention adopts a platform that favors the Compromise of 1850 as a solution to the slavery question.
	8	San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: First known labor strike in San Francisco occurred when Chinese laborers working on the Parrott granite building demanded a wage increase.
	16-21	Baltimore	The Whig National Convention nominates Gen. Winfield Scott of New Jersey for the Presidency and William A. Graham of North Carolina for the vice presidency. The candidates are committed to the strict enforcement of the Compromise of 1850.
	29	Washington, D.C.	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Statesman Henry Clay of Kentucky dies of tuberculosis, and is the first person to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol. He was a master politician in the era preceding the Civil War. Born in 1777, Clay was a lawyer by trade. He began his lengthy political career in the Kentucky legislature and made three unsuccessful bids as the Whig Party's presidential candidate. By the time of his death, Clay had served his country as Secretary of State under John Quincy Adams, U.S. Senator, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. Clay was the chief architect of the Compromise of 1850, a feat that contributed to his nickname "The Great Compromiser." Shipping and buildings throughout the state will be draped in mourning, and services are held to commemorate his passing.

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1852			
July			
---		Marin County	The first permanent prison in California is constructed by inmates at Point San Quentin.
3	Washington, D.C.		Congress establishes a branch of the United States Mint in San Francisco.
8	Washington, D.C.		INDIAN WARS: The US Senate rejects treaties with 18 California tribes, but orders them to be filed under an injunction of secrecy until 1905.
12		San Francisco	Leland Stanford arrives in San Francisco from his native Wisconsin.
13		San Francisco, Sacramento	Wells Fargo opens up for business in San Francisco and Sacramento.
23		San Francisco	First burial takes place at the new National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco.
August			
---		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church is organized. It is the first black congregation in California.
4		California State Railroad Museum	CONNECTING THE WEST: The Sacramento Valley Railroad Company, California's first Railroad, is organized in Sacramento. It becomes the first passenger railroad in the West.
11	Pittsburg, PA		The Free-Soil National Convention nominates John P. Hales of New Hampshire for the presidency and George W. Julian of Indiana for the vice presidency.
17		Sacramento	CONNECTING THE WEST: The Sacramento, Auburn, and Nevada Railroad Company is incorporated. It will go under before construction begins.

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1852			
	18	San Francisco	The Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum in founded. Soon, it will take over the operations of the city's Protestant Orphanage, and later other orphanages as well.
			
			<p><i>The Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum served as the city's largest orphanage throughout the 19th century, saving thousands of children from the harsh life on city streets.</i></p>
	20	on Lake Erie	The steamer <i>Atlantic</i> collides with a fishing boat near Buffalo, NY, and sinks with over 500 people on board. Between 300-450 men, women, and children lose their lives.
September			
	---	Sacramento	California's first agricultural fair is held, funded by the New England Seed Store at 111 J Street. Eventually, the event evolves into the California State Fair.
	2	Sacramento	COMPETING CULTURES: The Congregation B'nai Israel purchases a building at 7 th and L for use as a synagogue. It is the first Jewish synagogue west of the Mississippi River.
	8	San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: Congregation Sherith Israel consecrates its first Jewish synagogue on Stockton St.
October			
	—	Fort Jones	Fort Jones, named for Adjutant General Colonel Roger Jones, is established on the east side of the Scott River in Siskiyou County.

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1852			
—		_____	INDIAN WARS: The first Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Edward F. Beale, proposes a plan he hopes will be humane and economical for working with California Indians. It proposes that land be set aside as reserves for California’s native populations, where they would be housed and given a means of livelihood.
8		Sacramento	The First Agricultural Association and Fair meeting lasts for a week.
24	Marshfield, Massachusetts		Daniel Webster, famed orator and senator from Massachusetts, dies at his Massachusetts home as the result of a head injury suffered after falling from his horse.
30	Seattle, Washington Territory		At Seattle, a steam-powered sawmill is reported to be under construction by Henry Yesler. It begins operation the following spring, and establishes Seattle as a commercial center.
November			
—		_____	CONNECTING THE WEST: California State Telegraph Company begins construction.
2		Old Sacramento SHP	A great fire strikes Sacramento, destroying most of the center of the young city.
2	Washington, D.C.		Franklin Pierce is elected the 14 th President of the United States.
12		San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: Poles for the first magnetic telegraph service are installed at Montgomery and Merchant streets. The telegraph will soon connect San Francisco with San Jose, Stockton, Sacramento and Marysville.
23		San Francisco	A “severe earthquake” creates a large fissure in a sand spit through which the waters of Lake Merced flow to the sea. Lake Merced’s water level drops by 30 feet.
27	London, England		Ada Lovelace (b.1815), Lord Byron’s daughter and the inventor of computer language, is bled to death by physicians at age 36, in an attempt to treat her cancer. She had helped Charles Babbage develop his "Analytical Engine," that performed mathematical calculations through the use of punched cards. This assistance included the first algorithm intended to be processed by a machine. Ada is thus considered to be the world’s first computer programmer.
December			
2	Paris, France		Louis Napoleon, the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte, establishes the Second Empire in France and calls himself Napoleon III.


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1852			
3		Old Sacramento SHP	761 buildings have been re-erected, replacing those lost in the November fire.
10		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: 10,000 people turn out to watch the first legal hanging in San Francisco. Jose Forner, a Spanish immigrant accused of murder, was hanged from gallows built on the slope of Russian Hill.
19		San Francisco	The <i>Golden Era</i> , a literary weekly, is founded and edited by Rollin M. Daggett and J. Macdonough Ford. Its most famous writers include Bret Harte and Mark Twain.
23		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: 1st Chinese theater in US, Celestial John, opens in San Francisco.
24		Old Sacramento SHP	Sacramento again floods after another levee break. Land communication is shut off, and citizens try to reestablish the city at Sutterville.
31		California	The richest year of the gold rush ends, with \$81.3 million in gold produced.

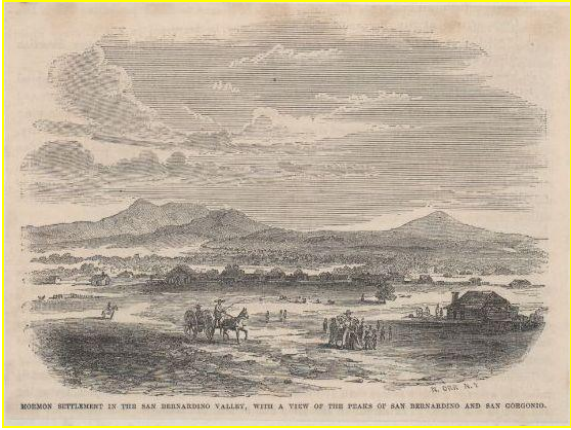
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1853	---	Baghdad, Iraq	Released and exiled to Baghdad in 1853, Baha' Allah revived the Babi faith that had sprung from Shi'ah Islam in the 1840s. He went on to found the Baha'i movement that subsequently spread throughout the world.
---	Nanjing		The Taiping Army of Hong Xiuquan takes the City of Nanjing as its capital in the Taiping Rebellion. He claims to be Jesus' brother and rules there until 1864, when Imperial troops crush his movement.
---	Paris, France Haussmann,		Napoleon III assigns Georges Haussmann to modernize Paris. For 17 years as prefect of the Seine, transforms Paris. He is responsible for the tree-lined grand boulevards, the Bois de Boulogne, several railroad stations, the aqueducts, and a tourist-friendly sewer system.
---	France		French wines are first ranked at the order of Napoleon. The top grades were selected on the basis of price, not taste.
---	Vera Cruz, Mexico		Benito Juarez, patriot and reformer, was locked up for 11 days in the dungeon of the fortress of San Juan de Ulua in Veracruz.
	-----		<i>Solomon Northrup and Henry W. Derby author Twelve Years a Slave, Narrative of Solomon Northrup, a Citizen of New York, Kidnapped in Washington in 1841, and Rescued in 1853 from a Cotton Plantation Near the Red River in Louisiana.</i>
	New York City		Heinrich Steinway founded his piano dynasty three years after arriving in the US from Germany. He later designs a piano with a heavier internal mechanism that needed to be balanced by fatter keys and sets the standard 48-inch wide keyboard.
	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Senator William Gwin, a leader of pro-slavery interests in California, proposes to divide California to create a slave state from the southern half. He is opposed by David C. Broderick.
		Alcatraz	The US government fortifies the 22-acre island of Alcatraz to protect San Francisco from attack.
	Beaver Island, Lake Michigan		COMPETING CULTURES: James Strang, King of Beaver Island, declares that his female subjects should dress in loose, knee-length smocks worn over modest pantaloons similar to those popularized by Amelia Bloomer, an early New York feminist.

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1853			The hypodermic needle is invented for morphine injection. It is believed that addiction would be prevented if the digestive system was bypassed.
			Karl Gerhardt discovers a method for synthesizing aspirin by extraction from leaves of the white willow. Native Americans had used willow bark for pain relief for centuries.
		Little River	Silas Coombs, lumberman from Maine, moves to the Mendocino Coast of California and begins living at what is now the Little River Inn.
---		Sierra Nevada	John "Snowshoe" Thompson begins private mail delivery service across the Sierra Nevada.
---		Grass Valley	Lotta Crabtree is taken to Grass Valley by her English parents and tutored by Lola Montez in singing and dancing.
			
			<i>Lotta Crabtree, California's earliest acting star.</i>
---		Marin Headlands	The freighter <i>Tennessee</i> is wrecked off the Marin headlands. The event spurs Congress to fund a lighthouse at Point Bonita.
---		Malakoff Diggins SHP	Hydraulic mining begins.
---		Prairie City SVRA	1853 is the height of prosperity for the mining community of Prairie City.

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1853			
---		Richardson Grove SP	Reuben Reed settles in the area in 1853.
---		Mare Island	The US Navy buys Mare Island near Vallejo for \$83,491. Commander David Farragut is the first skipper. He later becomes the Navy's first admiral.
---		San Bernardino	COMPETING CULTURES: The streets of San Bernardino are laid out by Mormon colonists, in a grid pattern designed to mimic the streets of Salt Lake City.
			
			<i>The Mormon Colony of San Bernardino in the early 1850's</i>
January			
---		Fort Humboldt SHP	Capt. Robert C. Buchanan, 4 th US Infantry, establishes a fort on a bluff overlooking Humboldt Bay.
1	Cincinnati, OH		1st practical fire engine (horse-drawn) in US enters service.
3		Vallejo	The Fourth Session of the California Legislature convenes. Due to inadequate accommodations, lawmakers vote on February 4 to move the capital instantly to Benicia.
4		San Francisco Bay	The U.S. Navy purchases land on Mare Island. By 1854, construction begins on the Navy repair facility there, establishing the first U.S. Naval base on the West coast.

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1853			
14		Old Town San Diego SHP	INDIAN WARS: The first known homicide in San Diego occurs. Indigent tailor John Warren is found bludgeoned to death by the jawbone of an ox. Townspeople, led by Ephraim Morse and Robert Israel, round up three Indians suspected of the crime. Without a trial, two are hanged in Old Town and the third escapes.
19	Rome, Italy		Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premieres in Rome.
21	Worcester, MA		Envelope-folding machine patented by Russell Hawes.
February			
11		Benicia Capital SHP	The Fourth Session of the California Legislature reconvenes in its new capital.
14	Salt Lake City, Utah		COMPETING CULTURES: Construction begins on the Salt Lake Temple at Temple Square in Salt Lake City.
21	Washington, D.C.		The amount of silver in all coins, except the silver dollar, is reduced by the Coinage Act of 1853. The act also authorizes the minting of 3 gold pieces.
March			
---		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: Levi Strauss, a German-Jewish immigrant, arrives in San Francisco from New York. He soon opens a dry goods wholesale business (Levi Strauss & Co.), importing products from his brothers in New York.
---		Lake Tahoe	California's Surveyor General, W.M. Eddy, maps Lake Tahoe, giving it its first official name of Lake Bigler, after the Democratic governor of the time. By the 1860's Bigler's unpopularity and allegations that he had ties to Confederate secessionists led locals to begin referring to the lake using its Washoe name of Tahoe. Lake Bigler, however, will remain the lake's legal name until 1945.
1	Washington, D.C.		CONNECTING THE WEST: Congress authorizes Secretary of War Jefferson Davis to use the Corps of Topographical Engineers to conduct surveys to ascertain the "most practical and economical route for a railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean."
2	Washington Territory		The Territory of Washington is separated from Oregon and is organized to include the present day state, northern Idaho, and western Montana.

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	3	Washington, D.C.	INDIAN WARS: Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Edward F. Beale's plan is adopted by Congress. The number of reservations is to be limited to 5 and may not be larger than 25,000 acres, or include land already occupied by Whites.
	3	Washington, D.C.	An Act of Congress grants to the State of California a provision for a land survey, as well as state ownership of every Sixteenth and thirty-sixth section to be reserved for public use. This act has the intention of providing free land for public schools, hospitals, and other much-needed buildings.
	4	Washington, D.C.	Franklin Pierce is inaugurated president of the United States. The 14 th president and a Democrat, he is not renominated by his party in 1856.
	6	Venice, Italy	Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premieres in Venice, Italy.
	8	Washington, D.C.	The first bronze statue of Andrew Jackson was unveiled in Washington, D.C.
(Spring)		Michigan Bluff	Leland Stanford and his partner move their store to Michigan Bluff, Placer County on the American River. Stanford serves as Justice of the Peace.
April			
	---	near Nevada City	E.E. Matteson perfects the water nozzle necessary for hydraulic mining at American Hill, begins a trend toward industrialized mining and the decline in individual claims. Runoff, particularly in the form of silt and heavy metals, washes downstream and will contribute to flooding and river pollution in Sacramento.
	1	Cincinnati, Ohio	Cincinnati becomes the first U.S. city to pay its firefighters a regular salary.
	13	Birmingham, England	The low pressure steam engine is developed, reducing the low frequency noise of single-cylinder steam engines on riverboats, which could be heard for miles.
	14	Maryland	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Harriet Tubman begins her Underground Railroad.
	17	San Francisco	The Marine Hospital at the Presidio forms.
	18	Grass Valley	Katherine (Kate) Hays, an Irish ballad singer, wraps up a successful tour of gold country, entertaining audiences in mining towns and cities throughout the state. In one of the most notable performances in Sacramento, Captain Fry pays \$1,200 for a front-row ticket. The residents of Grass Valley are so smitten with her performance that they decide to name a street after her.

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May	18	Bombay, India	The first train in Asia begins running from Bombay to Tanna.
	4		CONNECTING THE WEST: Theodore Judah, known as “The father of the Transcontinental Railroad”, arrives in California to survey and build the Sacramento Valley Railroad. Soon after coming to California, he publishes a pamphlet arguing for a Transcontinental Railroad to be built over the Sierras, a feat many thought to be impossible. Judah will die of yellow fever before seeing its completion.
	6		Pigeon Point Light Station SHP The ship <i>Carrier Pigeon</i> , a merchant sailing vessel, is wrecked on its way from Boston to San Francisco. The wreck prompted the erection of the Pigeon Point Light Station in San Mateo County.
	6	Norwalk, CT	The first major U.S. railroad bridge disaster; 48 were killed when a train travelling at 50 mph plunged into the Norwalk Harbor off of an open draw (swing) bridge.
	17		COMPETING CULTURES: Governor Bigler signs an act of the legislature into law creating the California State Rangers, in a effort to rein in outlaws such as Mexican loyalist Joaquin Murrieta and his “Five Joaquins” gang, who have plagued the gold country with lawlessness.
	14	Washington, D.C.	Gail Borden applies for a patent for condensed milk. The Patent Office doubts its patentability until he reargues his application. The patent is finally issued August 19, 1856.
	19	Washington, D.C.	James Gadsen of South Carolina is appointed to negotiate the revision of the southwestern border with Mexico.
	23	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Buenos Aires gains independence from Argentina (they will re-unite in 1859).
31	New York	A second Arctic expedition to find the missing British explorer Sir John Franklin leaves New York aboard the cutter <i>Advance</i> . The ship is caught in freezing weather and remains icebound in Kane Basin for 21 months. The entire party abandons ship on May 25, 1855, making a heroic trek to Upernivik, Greenland in 83 days. There they are rescued by a relief expedition.	
June			
---		San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: The California State Telegraph Company is incorporated.

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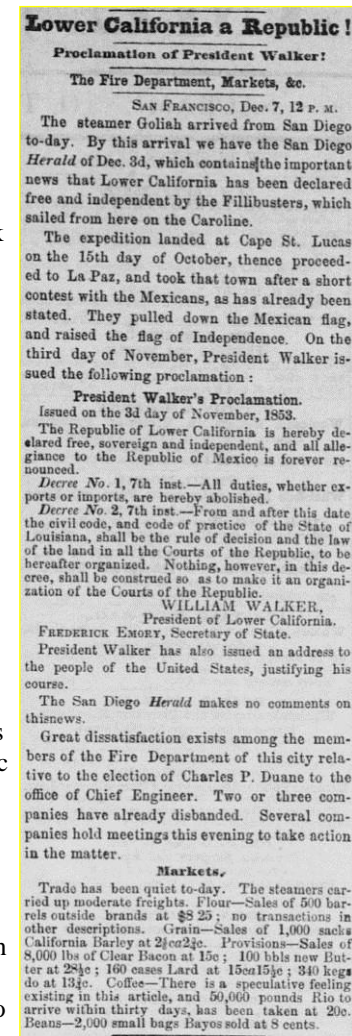
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(Summer)		Mono Lake	INDIAN WARS: Chief Tenaya of the Yosemite Ahwahneechee was stoned to death at Mono Lake, in a dispute with Mono Paiutes over stolen horses. Yosemite Indians become disorganized and disperse into surrounding areas as a result.
July			
6	Rochester, NY		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The National Black Convention meets.
8	Edo Bay, Japan		An expedition led by Commodore Matthew C. Perry arrives in Edo Bay, Japan (later Tokyo Bay), on a mission to secure the rights of shipwrecked American seamen and to explore trade relations with the Japanese. Perry succeeds in opening Japan to American merchants, and in securing a lasting treaty with the Japanese government. This event motivates Japan to become less isolationist and to modernize.
13		Old Sacramento SHP	A Second Great Fire strikes Sacramento.
14	Crystal Palace, NY		First U.S. World's Fair Opens.
14	Uruga, Bay, Japan		Commodore Matthew C. Perry relays to Japanese officials a letter from former President Fillmore, requesting trade relations.
17		San Francisco	Construction on Old St. Mary's Cathedral begins. It is the first Cathedral in California.
25		Pacheco Pass	COMPETING CULTURES: Joaquin Murrieta, the inspiration for the fictional character <i>Zorro</i> , is killed by California State Rangers, along with another gang leader. Murrieta's head is severed and preserved in alcohol, then shown to spectators for a fee of \$1 on a tour through California.
August			
---	Washington, D.C.		INDIAN WARS: President Franklin Pierce orders Commissioner of Indian Affairs George W. Moneypenny to negotiate with Indians for purchase of lands for a railroad. Between 1854 and 1857, treaties are made with the Omaha, Oto and Missouri, Sauk, Fox, Kickapoo, Delaware and Shawnee.
24	Saratoga Springs, NY		George Crum, a Native American cook, invents potato chips as a sarcastic response to a customer who complained that his fries were too thick.
September			
---		Kern County	INDIAN WARS: The San Sebastian Indian Reservation is established.

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6	New York City		Regional Women's Rights Convention is held. Few of the speakers can be heard over the boos and hisses of the male members of the audience.
11		San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: The first electric telegraph in California opens for use, connecting the Merchants' Exchange with Point Lobos.
14	Crimean Peninsula		The Allies land at Eupatoria on the west coast of Crimea.
15	New York		Antoinette Brown Blackwell becomes the first woman in the United States to become an ordained minister.
20	Crimean Peninsula		The Allies defeat the Russians at the battle of Alma on the Crimean Peninsula.
22		Point Lobos SR	CONNECTING THE WEST: The first telegraph operated in California connects the lighthouse at Point Lobos with a Morse telegraph station on San Francisco Hill, which will come to be known as Telegraph Hill.
30	_____		Johannes Brahms meets Robert and Clara Shumann. Brahms composes his Sonata in C major and his famous Liebestreu in this year.
October			
---		Yon To Ket, near Crescent City	INDIAN WARS: As the Tolowa people gather at their holy shrine along the Smith River to commemorate the annual harvest and store their food for the coming winter, citizens from nearby Crescent City attack, leaving between 250-500 dead.
6-8	Cleveland, OH		The National Women's Rights Convention is held in Cleveland. William Lloyd Garrison, the famed abolitionist, spoke at the convention, saying: "...the Declaration of Independence as put forth at Seneca Falls...was measuring the people of this country by their own standard. It was taking their own words and applying their own principles to women, as they have been applied to men."

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1853			
15	Baja California		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: William Walker, after organizing pro-slavery Southerners in San Francisco, sets out with 45 men to conquer the Mexican territories of Baja California and Sonora, with the intention of creating a pro-slavery English speaking colony there.
15		San Francisco	William Tecumseh Sherman arrives in San Francisco, having recently resigned from the U.S. Army to pursue bank ownership. He finds that San Francisco is mired in speculative inflation, and is a dangerous business environment. Finding himself overworked and suffering from asthma, Sherman will give up this endeavor by 1857.
19	Hawaii		The first flour mill in Hawaii begins operations.
25		-----	CONNECTING THE WEST: The California State Telegraph Company connects San Francisco with San Jose, Sacramento, Stockton, and Marysville.
31		San Francisco	The U.S. Army's Department of the Pacific is organized, taking over from the previous Pacific Division. It is headquartered in San Francisco.
November			
3	Baja (Lower) California		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: William Walker and his men succeed in capturing La Paz and in declaring a Republic of Lower California, and declares that the laws of Louisiana (where slavery was legal) applied to his new nation. Walker's men also gain control of Ensenada and declare a Republic of Sonora before a lack of supplies and resistance by the Mexican government force them to flee back to the United States, where Walker is put on trial for conducting an illegal war. Due to his popularity among westerners and southerners, Walker's jury will take less than five minutes to provide him with an acquittal.
6		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: The Presbyterian Chinese Mission Church opens in San Francisco's rapidly emerging Chinatown. It is the first Asian-American church in North America.



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1853			
17		San Francisco	Street signs are authorized at San Francisco intersections.
28	Washington Territory		Olympia is established as the capital of the Washington Territory.
30	London, England		Charles Darwin receives the Royal Medal of the Royal Society for his work on geology during his famous scientific journey aboard <i>The Beagle</i> .
December			
---		-----	CONNECTING THE WEST: The California Stage Company is formed, as a result of consolidation of several other major stage lines. By 1855, the company will have lines traveling throughout the entire state.
			
			<i>In 1853, stagecoaches were still the fastest means of traveling across the state.</i>
19		San Francisco	<i>The Daily Alta of California</i> suggests that Northern California and Southern Oregon could both benefit if a ‘new state’ could be created. Some suggested it be called ‘Klamath.’ Others suggested the name “Jackson.” Later, others will imagine this proposed state with the name “Jefferson”.
30	Washington, D.C.		CONNECTING THE WEST: The United States pays \$10 million for 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase. It includes parts of Arizona and New Mexico (29,640 sq. miles) south of the Gila River. The purchase is ratified by Congress on April 25, 1854.
---		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: By the year’s end 1853, the population of San Francisco’s Chinatown exceeds 25,000.

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1854		-----	COMPETING CULTURES: The arrival of 13,000 Chinese in California during 1854 marks the beginning of large-scale Chinese immigration.
---	Cincinnati, Ohio		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Dr. George W. L. Bickley, a Virginian who had moved to Ohio, organizes the first "castle," or local branch, of the Knights of the Golden Circle in Cincinnati and soon took the order to the South, where it is enthusiastically received. Its principal object is to provide a force to colonize the northern part of Mexico and extend pro-slavery interests. Most of its members are recruited in Texas, New Mexico, and California.
---		Weaverville Joss House SHP	COMPETING CULTURES: The 1854 Tong War (aka Great Chinese War) occurs in Tuolumne County, due to a mining claim dispute between two Chinese mining interests, the Yum Wo and Sam Yup Companies. In the end, the smaller group defeated the larger one, and in total 8 are killed in the violence, with 20 wounded.
			
			<p><i>Gold Rush towns like Weaverville were a focal point for the mixing of cultures in early California. Unfortunately, violence often accompanied this newfound diversity.</i></p>
---	_____		Timothy Shay Arthur popularizes the temperance crusade with his <i>Ten Nights in a Bar-Room and What I Saw There</i> , a lurid tale about the evils of drink.
---	Keshena Falls, Wisconsin		INDIAN WARS: The Menominee Chiefs Oshkosh and Keshena meet with federal Indian agents and agree to retain only 275,000 acres from their original nine and a half million acres. As part of the settlement the chiefs and their followers are promised eternal government protection. In 1954, Congress will vote to withdraw that support.

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1854			
---		Klamath County	INDIAN WARS: Klamath County (now Humboldt and Siskiyou Counties) citizens resolve to kill all Native Americans carrying guns.
---	London, England		Phillip Morris begins making cigarettes in London.
---		-----	In 1854-55, the State Assembly passes a bill to split California into three states: "Shasta" to the north, "California" in the middle, and "Colorado" to the south. In the Senate, however, the bill stalled and the proposal expired.
January			
---		Fort Humboldt SHP	Ulysses S. Grant, Captain 4 th Infantry F, arrives at Fort Humboldt in Northern California.
1		-----	California defaults on its loan interest. For the next month, numerous bank failures are the result of the state's financial insolvency.
1		Old Sacramento SHP	CONNECTING THE WEST: The most important stage lines merge, forming the California Stage Line. The company's first headquarters is at the Orleans Hotel in Sacramento.
2		Benicia Capitol SHP	The Fifth Session of the California Legislature begins. It is reported that as many as 100 men have nowhere to sleep, with the exception of local saloons, and communication is found to be difficult given the remote location and the lack of rooms. Sacramento offers to provide a spacious county courthouse, rooms, a fireproof vault, land for a permanent capitol building, and free moving for all legislators and their belongings if the legislature should decide to move the state capital there.
5	Atlantic Ocean		The steamship <i>San Francisco</i> wrecks, on her first voyage from New York to San Francisco; over 300 are killed.
23	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Sen. Stephen A. Douglas introduces the Kansas-Nebraska Act for the purpose of organizing the territories, reopening the question of whether to permit or prohibit slavery in the west.
February			
11		San Francisco	The first gas lamps are lit, marked by a banquet at the Oriental Hotel.


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1854			
16		Benicia Capitol SHP	The California State Legislature defines a public graveyard as a place where the bodies of six or more persons are buried.
23	Great Britain		Great Britain officially recognizes the independence of the Orange Free State.
25		Benicia Capitol SHP	Sacramento is made the permanent capital of California, and all previous legislation involving the state capital is repealed. The State Legislature and Governor Bigler board steamer ships to finish the session in Sacramento.
28		California State Capitol	The California Legislature reconvenes in Sacramento.
28	Ripon, Wisconsin		Former Whigs and Free Soilers, in response to the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act, meet at all schoolhouse to discuss anti-slavery strategy, and form what comes to be called the Wisconsin Republican Party. Their platform calls for repeal of the Kansas-Nebraska Act and the Fugitive slave Law, and the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia.
March			
1		San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: The California Steam Navigation Company is organized. Over the next decade, the company grows into a monopoly over inland water travel in California.
3-4	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The Kansas-Nebraska Act passes the Senate. Stephen Douglas makes a five and a half hour speech in favor of the legislation, despite the fact that he began speaking just before midnight on the 3 rd .
5	Massachusetts to Lawrence, KS		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The Massachusetts Emigrant Aid Company is created to colonize Kansas with Northern abolitionists. The company is founded by Eli Thayer of Worcester, Massachusetts, who promoted the settlement of anti-slavery groups in Kansas, with the ultimate objective of making it a free state. Adhering to the cause of "popular sovereignty," the organization, which was reincorporated in February, 1855 as the New England Emigrant Aid Company, founds the town of Lawrence and other Free State communities. It is active into 1857, and helps settle some 2,000 abolition-minded people in Kansas.
7	Washington, D.C.		President Franklin Pierce appoints Jefferson Davis (the future Confederate President) to the position of Secretary of War.
8	Japan		U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry returns to Japan with seven warships.

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	17	Worcester, Massachusetts	The first park land purchased by a U.S. city.
	28	Great Britain and France	Britain and France declare war on Russia.
	31	Japan	Commodore Matthew C. Perry concludes the Treaty of Kanagawa, declaring peace and friendship between the US and the Japanese.
April	---	San Francisco	The California Academy of Natural Sciences is founded.
	1	San Bernardino	COMPETING CULTURES: San Bernardino is incorporated as a city. At this time, 900 of the city's 1,200 residents are Mormon colonists.
	6	San Salvador	San Salvador is destroyed by an earthquake.
	25	Washington, D.C.	Congress ratifies the Gadsden Purchase.
	26	San Bernardino	San Bernardino County is formed, from portions of Los Angeles, San Diego, and Mariposa Counties.
May	14	California State Capitol	Realizing the growing importance of agriculture within the California economy, the state legislature creates the <i>California Agricultural Society</i> .
	27	San Francisco	Underwater telegraph from Ft. Point to San Francisco completed.
	30	Washington, D.C.	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The Kansas-Nebraska Act is passed establishing the territories of Kansas and Nebraska. The act repeals the Missouri Compromise and allows each state to determine its slavery laws by popular vote upon statehood (popular sovereignty). This leads to an influx of anti-slavery groups from the North and plantation farmers from the South, who try to build up their pro- or anti-slavery numbers so that the future of the state will vote to their liking. A civil war within the territory ensues, a problem that will come to be known as "Bleeding Kansas".
	30	New York	Vermont native Elisha Graves Otis unveils his invention, the steam-powered safety elevator, at the New York World's Fair. Audiences gasp as Otis, riding on the hoist's platform, dramatically orders the lifting rope cut. Instead of falling, the car is locked safely into the elevator shaft, proving for the first time that the elevator can be safe enough for passenger transport.

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1854 June	---	Calaveras Big Trees SP	A Contractor named George Gale begins stripping bark from a 300 ft. tall Sequoia he names the “Mother of the Forest. Gale sends the bark and cross sections of the tree to the Crystal Palace in London, where it is displayed for a fee.
			
			<p><i>This Poster, illustrating the “Mother of the Forest” as its bark was still being stripped away, was created to enlighten patrons of London’s Crystal Palace.</i></p>
---		Weaverville-Joss House SHP	One group of Chinese accuses another of cheating in a Chinese gambling hall. The resulting “Tong War” of 1854 among rival companies of Chinese results in deaths and 20 wounded.
1		Alcatraz Island	A lighthouse, the first on the West Coast, is completed on Alcatraz.
10	Annapolis, Maryland		The U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis holds its first graduation.
17	Guangdong		The Red Turban revolt breaks out in Guangdong.
26		_____	INDIAN WARS: Col. Thomas J. Henley replaces Edward F. Beale as Superintendent of Indian Affairs in California.

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1854			
July			
31		Fort Humboldt SHP	Captain Ulysses S. Grant leaves Fort Humboldt, having tendered his resignation. Rumors persist for years that Grant had been discovered drunk by Lt. Col. Robert Buchanan while on duty, and was given the choice to resign or face court martial.
August			
9	Massachusetts		Henry David Thoreau publishes <i>Walden</i> , in which he describes his experiences while living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts.
10		Fort Tejon SHP	INDIAN WARS: Fort Tejon is established as a replacement for the ineffective Ft. Miller and to watch over the nearby San Sebastian Indian Reservation.
(Fall)		Fort Humboldt SHP	INDIAN WARS: A detachment of soldiers, under the command of Capt. Henry M. Judah, captures and removes to Fort Humboldt the Indians responsible for killing Arthur Wigmore. Their subsequent release unsettles the region.
September			
—		_____	Col. Thomas J. Henley establishes the Nome Lackee Reservation, 30 miles west of Tehama.
2		Benicia	Headquarters for the Army's Department of the Pacific moves to the Benicia barracks.
16		Mare Island	Shipbuilding operations begin on Mare Island, with David Farragut commanding.
27	Off the coast of Newfoundland		The first great disaster involving an ocean liner in the Atlantic occurs when the steamship <i>Arctic</i> sank with 322 people aboard.
October			
1		Sacramento	COMPETING CULTURES: The California Supreme Court decides in <i>People v. Hall</i> that Chinese Americans and Chinese immigrants have no rights to testify against white citizens. The ruling represents an odd extension of a California Criminal Procedure's existing (1850) exclusion, "No black or mulatto person, or Indian, shall be allowed to give evidence in favor of, or against a white man." It was held that either "Indian" denoted anyone of the Mongoloid race and that "black" applied to anyone not white.


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1854			
2		Sacramento	A city ordinance providing for the establishment and regulation of free common schools is passed. By February 1 st , six schools with 578 children are in operation.
16	Peoria, IL		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Abraham Lincoln makes a speech against the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, which is endorsed by Sen. Stephen Douglas. This speech marks the beginning of a long rivalry between the two men.
17	Baltimore, Maryland		James Simpson, a Baltimore inventor, receives a patent for a multi-walled ice pitcher.
19		Sacramento	Construction begins on the city water works.
25	Crimea		During the Crimean War, a brigade of British light infantry is destroyed by Russian artillery as they charge down a narrow corridor in full view of the Russians. The Crimean War is largely remembered for the Charge of the Light Brigade, a hopeless but gallant British cavalry charge against a heavily defended Russian force.
November			
4	Scutari		Florence Nightingale and 38 nurses arrive at the Barrack Hospital in Scutari following the outbreak of the Crimean War. She is appointed to oversee female nurses to be dispatched to military hospitals in Turkey to help with increasing casualties.
5	Inkerman, Crimea		The British and French defeat the Russians at Inkerman, Crimea.
24		Crescent City	INDIAN WARS: A volunteer company, the Klamath Rangers, arrest and hang three Native Americans, Black Mow, Jim, and Narpa, for murder. The action further aggravates tensions in the region.
December			
8	Vatican		Pope Pius IX proclaims the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. In an encyclical he states that: "The Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God... Preserved immune from all stain of original sin. Ineffabilis Deus."
9	London, England		Alfred, Lord Tennyson's poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

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1855			
---		Sacramento	INDIAN WARS: The State Legislature passes a law that makes it illegal to sell guns or ammunition to Native Americans.
---	New York City		P.T. Barnum writes <i>The Life of P.T. Barnum, Written by Himself</i> .
---	Cambridge, MA		Henry Wadsworth Longfellow composes his poem, <i>Hiawatha</i> .
---		San Francisco	The 800 plus-page <i>The Annals of San Francisco</i> was published.
---		Yosemite	In the summer the first tourists visit Yosemite Valley.
---	Washington, D.C.		Millard Fillmore, the 13th President of the United States, declines to accept an honorary degree from the University of Oxford, explaining, "I had not the advantage of a classical education, and no man should, in my judgment, accept a degree he cannot read."
---	Washington Territory		INDIAN WARS: The US government signs a treaty with area Indians that gave them permanent rights to their existing lands. The Makah tribe of Washington secure the right to hunt whales.
---		San Francisco	A depression slows progress after the money supply dwindles when banks overextend loans to unprofitable ventures.
---	New York		Organic chemist Benjamin Stillman lays the foundations for the Pennsylvania's oil rush with his discovery that petroleum can be distilled into lubricants and kerosene for cooking and illumination.
---	Judith River, Montana		Palaeoscincus, one of the armored dinosaurs, is discovered by Dr. Ferdinand Vandiveer Hayden in the United States.
---	China		The third pandemic of plague erupts in China.
---		Oakland	The College of California is incorporated as a private college, but will become the public University of California in 1868. Founded by noted educator Dr. Samuel H. Wiley, it is placed in Oakland to avoid the rowdiness and vulgarity of San Francisco. In 1866, the college's trustees will begin to move the school to Berkeley in order to avoid the rowdiness of downtown Oakland.

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1855	---	Calaveras Big Trees SP	The Mammoth Tree Hotel opens for business, with dances and theatrical performances held on Mother of the Forests' stump. Several dozen feet of the fallen tree's surface were shaved flat; a tavern and two bowling alleys, complete with 81-foot lanes, were built on the leveled area and soon were ready for customers.
			
<p><i>The decimation of Mammoth Grove for tourism and exhibition helped to spark a preservation movement, and focused arguments in favor of federal intervention to save similar trees in Yosemite.</i></p>			
January			
9	South Atlantic Ocean		The clipper ship <i>Guiding Star</i> sinks on her way to Australia from Liverpool, England. 480 perish; there are no survivors.
22		Humboldt County	INDIAN WARS: White settlers commence “a war of extermination against the Indians” in retaliation for the murder of six settlers and many cattle.
31	Western U.S.		A massive snowstorm hits the West; all railroads are blocked.
February			
---		Columbia SHP	There is a run on the California bank in Columbia and rumors of a failure causes a run throughout the state
1		Point Pinos	The Point Pinos Lighthouse on the Monterey Peninsula begins operation.

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1855			
	3	Madison, WI	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The Wisconsin Supreme Court declares the Fugitive Slave Law unconstitutional.
	10	Washington, D.C.	COMPETING CULTURES: U.S. citizenship laws are amended so that children born to American citizens overseas are granted U.S. citizenship.
	22	San Francisco	Page, Bacon, and Co., a St. Louis-based bank whose local branch manager is William Tecumseh Sherman, closes and a bank run begins.
	24	San Francisco	“Black Friday”; numerous bank failures, including Wells Fargo.
March	2	St. Petersburg, Russia	Aleksandr Romanov becomes tsar of Russia.
	3	Washington, D.C.	Congress approves \$30,000 for an experimental “camel corps”, to be used in the West.
	3	Washington, D.C.	Congress authorizes registered mail.
	3	Washington, D.C.	Congress authorizes the purchase of 25,000 acres of land in Mendocino County for the purposes of establishing an Indian reservation there.

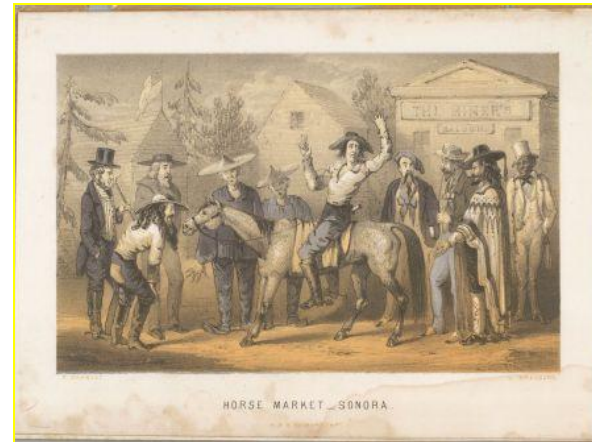


The Headquarters of Mendocino Indian Reservation, as depicted in 1857.

	8	Niagara Falls	The first train crosses Niagara Falls on the first railway suspension bridge.
	17	Los Angeles	The first schoolhouse in Los Angeles opens.

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1855			
			Abraham Gesner patents kerosene.
(Spring)	Oregon		COMPETING CULTURES: Some 150 pioneers arrive via the Oregon Trail and establish the first Christian communal society west of the Mississippi at Aurora.
April			
8		Fort Point	Stonemasons were laying the foundation of Ft. Point. Massive granite blocks were sent from Monterey for the construction.
21	Iowa		First train crosses the Mississippi River's 1st bridge, Rock Is IL-Davenport IA
28	Boston, MA		First veterinary college in the United States is incorporated in Boston.
28		Sacramento	CONNECTING THE WEST: The State Legislature passes the Wagon Road Act, authorizing the construction of a wagon road from Sacramento east to Nevada.
29		Sonora	COMPETING CULTURES: Officer John Sheldon is fatally stabbed in an ambush by two Chilean miners, apparently as an act of retribution over the killing of their Chilean friend at the hands of Sheldon in 1851. Sheldon is the first peace officer killed in California.



Gold Mining Towns like Sonora attracted persons of many different cultures. In this 1855 depiction, one can clearly view men of Chinese, African, Chilean, Mexican, and European descent. Unfortunately, as in the case of John Sheldon, these cultures often clashed with one another.

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1855			
May			
		Point Bonita	The Point Bonita Lighthouse is built for ships approaching the Golden Gate of San Francisco.
		San Francisco	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: William Walker and 60 followers board the <i>Vesta</i> , bound for Nicaragua. Walker will eventually establish his own government there, legalizing slavery, and remains in control of Nicaragua for nearly a year.
	Massachusetts		COMPETING CULTURES: Macon B. Allen becomes the first African American to be admitted to the Bar in Massachusetts.
		San Francisco	Voters approve a new city charter.
June		-----	A new anti-gambling law takes effect, closing gambling houses throughout the state.
		Castle Crags SP	INDIAN WARS: Modoc Indians battle white settlers at Castle Crags. Several Modoc are killed.
	Philadelphia, PA		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: At the National Council meeting in Philadelphia, pro-slavery Southerners take over the Know-Nothing agenda, renaming the organization the American Party. They nominate Millard Fillmore, the former Whig, to run for President in 1856. Anti-slavery northerners leave the party in droves and begin joining the recently-formed Republican Party.
	Walla Walla Valley, WA		INDIAN WARS: Nez Perce elders agree to sell most of their land to the US government. They retain some 10 thousand square miles as a reservation in the area where Washington, Oregon and Idaho meet. Gold will later be discovered in the area and in 1863 the US government called for a new deal.
July			
	Nicaragua		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: William Walker, an American, conquers Nicaragua and re-establishes slavery there.

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1855			
1		San Francisco	James Van Ness is sworn in as San Francisco's 7 th mayor, despite criticism of voting irregularities that affected the outcome and brought into question his legitimacy.
			<p><i>California's first disputed election resulted in a vacuum of effective leadership in San Francisco.</i></p>
4	Brooklyn, NY		Walt Whitman's first edition of his famous <i>Leaves of Grass</i> , a collection of 12 poems, is published by himself. He later recalls about the publication, "I don't think one copy was sold, not a copy."
10		Los Angeles	A strong earthquake hits Los Angeles. Numerous buildings destroyed.
August		Stanislaus County	David Workman, one of Southern California's early pioneers and a prominent saddlemaker and cattleman, is killed while trying to retrieve a stray that fell over a cliff.
1	New York City		COMPETING CULTURES: Castle Clinton opens up as America's first immigration receiving station.

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1855			
	Louisville, KY		“Know-Nothings” use violence to intimidate Catholics and immigrants into staying away from the polls in a hotly contested gubernatorial race. 22 are killed; with many more injured in what came to be known as the Louisville Riot.
		Point Bonita	An eight foot long cannon is installed at the Point Bonita lighthouse. In times of fog, it is to be fired once every half hour.
		Sacramento	CONNECTING THE WEST: Arrival of the state’s first locomotive, the <i>Sacramento</i> , for the Sacramento Valley Railroad.
September			
	Nebraska		INDIAN WARS: General William Harney defeats Little Thunder's Brule Sioux at the Battle of Blue Water in Nebraska.
	Crimea, Ukraine		Sevastopol, under siege for nearly a year, capitulates to the Allies.
	Belfast, Ireland		CONNECTING THE WEST: William Mulholland, the architect of Southern California’s water system, is born.
		Grass Valley	Grass Valley is destroyed by a massive fire.
		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: The preserved heads of Joaquin Murrieta and “Three-Fingered Jack” were sold at auction for \$36 to satisfy a judgment.
October			
		San Francisco	The first edition of the <i>Evening Bulletin</i> is published. There are now 10 daily newspapers in the city.
	China		The <i>Arrow</i> , a ship flying the British flag, is boarded by Chinese who arrested the crew, thus beginning the Second Chinese War.
		Columbia SHP	John S. Barclay is hanged by a large mob in Columbia, despite the sheriff’s efforts to save him.
	London, England		The Bessemer process for making steel is patented, making it much cheaper. This lower cost will help encourage a dramatic expansion of railroads throughout the West.
		-----	CONNECTING THE WEST: The Northern California Telegraph Co. is established, connecting Marysville, Oroville, Chico, Tehema, Red Bluff, Horsetown, Shasta, Tower House, Weaverville, Trinity Centre, Callahan's Ranch, and Yreka.

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1855			
		Marshall Gold Discovery SHP	COMPETING CULTURES: Jeremiah Crane, a schoolmaster who murdered one of his pupils, and Mickey Free, who murdered numerous Chinese miners and a roadhouse keeper, are hanged in front of a crowd of 5,000 people at Coloma.
November			
		Sacramento	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The first Convention of Colored Citizens of California protests the inability of African Americans to take part in elections, to testify in court, and to go to public schools.
		Klamath River	INDIAN WARS: President Pierce sets aside 20 miles of land along the lower Klamath River as a reservation for surrounding Indian tribes.
	Lawrence, Kansas		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Franklin Colman, a pro-slavery Missourian, is gunned down by Charles Dow, a Free Stater from Kansas. This event is a foreshadowing of the events to come, when pro-slavery forces fight anti-slavery settlers in Kansas throughout the remainder of the 1850's.
December			
	Kingston, Ontario		The first game of ice hockey is played by 2 military teams.
		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: The German Evangelical Lutheran Church, the first German Protestant church built on the west coast, is dedicated.
		-----	Gold exports for the year 1855 amounted to \$44,640.090.


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1856			
	Astoria, New York		The Steinway Mansion is built in Astoria, NYC, home of the scion of the great piano-making family.
---		Sacramento	COMPETING CULTURES: John Breuner, a German cabinetmaker, founds his furniture business.
---		Amador County	The D'Agostini Winery in Amador County is founded.
---	Manchester, Vermont		Orvis, a fly-tackle manufacturer, begins operations in Manchester, Vermont.
---	Potawatomie, KS		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: John Brown, American abolitionist and horse thief, presides over the hacking to death five unarmed pro-slavery border ruffians in Potawatomie, Kansas.
---	Dusseldorf, Germany		In the Neander Valley, limestone miners quarrying in a cave found an unusual and ancient human skeleton.
---		Samuel P. Taylor SP	Samuel Taylor opens the first paper mill in California near Olema.
January			
4	Washington, D.C.		New law goes into effect requiring postage stamps on all letters.
8		Tuscan Springs, Tehama County	Borax is discovered 80 miles north of San Francisco.
9		California State Capitol	J. Neely Johnson is sworn in as California's fourth governor.
19		Los Angeles	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The U.S. District Court emancipates Biddy Mason, her three daughters, and ten other women of African roots, because she resided for four years in the free state of California and thus was no longer the property of her master. Legal counsel was paid for by the black community in Los Angeles. Biddy Mason, who was a nurse and midwife, would go on to become one of early California's wealthiest real estate entrepreneurs and a philanthropist.
23	Liverpool, England		The steamer <i>Pacific</i> departs Liverpool, for a scheduled trip to New York. Along with nearly 200 people on board, the ship is never seen again.
25	Seattle, WA		INDIAN WARS: Seattle is attacked by Nisqually Indians. The Battle of Seattle claims the lives of 2 settlers, and at least 28 Native Americans.

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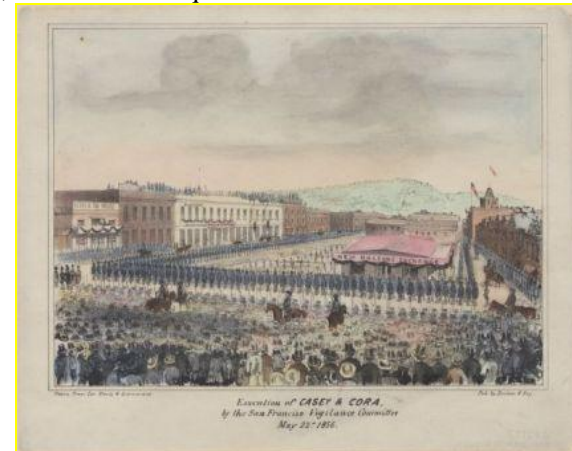
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		San Francisco	Mayor Van Ness signs an ordinance for the suppression of "houses of ill-fame".
February			
		Old Sacramento SHP	CONNECTING THE WEST: First railroad in California, the Sacramento Valley Railroad, is formally opened.
		Sacramento	John Muir writes about sawmills encroaching on Redwood forests and the problem of "sheep-men's" fires in this day's issue of the Sacramento <i>Daily Union</i> .
		San Francisco, Sacramento	COMPETING CULTURES: Chinese New Years is celebrated; "millions of firecrackers" are used for the celebration.
		San Francisco	City Assessor reports that the value of taxable property in the city is \$33,226,215.
	Russia and Turkey		Hostilities in the Russo-Turkish war cease.
March			
	Atlanta, GA		Georgia becomes the first state to regulate railroads.
		San Francisco	The clipper ship "Nightingale" sails from London to San Francisco in 121 days, a world record.
	Paris, France		Russia signs the Peace of Paris, ending the Crimean War.
April			
	Rhodes, Greece		Gunpowder explodes a church on the island of Rhodes, leaving as many as 4,000 dead.
		San Francisco	James P. Casey, editor of the San Francisco <i>Times</i> , shoots James King, proprietor of the rival <i>Evening Bulletin</i> . King dies three days later. A "Vigilance Committee" of 2,600 later march up Sacramento St. and break into the jail where Casey is held. He is lynched along with his unfortunate cellmate.
	Washington, D.C.		San Francisco City and County were consolidated by an act of the Legislature. San Mateo County was created from the southern part of San Francisco County. The Act to take effect July 1.
	Westport, Kansas		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Free Stater J.N. Mace in Westport, Kansas shoots pro-slavery sheriff Samuel Jones in the back.

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28		San Joaquin Valley	Yokuts Indians repel an attack on their land by 100 would-be Indian fighters.
			
			<p><i>Yokuts Sweat Lodge (Left) and Yokuts woman carrying her baby using a papoose (Right), illustrate cultural implements from a once-commonplace way of life.</i></p>
29		San Joaquin Valley	INDIAN WARS: During the Tule River War, Yokut Indians repelled a second attack by the 'Petticoat Rangers,' a band of civilian Indian fighters-some wearing body armor-at Four Creeks, California. The Yokuts live along the shores of Tulare Lake, which will disappear by 1900 due to water diversion and farming.
29	England and Russia		A peace treaty between England and Russia was signed.
29		San Francisco	The state legislature approves the Consolidation Act, which provides for the merger of San Francisco County and City governments into one unit.
May			
15		San Francisco	The 2 nd Committee of Vigilance is formed.
17		San Francisco	The 2 nd Committee of Vigilance has over 2500 members, and begins storing arms and conducting drills.

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18		San Francisco	3,000 armed members of the Committee of Vigilance march to the county jail, overpower the guards, and take into custody Charles Cora (who had shot a U.S. Marshall the previous year), as well as James P. Casey, who had recently shot the editor of the <i>San Francisco Bulletin</i> .
18		California State Capitol	Governor Johnson, in response to the actions of the Committee of Vigilance, appoints William Tecumseh Sherman as the Major-General commanding the San Francisco division of the California State Militia.
19-20	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Senator Charles Sumner delivers a two-day long speech denouncing slavery and chastising its individual proponents by name in the U.S. Senate.
20	Washington, D.C.		President Franklin Pierce gives official recognition to William Walker's Nicaraguan regime.
21	Lawrence, Kansas		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Lawrence, Kansas is captured and sacked by pro-slavery forces.
22		San Francisco	The Committee of Vigilance hangs Charles Cora and James Casey, in front of a crowd of 20,000 at their headquarters at 41 Sacramento St.

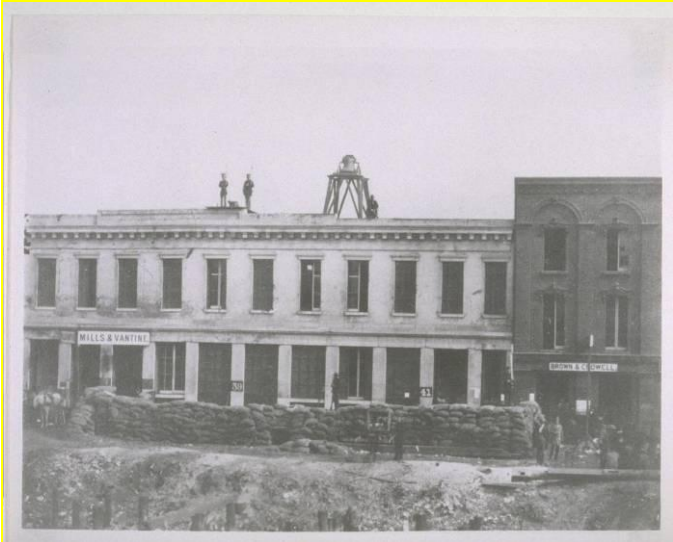


The Committee of Vigilance was the most powerful military and law enforcement force in San Francisco during its existence in 1856.

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	22	Washington, D.C.	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner is assaulted on the Senate floor by South Carolina's Preston Brooks. Representative Brooks, a pro-slavery Democrat from South Carolina, used a cane to attack Sumner, a Republican abolitionist from Mass. Sumner was beaten unconscious and unable to resume duties for 3 years. Brooks resigned from his seat but was re-elected.
	24	Franklin County, KS	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: In response to the sacking of Lawrence by pro-slavery forces, John Brown leads a posse that kills five settlers north of Pottawatomie Creek in Kansas.
June	---	Mendocino County	INDIAN WARS: Creation of the Indian Reservation at Round Valley.
	2	Benicia Arsenal	Meeting at Benicia, Governor Johnson orders newly appointed Major General William T. Sherman to call up the California Militia to restore law and order in San Francisco.
	3	San Francisco	Governor Johnson declares San Francisco to be "in a state of insurrection", and orders all militia members to report to their command.
	5	Benicia Arsenal	Gov. Johnson asked Gen. John E. Wool, commandant of the Army at Benicia, for arms to help put down the San Francisco rebellion. The general refused.
	9	San Francisco	Committee of Vigilance of San Francisco issued a proclamation which read in part: "All political, religious, and sectional differences and issues have given way to the paramount necessity of a thorough and fundamental reform and purification of the social and political body."
	14	Stafford Prison, England	William Palmer, a notorious doctor who was convicted for murder in the poisoning of numerous patients and friends, is hanged in front of a crowd of 30,000.
	16	Michigan	James Strang, King of Big Beaver Island, Mich., is ambushed by Thomas Bedford and Alexander Wentworth. Bedford and Wentworth are brought before a justice of the peace and after a brief hearing are fined \$1.25 for court costs and released as public heroes. Soon after, 75 vigilantes sailed to Beaver Island and clear out the Strangite adherents.

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17-19	Philadelphia, Penn.		ELECTION OF 1856: The Republican Party holds its first national convention. The party selects John C. Fremont of California to run on an anti-slavery platform, who comes in a respectable second to James Buchanan in the 1856 election.
20		San Francisco	The Committee of Vigilance headquarters is fortified with sandbags to stop any attacks by troops sent by the Governor to quell the insurrection. Cannons are mounted on the roof to forestall bombardment.
			
			<i>1856 Headquarters of the Vigilance Committee, a.k.a. "Fort Gunny Bags".</i>
21		San Francisco	John Durkee of the Committee of Vigilance led a raid on the schooner "Julia" and hijacked the muskets aboard that were destined for the militia at San Francisco. He took the arms to the Committee's headquarters on Sacramento St. On the same day, the Committee raids the Law and Order Armory and distributes its weapons.
21		San Francisco	State Supreme Court Justice David Smith Terry is arrested by the Committee of Vigilance for stabbing vigilante policeman Sterling A. Hopkins. Hopkins, who was the hangman for Cora and Casey, was in serious condition. Hopkins was stabbed when he attempted to arrest a member of the militia who was testifying in court about John Durkee's seizure of arms destined for the militia.

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1856			
July			
26		San Francisco	The Committee of Vigilance hangs Joseph Hetherington and Philander Brace at the committee's headquarters.
29	_____		Robert Schumann, the German composer, dies.
August			
---	Taunton, MA		The William Mason locomotive was built.
7		San Francisco	California Supreme Court Justice Terry is released by the Committee of Vigilance and immediately takes refuge aboard the Navy vessel "John Adams" in San Francisco Bay.
10	Last Island, LA		A hurricane washes away between 200-300 revelers.
11		Kings River	INDIAN WARS: A band of settlers kill four Yokut Indians. The settlers had heard unproven rumors of Yokut atrocities.
18		San Francisco	The Committee of Vigilance voluntarily disbanded after a parade of 6000 armed men. The committee's headquarters becomes a temporary museum.
20	Wilberforce, OH		COMPETING CULTURES: Wilberforce University is founded. Associated with the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, it is the first black owned and operated college.
30	Osawatomie, Kansas		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: A pro-slavery force of 250 attempt to sack the town of Osawatomie. John Brown's small force of 38 guerilla fighters defend the town for about 45 minutes, when they run out of ammunition and are forced to retreat. Pro-slavery forces, led by John William Reid, suffer more than 20 deaths, while Brown's smaller group suffers only one. Despite the fact that Brown's forces lost the fight and Osawatomie was burned, this event makes John Brown into an abolitionist hero.
30	Indianola, TX		Camels are delivered to the U.S. Army's Quartermaster post in Indianola, thus beginning the so-called "camel corps" experiment.
September			
14	Nicaragua		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: William Walker's forces lose at the decisive Battle of San Jacinto, and will surrender on May 1, 1857. San Jacinto Day becomes a national holiday in Nicaragua, and is still celebrated as a victory against Western arrogance.

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1856			
October			
8	Yellow Sea		Chinese police board British vessel <i>Arrow</i> , arrest 12 Chinese crewmen on suspicion of piracy and lower the British flag. This will lead to the Second Opium War.
31		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: Mifflin W. Gibbs founds the first black newspaper west of the Mississippi, <i>Mirror of the Times</i> , and lobbies for the repeal of the state's discriminatory "black laws."
November			
---	Martin's Cove, Wyoming		Over 200 Mormons die near Martin's Cove, as they migrate West using handcarts. The tragedy is blamed on a lack of supplies, poorly constructed carts, and a late start.
---	East Coast, United States		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: John Brown leaves Kansas and begins a two-year-long money raising campaign along the east coast to get help for the abolitionist cause. While on tour, he meets fellow abolitionists William Lloyd Garrison, Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Frederick Douglass. He receives many pledges (including 200 Sharps rifles) on his New England tour but little cash.
4	United States		James Buchanan is elected the 15 th President of the United States.
4		San Francisco	San Francisco elects its first Chief of Police, James F. Curtis.
December			
---		Sacramento	COMPETING CULTURES: <i>Chinese News</i> , the first foreign language newspaper in Sacramento, begins publication.
---		Ft. Tejon SHP	The U.S. 1 st Cavalry moves its headquarters to Ft. Tejon.
---		Southern California	COMPETING CULTURES: Juan Flores joins forces with over a dozen other "Angelinos" of Mexican ancestry and begin a spree of robberies and murder that terrorizes Southern Californian Euro-American settlers.

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1857			
---		Sonoma County	Count Agoston Haraszthy founds California's first winery, the Buena Vista Winery in Sonoma.
---	United States		Joseph Gayetty markets the first toilet paper in 1857 which originally sold for 50 cents in packs of 500 bearing a watermark of his name. The original product, called "Gayetty's Medicated Paper for the Water Closet", contained aloe as a lubricant and was marketed as an anti-hemorrhoid medical product.
---	British Columbia, Canada		Nine former slaves from the U.S. arrive at Vesuvius Bay on Salt Spring Island to make a fresh start in a new land. They were later joined by settlers from Hawaii.
---		Sonora	COMPETING CULTURES: The Sugg House is built by former slave William Sugg. His descendants will live there for over 120 years.
---	Washington, D.C.		CONNECTING THE WEST: President James Buchanan appoints Edward F. Beale to survey and build a 1,000-mile (1,600 km) wagon road from Fort Defiance, New Mexico to the Colorado River, on the border between Arizona and California. The survey also incorporated an experiment using camels, first proposed by Secretary of War Jefferson Davis four years earlier.
January			
1	Washington, D.C.		CONNECTING THE WEST: Theodore Judah publishes <i>A Practical Plan for Building the Pacific Railroad</i> , explaining his argument and design for a Transcontinental Railroad.
---		San Francisco	U.S. Army's Department of the Pacific moves its headquarters back to San Francisco.
9		Ft. Tejon SHP	A massive 7.9 magnitude earthquake, with its epicenter near Ft. Tejon, shakes Southern California, damaging or destroying most of the fort's buildings. The San Andreas Fault ruptures along a 225 mile stretch. It remains the largest earthquake ever recorded in Southern California.
February			
3		Sacramento	<i>The Daily Bee</i> , later <i>the Sacramento Bee</i> , publishes its first issue.
5	Mexico City		Liberals in Mexico draft a new Constitution, which includes a bill of rights and restrictions on the role of the Catholic Church. Ignacio Comonfort is sworn in as President.

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1857		Los Angeles	COMPETING CULTURES: Juan Flores is tried, convicted, and hanged for murder in front of a crowd of over 3,000 at Fort Hill, in present-day downtown Los Angeles. Between 50 and 70 Mexican Americans are arrested on charges that they are connected to the Flores gang. By November of 1858, 11 others have been lynched.




Los Angeles in 1857

March	3	Paris	Peace treaty signed at Paris, ending war between France and Persia.
	3	London, England	Angered over the boarding and detainment of the British-registered trade ship <i>Arrow</i> , the British House of Commons narrowly passes a resolution that will ultimately spark the Second Opium War between the two nations. France, angered over the death of a French missionary, will also join the conflict. In reality, both nations seek access to and control over lucrative Asian markets.
	4	Washington, D.C.	James Buchanan is inaugurated as the 15 th President of the United States.

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1857			
	6	Washington, D.C.	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: After years in litigation, the Supreme Court, headed by Chief Justice Roger Taney, ruled that Dred Scott did not gain his freedom by living in a free territory. The essence of the decision was that as a slave, Dred Scott was not a citizen and therefore could not sue in a federal court. The opinion also stated that Congress could not exclude slavery in the territories and that blacks could not become citizens.
	7	New York City	A convention of “baseball organizations” meets and decides that the length of the game should be 9 innings, instead of 9 runs. It is also decided that teams will be limited to 9 players on the field.
April	21	Tokyo, Japan	A massive 8.3 magnitude earthquake strikes Tokyo, killing 107,000 people.
	---	Rouen, France	Gustave Flaubert publishes his novel (Madame Bovary) "Emma Bovary", after a year-long trial in which he was acquitted on government charges that the work is immoral. Later, it will be considered as the first novel of a liberated woman in modern literature.
	23	New York City	Elisha Otis installed the first modern passenger elevator in a public building, at the corner of Broome Street and Broadway in New York City
May	29	San Francisco	The Army moves its headquarters for the Division of the Pacific to the Presidio.
	1	Nicaragua	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: William Walker, the pro-slavery American conqueror of Nicaragua, surrenders to the US Navy. Cornelius Vanderbilt, a northerner, helped finance a Costa Rican army, which defeated Walker’s forces, and paid men under Walker’s command to defect. Walker later sought protection on a British naval vessel, whose captain turned him over to Hondurans, who execute Walker in 1860.
	5	San Francisco	William T. Sherman leaves California with his family, after enduring several unsuccessful business ventures.
	10	Meerut, India	The Sepoy Mutiny sparks the Indian Revolt of 1857, beginning two years of fighting against British rule that will ultimately fail to secure India’s independence.
	11	Delhi, India	Indian mutineers seize Delhi.
	19	Washington, D.C.	William Francis Channing and Moses G. Farmer were granted the first patent for an electric fire alarm system.


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1857			
June			
11		Placerville	CONNECTING THE WEST: The first wagon crosses the new wagon road from Murphy's to Carson Valley, Nevada.
11		Fort Bragg	Fort Bragg is founded. Named after Captain Braxton Bragg, there is much controversy over the name when Bragg becomes a Confederate General during the Civil War.
			 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sketch of Ft. Bragg, ca. 1850's.</i></p>
15		San Francisco	The San Francisco water works is organized.
25	Camp Verde, TX (near San Antonio)		CONNECTING THE WEST: Edward F. Beale leaves Texas with 25 camels, in an effort funded by the U.S. Army to determine their efficiency in traveling through the west, accompanied by several Turkish and Greek handlers. It is discovered that camels can carry nearly four times the weight that a mule can, with better footing and less water consumption. Beale will use his "camel corps" to construct portions of what will come to be known as "Beale Road", connecting Texas to Southern California
26	Springfield, IL		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: In response to a speech delivered two weeks earlier by Stephen A. Douglas on the subjects of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, the violence in Kansas, and the Dred Scott decision, Abraham Lincoln. expounds on the idea of equality as equality of opportunity as opposed to equality of result. Speaking of the Dred Scott decision, Mr. Lincoln points out that the Declaration of Independence asserts that all men are equal in their right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

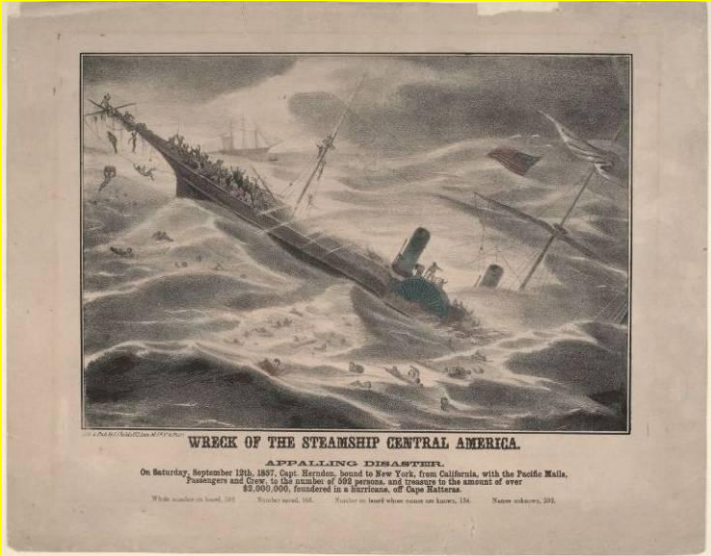
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1857 July	9	San Antonio, TX	CONNECTING THE WEST: The San Diego-San Antonio Mail Line, also known as the “Jackass Mail”, begins as the first pack horses leave San Antonio. Mail from the east, passing through San Antonio, makes it to San Diego in a record time of 53 days.
	15	Cawnpore, India	120 British women and children are butchered while trying to escape an Indian siege of Cawnpore. The Bibighar Massacre will result in equally merciless retaliation by British forces.
August	27	San Francisco	Sisters of Mercy establishes St. Mary’s Hospital, the first hospital on the West Coast.
	13	San Diego	The schooner <i>Loma</i> is launched; it is the first boat to be built in San Diego shipyards.
	23	El Morro, NM	Edward F. Beale’s U.S. Army camel experiment passes El Morro, New Mexico.
	24	Cincinnati, OH	The Panic of 1857 is sparked from the failure of the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company, which is quickly followed by numerous bank failures in the coming days and months. The financial downturn is primarily the result of a declining international economy and an overexpansion of domestic credit. Although the panic itself is short-lived, a proper economic recovery would not occur until the American Civil War.
25	New York	1857 John Thompson was discredited as a banker in the panic 1857. He later went on with his two sons as front men to found the forerunners of what are now City Bank and Chase Manhattan.	

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25		Columbia SHP	<p>COMPETING CULTURES: Columbia burns down in a 2nd fire that was blamed on a Chinese cook. Miners respond by evicting all Chinese from the town.</p> 
September			
5	England		Charles Darwin first outlines his theory of evolution in a letter to American botanist Asa Gray. The leading botanist of his time, Gray will become one of the founders of the National Academy of Sciences.
11	Mountain Meadows, UT		The 1857 Mountain Meadows Massacre of the California-bound Fancher-Baker emigrant wagon train in Utah Territory is planned out by Mormons fearful of an impending invasion by the U.S. Army. Church patriarch and adopted son of Brigham Young, John D. Lee, offered safe passage to the nearly 150 men, women and children on the Fancher-Baker train crossing Mormon Utah bound for California, if they left their weapons, livestock and wagons behind-ostensibly to appease hostile Indians. Once unarmed, all but the youngest children were slaughtered. Lee, who first blamed the massacre on Indians, was tried, convicted and executed in 1877 for his role in the killings.

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12	off the coast of North Carolina		A wooden-hulled steamship, the SS <i>Central America</i> , carrying 21 tons of gold from California to New York, is hit by a hurricane off the coast of North Carolina and as many as 425 passengers are killed. The loss of so much valuable gold shakes public confidence in the economy and contributes to the Financial Panic of 1857.
			
			<i>The tragic loss of the S.S. Central America contributed to financial panic in 1857.</i>
15	Salt Lake City, UT		SECESSION CRISIS: Mormon leader Brigham Young calls out the Nauvoo Legion of Mormon Troops to fight the U.S. Troops if they enter Utah Territory.
18		Sacramento	Construction begins on the Sacramento-Yolo Bridge.
18		Jackson	COMPETING CULTURES: Congregation B'nai Israel of Jackson dedicates the first Jewish synagogue in the Mother Lode.
30	Pacific Ocean		The United States occupies Sand, Baker, Howland, and Jarvis Islands south of Hawaii.
October			
---		Sacramento	The Sacramento Library Association is organized.
24	Sheffield, England		The world's first association football (soccer) team, Sheffield F. C., is founded.


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1857			
November			
---	Kansas		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Satisfied that the situation in Kansas is nearing a peaceful conclusion due to the higher proportion of anti-slavery settlers that will vote in favor of Kansas becoming a free state, John Brown begins recruiting members for an emerging plan to attack the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Virginia.
9	Boston, MA		The first issue of <i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> is published.
9		Los Angeles	Edward F. Beale's camel expedition arrives in Los Angeles.
10	New York		At the age of twenty, Paul Morphy won fame as the first American chess hero at the First American Chess Congress in New York. The New Orleans native became the world's leading chess player after he defeated Adolf Anderssen of Germany. Morphy beat all the world's masters who took him on, although Englishman Howard Staunton backed out of a promised match after witnessing his play. Morphy then issued a challenge to take on any player, but none responded, and Morphy retired in 1860.
December			
2		Sacramento	J.S. Harbison arrives in Sacramento with a shipment of honeybees, sparking the California honey industry.
16	Naples, Italy		An earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 6.9 kills 11,000.
17	Mexico City, Mexico		Anti-constitutional forces led by General Felix Zuloaga take control of the capital without firing a shot. President Comonfort declares extraordinary powers, leading to imprisonment and the shooting of many of his opponents
31	London, England		Britain's Queen Victoria decides to make Ottawa the capital of Canada.

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---		Hangtown (Placerville)	Frederick Seig establishes California first Druid Lodge in Hangtown (now Placerville).
---		Napa Valley	COMPETING CULTURES: Charles Krug, a German immigrant, decided to put Napa wine onto a business footing using a cider press, useful for more efficient wine-making process. He had served a short apprenticeship under Col. Agoston Haraszthy in Sonoma, and later will start the Krug Winery of Napa in 1861.
---		Palo Alto	Stanford Health Services in Palo Alto is founded as the Medical Department of the University of the Pacific.
---		Napa Valley	A silver rush begins at Mt. St. Helena, but only a small amount of silver is produced.
---	London, England		The East India Company is abolished and the British government assumes the administration of India.
January			
7		Sacramento	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Archy Lee, a slave who had come to California from Mississippi with his owner, Charles Stovall, appears in court to argue for his freedom. He had escaped after Stovall attempted to send him back to Mississippi. On January 26, Judge Robert Robinson sets him free, but this case would continue as a source of controversy and tension over the question of slavery and the legality of the federal Fugitive Slave Law in California.
8		Sacramento	SECESSION CRISIS: John B. Weller becomes California's 5 th governor. As governor, Weller intends to make California an independent republic if the North and South should divide.
11	Mexico City, Mexico		The Mexican War of the Reform begins as conservative leader General Felix Zuloaga calls for the ouster of President Ignacio Comonfort, who resigns 10 days later. Benito Juarez is chosen as his replacement. Catholic leaders and the military junta elect General Zuloaga as the nation's President. Juarez and his liberals retreat to Veracruz, fighting the conservative regime for over three years until their final victory in 1861.
26		Sacramento	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Immediately after winning his freedom in the local court, former slave Archy Lee is arrested for second time, on a warrant issued by California Supreme Court Justice David Terry, who harbors slaveholder sympathies.

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1858			
February			
---			Concerned about possible arrest for his activities, John Brown hides out for three weeks in the Rochester, New York home of his friend, Frederick Douglas.
11		San Francisco	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Archy Lee is found guilty in the California Supreme Court. Shortly after he loses his case for freedom, Lee is arrested by friends, who desire to try his case in the Federal District Court. A few days later, district court judge T.W. Freelon finds Lee innocent, granting his freedom. Before he could leave the courtroom, however, Lee is arrested for a fourth time by a federal marshal. Stovall, Lee's owner, had asked U.S. Commissioner William Penn Johnson to review the case, arguing that the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 applied. The black community in California expresses outrage.
			
			As many as 4,000 African Americans would come to California try their luck in the gold fields, as illustrated in this 1852 photograph of an African-American miner. As a result of the Fugitive Slave Act passed in 1850, all African-Americans in California — born free or formerly enslaved — lived under constant threat of arrest.
March			
---		Sacramento	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Taking advantage of the outrage over the Archy Lee case, Assemblyman J. B. Warfield of Nevada County introduces a bill to restrict black immigration into the state. A key requirement listed in the bill would force blacks to register in order to prove their legal residence, and to carry these registration papers with them at all times. The bill easily passes the House, but is stalled in the

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---	New York City		Writer Frederick Law Olmstead and architect Calvert Vaux won the competition to develop Central Park. It is opened to the public later in the same year, even as construction continues.
6		Ft. Tejon SHP	John Xantus, a Hungarian working as a hospital steward at Ft, Tejon, collects, records, and describes the Spotted Owl for the first time.
9	Philadelphia, PA		Albert Potts patents the first mailbox.
17	Dublin, Ireland		The Fenian Brotherhood, a brigade of the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB), a secret revolutionary group, is founded in Dublin by James Stephens. John O'Mahony heads the IRB's American wing, popularly known as the Fenian Brotherhood, which is composed of immigrants and Irish Americans whose ultimate goal is to free Ireland from British rule.
21	Lucknow, India		British forces in India lift the siege of Lucknow, ending the Indian Revolt.
23	Philadelphia, PA		The cable street car is patented by Eleazer A. Gardner of Philadelphia.
23	Salt Lake City, UT		SECESSION CRISIS: Fearing an advance of the U.S. Army, Brigham Young orders 30,000 residents to vacate Salt Lake City and head south, and to prepare the city for burning. All Mormon colonists, including those in San Bernardino, are ordered back to Utah to defend the territory against an invasion.
30	Philadelphia, PA		Hyman L. Lipman of Philadelphia patents the pencil, with an eraser attached.
April			
6	Washington, D.C.		SECESSION CRISIS: President James Buchanan issues a proclamation declaring Mormons in Utah to be in a state of rebellion against the U.S. government.
14		Sacramento	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: U.S. Commissioner William Penn Johnson rules in favor of fugitive slave Archy Lee, arguing the because Lee had not crossed state lines to seek his freedom, the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 did not apply. The ruling sparks outrage and criticism among pro-slavery Southerners in the state, who view the California political system as having a corrupt, pro-abolitionist agenda.

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1858		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: In response to an increase in California racism over the Archy Lee case, California's black community begins a large exodus out of California into Victoria, British Columbia. Mifflin Gibbs, editor and founder of the state's first black newspaper, leads 65 African Americans onto the steamship <i>Commodore</i> to purchase property and establish a town to prepare for the arrival of others. Over the next year, nearly 800 more blacks will follow the Gibbs group to establish a new black community in Canada, where the Fugitive Slave Law and the American court system no longer restricts their freedom. Gibbs will become the first black city councilman of Victoria, B.C., as black migrants there make full use of their newfound voting rights.
		Sacramento	The California legislature passes another Consolidation Act, this time to merge the city and county governments of Sacramento.
		Sacramento	CULTURES IN CONFLICT: <i>An Act to Prevent the Further Immigration of Chinese or Mongolians to this State</i> is signed into law. The term "Mongolian" is used to refer to all Asian ethnicities. The law provides strict punishment for anyone involved in shipping Asian migrants into California.
		New York City	NYC commissioners approve the "Greensward" plan for Central Park. Frederick Law Olmstead (1822-1903), the recently selected park superintendent, and landscape architect Calvert Vaux won a design competition to improve and expand the park with a plan they entitled the Greensward Plan. The park had first opened in 1857, on 770 acres of city owned land. Construction began in 1858 and was completed in 1873. The initial budget for the new park was \$1.5 million.
	May	Minnesota	
		Sacramento	The California Legislature establishes penalties for forging mining claims.
June	Florence, Italy		Comet Donati is discovered. On September 28, it is the first comet to be photographed.
	Springfield, IL		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: In a speech accepting the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, candidate Abraham Lincoln argued that the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."


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	18 Tianjin, China		The U.S. participates in discussion with the Britain, France, and China, winning many concessions from the Chinese. The Treaty of Tientsin is agreed to and signed by all nations. This opens up numerous Chinese ports to American goods.
	26 Salt Lake City, UT		SECESSION CRISIS: General Johnston leads 2,500 troops into a deserted Salt Lake City, escorting President Buchanan's choice for Brigham Young's replacement as Utah's territorial governor, Alfred Cumming. Brigham Young accepts a pardon for his actions, and the Mormons accept Cumming as their new governor, thus ending the "Mormon War" of 1858. Brigham Young continues his position as leader of the Mormon Church.
July			
	--- Englewood, CO		In the first week of July 1858, Green Russell and Sam Bates find a small placer deposit near the mouth of Little Dry Creek that yielded about 20 troy ounces (622 grams) of gold, the first significant gold discovery in the Rocky Mountain region. When word of their discovery reached the east, the Pike's Peak Gold Rush begins.
	19	San Francisco	The Spring Valley Water Company is organized, and wins a contract to install water lines throughout the city.
	20 New York City		An admission of 50 cents was charged for the first time at the All Star baseball game between New York and Brooklyn.
	24 Chicago, IL		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: During the Illinois senatorial campaign Republican candidate Abraham Lincoln challenges Democrat Steven Douglas to a series of joint debates, which will cover the slavery controversy and its impact on the nation. The debates illuminated the positions of Lincoln and Douglas on slavery, which Lincoln regarded as "a moral, a social and a political wrong," while Douglas evaded the moral issue. Although Lincoln narrowly won the popular vote, Douglas prevailed in the state legislature 54-41 and thus the election. The Lincoln-Douglas debates will propel Lincoln and his Republican Party to national prominence.
	29 Shimoda, Japan		The Treaty of Amity and Commerce, also called the Harris Treaty, between the United States and Japan was signed at the Ryōsen-ji in Shimoda on July 29, 1858. It opened the ports of Edo and four other Japanese cities to American trade and granted extraterritoriality to foreigners, among other stipulations.

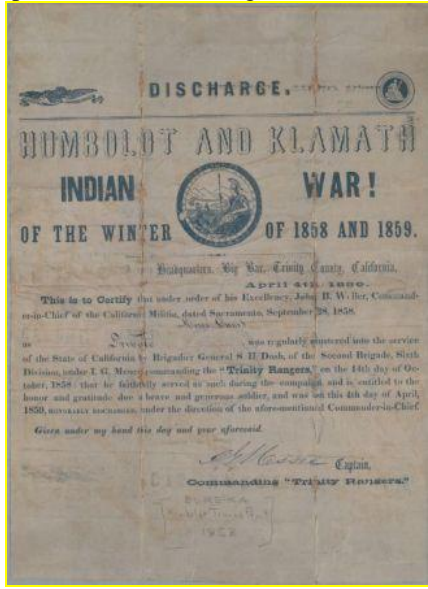
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August			
5	under the Atlantic Ocean		Cyrus W. Field completes the first transatlantic cable. It linked Newfoundland to Ireland. The line goes completely dead in October. William Thompson oversees the operation at sea aboard the HMS Agamemnon, which lays half the cable. The other half is laid by the USS Niagara, and the cables are spliced at a central meeting point on June. The cable is destroyed the following month in a failed experiment to increase efficiency by using higher voltage. The next successful transatlantic cable would not be complete until 1866.
16	Washington, D.C.		President Buchanan responds to a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable, marking the first instance of electronic communication between two continents and two governments. The two leaders expressed wishes of peace and improved relations between the two nations.
7	Freeport, IL		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: During his series of seven debates with his opponent Abraham Lincoln in the Illinois senatorial race of 1858, Stephen Douglas formulated what will become known as the Freeport Doctrine, which states that the people of a territory could, by lawful means, exclude slavery prior to the formulation of a state constitution. The doctrine was so called because Douglas first pronounced it at the town of Freeport in response to a question posed by Lincoln as to how Douglas could reconcile the doctrine of "popular sovereignty" with the Dred Scott decision.
September			
2-26		San Francisco	The Second Industrial Exhibition is held in San Francisco
10		San Francisco	A proposal is submitted to the Board of Trustees of the University of the Pacific, arguing for the establishment of a medical college there. The college, approved a few weeks later, will eventually evolve into the Stanford University School of Medicine.
13		San Luis Obispo County	A deer hunter named Robert Sears is killed by a grizzly bear.


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16	Washington, D.C.		<p>CONNECTING THE WEST: A contract between John W. Butterfield and associated and the U.S. Postal Service goes into effect, creating the Butterfield Overland Mail route. The route, which originates in St. Louis and terminates in California, is longer than previous overland mail routes but is free of snow, making it more reliable and successful than its predecessors. The company's motto was: "Remember, boys, nothing on God's earth must stop the United States mail!"</p>
			
			<p><i>The Opening of the Butterfield Stage Line was cause for much excitement throughout California, as mail from the East, which only a decade before took months, could now reach the state in as little as 6 days.</i></p>
27		San Francisco	Colonel Edward D. Baker delivers an address to commemorate the laying of the first Transatlantic Cable.
October			
---		San Francisco	The headquarters of the Division of the Pacific is moved from Benicia to San Francisco in October 1858.
2		San Diego	A Category 1 hurricane passes offshore near San Diego, causing extensive damage to the young city of 1,000 residents. Meteorologists will later associate the hurricane with a strong El Nino pattern of warm water in the Pacific during the year 1858.

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14		Pardee's Ranch, Humboldt County	INDIAN WARS: The Trinity Rangers, a company of volunteer militia, is formed. For six months, the Rangers will raid Indian encampments, killing all Indians they come across. In April, the California Legislature will authorize payments.
			
			<i>Discharge Papers of a California Volunteer.</i>
20		San Buenaventura (Ventura)	Placido, an Indian reported to be 137 years of age and a laborer in the construction of the San Buenaventura Mission 84 years earlier, passes away.
27	New York City		R.H. Macy and Co. open their first store.
31	Atlantic Ocean		The <i>Jeanie Johnston</i> , a triple-masted barque, sinks in the middle of the Atlantic with a load of timber. The crew was rescued by a Dutch ship. She was built in Quebec City for the Donovan family of Tralee. She was the best known of the "famine ships" that carried Irish refugees to the New World during the potato famine and returned with timber and food.

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November			
5		San Francisco	Reporting on the recent arrival in Los Angeles of a large party of immigrants from Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas, the <i>Daily Alta California</i> accurately predicts “A very large immigration from the southwestern states (today’s “new South”) is on the road and we shall soon have an addition to the population in this district (Los Angeles) than we have received for several years together”.
26		San Jose	A strong earthquake, later calculated with a magnitude of 6.2, strikes the San Jose area, causing significant damage to buildings.
December			
---	Missouri		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: John Brown and his followers invade Missouri and appropriate property and liberate slaves from two farms. Brown begins leading the slaves on an 82-day 1,000 mile journey to freedom in Canada.
---		Almaden Quicksilver County Park	After California courts rule the previous mining claim of Barron, Forbes and Co.’s at New Almaden, Santa Clara County, to be defective, a group of Americans claim title to the area, and open up the Enriquita Mine to continue quicksilver (mercury) extraction at the area named New Almaden, in Santa Clara County.
			
			<i>Blessing of the Enriquita Mine, dedicated 1859, New Almaden, California</i>
27		San Bernardino	SECESSION CRISIS: After realizing that Mormons were using their savings to purchase guns and ammunition to fight the U.S., Colonel William Hoffman moves his “Mojave Expedition” into the Mormon colony at San Bernardino and begins building more nearby posts in an effort to subdue both Mormons and Native Americans.

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---		San Francisco	Hubert Howe Bancroft marries Emily Ketchum and begins collecting books. His collection will become the most complete history on the Western United States and will be the foundation for the Bancroft Library.
---		Bodie SHP	The town of Bodie, east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Calif., is founded. It was 8,400 feet in elevation the site of a large gold find. William S. Body found gold in Mono County and prompted the growth of the town of Bodie, although he would perish while on a long trip for supplies in the winter of 1859. It was later made a State Historic Park and is maintained in its original condition.
---		San Francisco	The SF <i>Call</i> reported on the "Hoochie Coochie" dancers on the stages of the Bella Union, The Olympic and the Midway Plaisance and other dance halls: "dances of licentious and profane character, obscenity were served in superior style."
---	France		One of the first reports relating tobacco to cancer, <i>Tobacco, its History and Association</i> , is published in France by F.W. Fairholt.
---	Chechnya		The Muslim North Caucasus region of Chechnya was incorporated into the Russian empire after hundreds of years of fighting.
---	England		John Stuart Mill, in his 1859 work <i>On Liberty</i> , formulates the idea that society can restrict individual liberty only for society's own protection. Mill states that "over himself, over his own body and mind, the individual is sovereign" Mill will also argue in favor of women's rights and against slavery.
---		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: Chinese children are barred from attending San Francisco public schools. A Chinese School is established in Chinatown as a result.
January			
3-4	Northeastern U.S.		A major snowstorm shuts down the Northeastern United States.
15	Port-Au-Prince, Haiti		The Empire of Haiti is dissolved when Emperor Faustin I is forced to abdicate his throne by General Fabre-Nicholas Geffrard, who assumes the role of President.
February			
1		Sacramento	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: State Senator Holden of Stanislaus demands that U.S. Senator David C. Broderick be censured for disregarding the instructions of the Legislature of 1858, in relation to the admission of Kansas to the Union.

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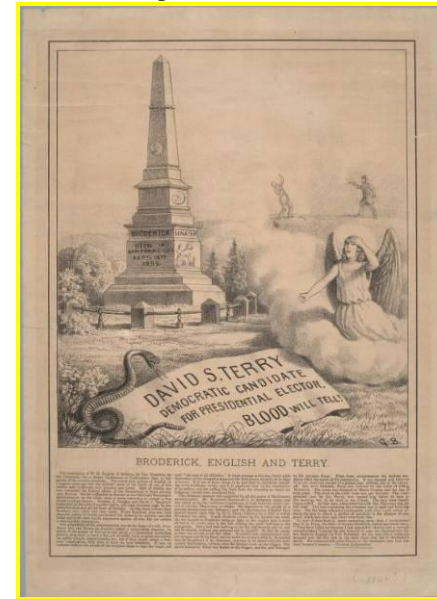
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	14 Washington, D.C.		Oregon is admitted as the 33 rd state in the union.
	28 Little Rock, AR		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The Arkansas legislature requires free blacks to choose exile or slavery.
March			
	18 Veracruz, Mexico		Veracruz is besieged by Conservative forces during the Mexican War of the Reform.
	21 Philadelphia, PA		The Zoological Society of Philadelphia, the first in the U.S., is incorporated.
April			
	4 New York City		<i>Dixie</i> is first performed in New York City, performed by Bryant's Minstrels as part of their blackface minstrel show. The song would grow tremendously in popularity over the next few years, and would later be recognized as the unofficial anthem of the Confederate States of America.
	6 Washington, D.C.		The United States recognizes Mexico's liberal government as the legitimate leadership.
	14 London, England		Charles Dickens's "A Tale of Two Cities" is published.
	18	Sacramento	SECESSION CRISIS: The State Legislature passes and Governor Wheeler signs the Pico Act, which would have created a separate state called "Colorado" from Southern California. The U.S. Congress is already fearful of the possibility of Southern California succeeding from the Union when the proposal reaches Washington in 1860, and consequently never acts on the bill.
	25 Egypt		Ground is broken for the Suez Canal.
	26 Black Rock Canyon, NV		Peter Lassen, famous for establishing the Lassen cut-off of the California Trail, is murdered. At first, Paiutes are suspected, but Lassen's death at the hands of a skilled sniper will remain a mystery. Lassen County, Lassen Peak, and Lassen National Forest are all named in his honor.
May			
	27 Atlantic Ocean		The "S.S. Pomona" sinks in North Atlantic drowning all 400 aboard.
	3 Paris, France		France declares war on Austria.
	5	Los Angeles	Captain Winfield Scott Hancock, the future Union Civil War general, is appointed as Chief Quartermaster of the Southern District of California at Los Angeles.

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1859				
June	31	London, England	Big Ben's clock is installed and chimes for the first time.	
	12	Virginia City, NV	The Comstock Lode, the first major deposit of silver ore in North America, is discovered. Silver mining there will do much to increase the development of both Nevada and San Francisco.	
	24	Italy	France defeats Austria at the Battle of Solferino, ensuring Italian unification. Nearly 40,000 are killed in this battle, which marks the last time in world history in which all involved armies are under the command of their monarchs.	
July	27	South Bend, IN	42 people are killed and over 50 are injured when an embankment collapses underneath a passenger train on the Michigan Southern Railroad, sending the train into a watery ravine.	
	1	Pittsfield, MA	Amherst College plays against William College in the first intercollegiate baseball game. Amherst College wins by a score of 77-32 in 25 innings.	
	5		San Francisco	A fight between rival firemen results in a shooting injury.
August	8	France	With the signing of the truce at Villafranca, Austria cedes Lombardy to France. France also receives Nice and Savoy.	
	21		Mendocino County	INDIAN WARS: Major Edward Johnson reports on the situation at the Round Valley Indian Reservation, stating that "I believe it to be the settled determination of many inhabitants to exterminate the Indians; and I see no way of preventing it".
	22		Sacramento	INDIAN WARS: Responding to the increasing violence between white settlers and Yuki Indians, during the summer of 1859, the editor of the <i>Sacramento Union</i> wrote: "The aborigines are melting away as the snows of the mountains in June ... they are doomed to steady extirpation".
September	1		San Francisco	INDIAN WARS: A <i>San Francisco Bulletin</i> editorial suggests "Extermination is the quickest and cheapest remedy, and effectually prevents all other difficulties when an outbreak [of Indian violence] occurs".
	1	Golden, CO		Pullman's first railroad car makes its first run.


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5	Boston, MA		Harriot E. Wilson's "Our Nig: Sketches from the Life of a Free Black," was published, the first U.S. novel by an African American woman.
13		Lake Merced	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: U.S. Senator David Broderick, the leader of the anti-slavery Republicans in the California legislature, is shot and killed in a duel with his former friend, former California Supreme Court Chief Justice David Terry. Terry blamed Broderick for his loss in his bid for re-election, but in reality the loss was a result of Terry's staunch pro-slavery platform. A close friend of Broderick, and also a close friend of Abraham Lincoln, Edward Dickinson Baker, speaks at Broderick's funeral, stating: "His death was a political necessity, poorly veiled beneath the guise of a private quarrel...What was his public crime? The answer is in his own words: 'I die because I was opposed to a corrupt administration and the extension of slavery.'"



The Shooting of anti-slavery U.S. Senator Broderick was appalling to many, agreeable to others, and was source of political controversy that increased political divisions already present in California.

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17		San Francisco	Joshua A. Norton, who lost his money in an attempt to corner the rice market, declares himself Norton I, Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico, and dresses the part. He is considered to be one of San Francisco's earliest eccentric citizens, a personality trait that makes Norton very popular there.
			
			<p><i>"Emperor" Norton I, self-proclaimed "Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico".</i></p>
20		San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: The Pacific Railroad Convention convenes. Theodore Judah publicly argues for the construction of a Transcontinental Railroad.
20	Washington, D.C.		The first electric range is patented by George B. Simpson of Washington, D.C.
21	United States		A fantastic aural display, the result of a large solar flare, glows throughout the U.S.
October 2		San Francisco	Cornerstone laid for St. Francis Church on Vallejo St.

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1859			
16	Harper's Ferry, VA (now WV)		SECESSION CRISIS: John Brown leads 16 white men, 3 free blacks, 1 freed slave, and 1 fugitive slave in a raid against the federal armory at Harper's Ferry. Nearly 200 Sharps rifles had been provided to them by Northern abolitionists, as well as other supplies in the hopes of starting a slave insurrection in the South. The following day, Brown's men are discovered, and the site is surrounded by local militia, farmers, and shopkeepers. In response, President Buchanan orders a detachment of U.S. Marines under the command of Colonel Robert E. Lee to siege "John Brown's Fort" and capture or kill the abolitionists. Brown will lose two of his sons and 15 other men in the struggle when forces under the command of Col. J.E.B. Stuart storm the armory after Brown refuses to surrender on October 18. No slaves came to Brown's aid, although Robert E. Lee will patrol the area looking for fugitives as a precaution. Fear of further abolitionist attacks and slave revolt sweeps the South, as does hatred towards the anti-slavery "radicals" in Congress whose rhetoric many Southerners blame for encouraging Brown's course of action. Fearing a massive slave rebellion, many Southerners begin a widespread campaign of lynching throughout the South.
19	Washington, D.C.		President Buchanan signs a letter confirming the return of mission properties in California to the Catholic Church.
22	Barcelona, Spain		Spain declares war on the Moors in Morocco.
November			
15	Athens, Greece		The first modern Olympic Games begin in Athens, Greece. With no professional athletes in existence, participants include people from all walks of life, including beggars, porters, policemen, and anyone else attracted to the monetary prizes awarded.
24	England		Charles Darwin publishes "On the Origin of Species".
28	Sunnyside, NY		Washington Irving, American essayist, author, historian, biographer, and lawyer, dies. He is buried in the Hudson Valley Old Dutch Church cemetery in Tarrytown, NY.
29	Honduras		Great Britain formally signs the Wyke-Cruz Treaty, ceding Roatan Island to Honduras. Great Britain signed the treaty in order to appease President James Buchanan, who had invoked the Monroe Doctrine in arguing for the British to leave. The British had settled the island with African slaves and the islanders speak English with a Caribbean accent. It was controlled for a time by the pirate Henry Morgan.

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1859			
December			
2	Charles Town, VA (now WV)		SECESSION CRISIS: John Brown is hanged for treason against the State of Virginia, despite the fact that he was never a citizen of the state. Arguments over his death and the morality of his efforts will continue to inflame both Northerners and Southerners, building to a climax during the election of 1860 and the secession of the South.
2		San Francisco	“Emperor” Norton I dismisses Gov. Wise of Virginia for hanging John Brown and appoints John C. Breckenridge of Kentucky to replace him.
19		San Francisco	Construction begins on the Market Street Railway (later known as MUNI).

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1860			
---	United States		CONNECTING THE WEST: Track mileage in the U.S. totals 30,636, up from 3,328 in 1840. The U.S. now has more rail lines than in all of Europe.
---		Bidwell Mansion SHP	John Bidwell moves to his 22,000 acre Rancho Arroyo Chico, for which he had received patent earlier in the year. He then constructs an opulent mansion and founds the town of Chico on his property. Bidwell will entertain many famous guests will at the mansion, including President Rutherford B. Hayes, General William T. Sherman, Susan B. Anthony, Frances Willard, Governor Leland Stanford, John Muir, Joseph Dalton Hooker and Asa Gray.
---	-----	-----	COMPETING CULTURES: According to the 1860 census, California now has a population of 379,994, while the United States has grown to a population of 31,443,321. California's largest city, San Francisco, has a population of 56,802. Los Angeles has population of only 3,500-4,000, consisting of a mix of Mexicans, Indians, Americans (both Southern and Northern in origin), German Jews, a few Chinese (mostly engaged in laundering) and a few blacks. During the 1860's, over 20,000 Chinese, 2/3 of the American Chinese population, is working in California mines.
---		Lone Pine	Lone Pine is founded and named after a solitary tree there.
---		Calistoga	Sam Brannan, California's first millionaire, purchases the spring grounds at Indian Springs and builds a lavish resort. His name of Calistoga is the combination of California and Saratoga, a famous New York spa.
---		Round Valley	INDIAN WARS: Drydon Laycock, a Round Valley resident, will later claim that in the period 1856-1860, local settlers went out "two or three times a week" and killed "on an average, fifty or sixty Indians on a trip."
---	Kansas		Severe drought leads to the exodus of 30,000 settlers from Kansas.
January			
4		Jackson	The Kennedy Mining Company is formed, and work begins on the Kennedy mine near Jackson. At a depth of 5,912 ft. below the surface, it will become the deepest gold mine in North America before its closure in 1942.
9		Sacramento	Milton S. Latham is inaugurated as the 6th governor of California address. When Latham takes office, he asks the legislature appoint him to recently slain U.S. Senator David Broderick's seat. He is the shortest-serving governor in California history.

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1860			
		Sacramento	John Downey is inaugurated as the 7th governor of California. As Lt. Governor, he succeeded Milton Latham as Governor after Latham's resignation. Downey's veto of the "bulkhead" bill (which would have allowed ownership of San Francisco's waterfront by a monopoly) made Downey a hero. Latham, who will become an important railroad financier, is voted in as a U.S. Senator by the California Legislature.
		Mendocino County	INDIAN WARS: Lt. Dillon reports on the Round Valley Reservation, saying that Indians there are subjected to "continual" vandalism, trespassing, and abduction of Indian women by local settlers.
February			
		Indian Island	INDIAN WARS: White settlers massacre Wiyot Indians at the village of Tuluwat on Indian Island near Eureka, Ca. At least 60 women, children and elders are killed.
	New York City		ELECTION OF 1860: Abraham Lincoln delivers his famous Cooper Union speech, which many historians will later argue is the speech that won the Presidency. In his message, Lincoln argues for a moderation of opinions on all sides, but also criticizes Southern single-mindedness saying: "Your purpose, then, plainly stated, is that you will destroy the Government, unless you be allowed to construe and enforce the Constitution as you please, on all points in dispute between you and us. You will rule or ruin in all events."
March			
		Sacramento	CONNECTING THE WEST: The California legislature passes a resolution, asking Congress to appropriate money for certain mail routes, lighthouses, buoys, and the removal of Blossom rock, San Francisco's busy harbor.
		San Francisco	Japanese Embassy staff arrives aboard the <i>Candinmarruh</i> on their way to Washington.
April			
		San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: The US Pony Express mail system began when one horse and rider carrying a bulging mail pouch began the 10 1/2-day run from San Francisco, Calif., to St. Joseph, Mo. Riders left St. Joseph, Missouri and SF, Ca., at the same time. They averaged 12 mph over 75-100 mile segments between 153 change stations. The SF freight company of Russell, Majors and Waddell began the service. The ride from SF was a publicity stunt and never repeated. Sacramento was made the western terminus. The enterprise failed after only 18 months, however, due to mounting financial losses and competition from the rapidly expanding telegraph network.

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1860	6	Nauvoo, IL	Joseph Smith III, creates the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints by reorganizing the previous church organized by his father, Joseph Smith, Jr.
	11	Sacramento	John C. Bell, a member of the Assembly, is mortally stabbed in one of the lobbies of the lower House by W. H. Stone, of El Dorado, in a dispute over a county-creation bill.
	13	Sacramento	CONNECTING THE WEST: The first Pony Express rider reaches Sacramento.
	14	Camp Cady	INDIAN WARS: The U.S. Army establishes Camp Cady, 20 miles east of present-day Barstow, in order to protect travelers and subdue Indians along the Ft. Mojave route.
	16	5 miles north of Oakland	The Trustees of the College of California meet at the location of Founder's Rock to dedicate their new campus. It will later grow into the first University of California.
	22	Sacramento	INDIAN WARS: "An Act Amendatory of an Act for the Government and Protection of Indians" passes. This legislation requires strict fines for anyone found guilty of kidnapping Native American women and children, but also gives easy guidelines for forcing Indians into legal servitude. Its contradictions do nothing to slow down the slave trade of Indians.
	28	San Francisco	Unitarian Reverend Thomas Starr King arrives in San Francisco, and delivers a sermon to a packed audience at his San Francisco Unitarian church the next day. King will soon campaign for Lincoln, and will deliver pro-Union speeches across the state during the Civil War, helping to ensure California's participation in the Union cause. Many will later refer to King as the "preacher who saved California's soul".
	30	Arizona Territory	INDIAN WARS: Ft. Defiance is nearly overrun by 1,000 Navajo warriors, but the garrison of 150 soldiers prevails with only two killed in the action, compared with 20 Navajo.
May	6	Williams Station, NV	INDIAN WARS: Paiutes attack the Williams Pony Express Station, killing five. Paiutes claim the raid to be a response to the rape of two young women by the station's proprietors. Due to the outbreak of the Paiute War of 1860, the Pony Express is forced to suspend its services in California.

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1860			
	12	Pyramid Lake, NV	INDIAN WARS: At the first Battle of Pyramid Lake, Pauites led by Chief Numaga ambush Major William Ormsby's volunteer militia, killing 76 members of the 105-man force, including Major Ormsby.
	18	Chicago, IL	ELECTION OF 1860: Abraham Lincoln wins the Republican Party's nomination for President. As a more moderate choice between Salmon P. Chase and William H. Seward, Lincoln wins the nomination in part because delegates believe that he has the best chance for carrying the Western states. The Republican Party platform at that time called for higher tariffs, a homestead law granting free land to settlers in the west, government funding for a transcontinental railroad, and a stop to the expansion of slavery.
June	---	Pyramid Lake, NV	INDIAN WARS: In the Second Battle of Pyramid Lake, federal troops and California militia retrace Ormsby's route, pursuing Indians in the area. Four whites are killed and 160 Paiutes are claimed to have been killed, but many more Indians die of starvation while fleeing and hiding from federal troops.
	---	Santa Susana Pass SHP	Construction begins on the Santa Susana Pass Stagecoach Road.
	---	New York, NY	The California Quicksilver Mining Association is formed in New York, with the intent of working the mercury mines at New Almaden.
	3	Iowa, Illinois	A massive tornado sweeps through portions of Iowa and Illinois, killing at least 100.
	4	Washington, D.C.	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Abolitionist Senator Charles Sumner delivers his "Barbarism of Slavery" address in the U.S. Senate, infuriating Southern Democrats.
	25	Western U. S.	CONNECTING THE WEST: The Pony Express resumes service.
July	1	San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: A single track of the San Francisco and Mission Railroad is completed; a distance of three miles from the foot of Market Street to the Mission. It is San Francisco's first street railway.
	26	San Francisco	"Emperor" Norton I, a very eccentric resident, dissolves the United States of America.
August	4	San Francisco	The Ladies Protection and Relief Society dedicates their first building, which will be used to give assistance to recently-arrived women and their children.

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	11	Virginia City, NV	The nation's first successful silver mill begins operation in Virginia City.
	11	Southeastern Louisiana	On the 4 th anniversary of the Last Island Hurricane, another hurricane hits southeastern Louisiana, causing extensive flooding and damage, as well as 47 lives lost.
September			
	12	Nicaragua	SECESSION CRISIS: William Walker is court-martialed and shot by Honduran authorities after surrendering to a British naval officer, marking the end of his quest to establish an independent pro-slavery republic.
October			
	8	San Francisco, Los Angeles	CONNECTING THE WEST: The first telegraph line opens between San Francisco and Los Angeles.
	18	Volcano	From his recently constructed astronomical observatory, the state's first, George Madeira reports to the <i>Sacramento Union</i> that he has observed sunspots.
November			
	---	Columbia SHP	The new schoolhouse in the mining town of Columbia opens with 368 students, 2 teachers and a principal.
	6	United States	ELECTION OF 1860: Abraham Lincoln is elected the 16 th President of the United States. He is the first Republican to win the Presidency, and does so largely as a result of divisions within the Democratic Party, who's Northern and Southern factions each nominate their own anti- and pro-slavery candidates, respectively. By the time of Lincoln's inauguration in March, seven Southern states have seceded from the Union. California's four electoral votes go to Lincoln, even though he only received 32% of the total popular vote and won the state by fewer than 1,000 votes over Douglas.
	22	San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: Pro-Union citizens are dismayed when the outgoing President Buchanan combines the Army's Departments of California and Oregon into a single Department of the Pacific and appoints General Albert Sidney Johnston, a Texan and a Southern sympathizer, to command it.
December			
	13	Washington, D.C.	SECESSION CRISIS: U.S. Senator Milton S. Latham meets with other leaders from California and the other Western territories to discuss the creation of an independent "Pacific Republic" in the event that the Union is dissolved. Representatives from Utah and the New Mexico Territory seem to be favorable to the idea of joining the Republic in the event of California's secession from the Union.

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1860			
17		Anaheim	The city of Anaheim is founded.
20	South Carolina		SECESSION CRISIS: South Carolina becomes the first state to secede from the United States.
23	Washington, D.C.		SECESSION CRISIS: Realizing that the majority of California is pro-Union, Senator Latham comes out against the idea of an independent Pacific Republic.
26-30	Charleston, SC		SECESSION CRISIS: State troops take over Ft. Moultrie, Ft. Johnson, the battery at Morris Island, Castle Pickney, and the federal arsenal surrounding Charleston Harbor. Ft. Sumter, the only fort with an active garrison, is not yet taken but is surrounded by state troops.

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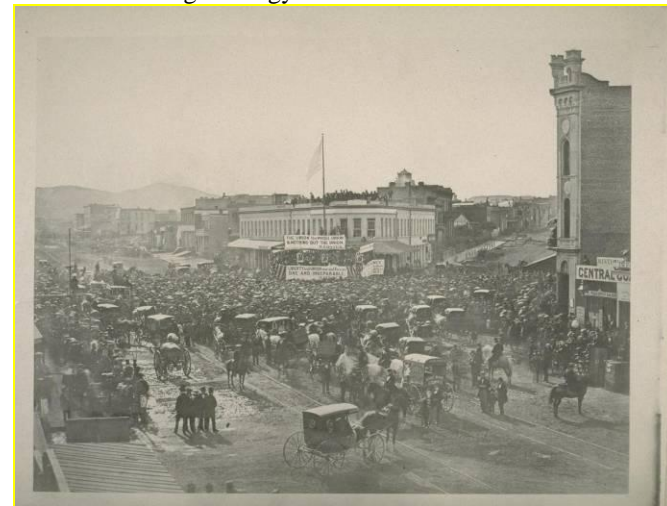
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---		Pacific Ocean	The Pacific squadron consists of the sloops-of-war USS <i>Lancaster</i> , USS <i>Saranac</i> , USS <i>Wyoming</i> , USS <i>Narragansett</i> , USS <i>Shubrick</i> , and USS <i>Cyane</i> . These six ships will be in charge of defending the Pacific coast from Confederate and other foreign raiders.
---		-----	SECESSION CRISIS: As more Southern states secede from the Union, California remains politically divided between pro-Union loyalists and Pro-Confederate secessionists. Secessionists will join two secret societies, the <i>Knights of the Golden Circle</i> and the <i>Knights of the Columbian Star</i> , and plot to organize the secession of California and Oregon into a new, independent Pacific Republic. Of California's 130,000 voters, 50,000 are Northern-born and 30,000 are Southern born. Southern Democrats sympathetic to secession are in the majority in Southern California and Tulare County, and exist in large numbers in San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Monterey, and San Francisco counties.
---	Indianapolis, IN		Richard Gatling invents the first successful machine gun. Gatling wrote that he created it to reduce the size of armies and thus reduce the number of deaths by combat and disease, and to show how futile war is.
January			
1	Mexico City		Porfirio Diaz conquers Mexico City.
3	Savannah, GA		SECESSION CRISIS: The state of Georgia seizes Ft. Pulaski and Ft. Jackson.
4	Mobile, AL		SECESSION CRISIS: Ft. Morgan is seized by Alabama troops.
7	St. Augustine, FL		SECESSION CRISIS: Florida troops seize Ft. Marion, after taking over a federal arsenal the previous day.
9	Mississippi		SECESSION CRISIS: Mississippi secedes from the Union.
10	Mississippi		SECESSION CRISIS: Mississippi troops take over federal fortifications and property.
10	Florida		SECESSION CRISIS: Florida secedes from the Union.
11	Alabama		SECESSION CRISIS: Alabama secedes from the Union.
14	near Pensacola, Florida		SECESSION CRISIS: Ft. Pickens surrenders to Florida and Alabama militia.

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1861			
		San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: General Sidney Albert Johnston, the future commander of the Confederate Army of the Mississippi, arrives in San Francisco to take command of the Department of the Pacific.
		Mormon Slough	SECESSION CRISIS: A secessionist flag, with a blue background and a single white star, is found flying on the mast of a surveying schooner near Stockton. It is distinct from other secessionist flags, however, in that it depicts a large grizzly bear in the foreground, and has the words "Pacific Republic" written at the top.
	Georgia		SECESSION CRISIS: Georgia secedes from the Union.
	Louisiana		SECESSION CRISIS: Louisiana secedes from the Union.
	Senoita Creek, AZ		INDIAN WARS: The Bascom Affair: Apache leader Cochise is accused and his family imprisoned by Lt. Bascom over an Indian raid nearby that involved the kidnapping of a young boy. The event sparks a war between the Apaches and Union soldiers.
	Washington, D.C.		Kansas is admitted to as the 34 th state in the Union, as a free state.
February			
	Texas		SECESSION CRISIS: Texas secedes from the Union.
	Washington, D.C.		SECESSION CRISIS: 100 leading politicians gather at the Willard Hotel to discuss a compromise in a last-ditch effort to avoid the Civil War. As part of the compromise, the Missouri Compromise boundary between slave and free states would have been extended to the Pacific Ocean, a deal that hard-line Republicans refused to accept.
	Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory		SECESSION CRISIS: The general council of the Choctaw Nation adopts a resolution declaring allegiance to the South "in the event a permanent dissolution of the American Union takes place."
	Springfield, IL		ELECTION OF 1860: Abraham Lincoln begins his train tour from Springfield to Washington, D.C.
		Fort Point	Fort Point is completed and garrisoned by two companies of the 3rd Artillery.

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1861	18	Montgomery, AL	SECESSION CRISIS: Jefferson Davis is chosen as President of the Confederate States of America.
	22	San Francisco, Sacramento	SECESSION CRISIS: Washington's birth-day celebrated by an "immense" Union demonstration. Rev. Thomas Starr King delivers a passionate speech, arguing for Californians to remember Washington by supporting the Union he created, thus beginning an extensive 3 year long lecture tour of the state. Many Californians will credit this speech and the lecture tour that followed as the primary reason why California does not secede from the Union during the Civil War. In Sacramento, Jefferson Davis is hung in effigy.
March	23	San Francisco	California Mutual Marine Insurance Co. is organized. It is the first company in the state to carry on the business of fire and marine insurance.
	---	Benicia	SECESSION CRISIS: Col. Sidney Albert Johnston, a Confederate sympathizer and future Confederate general, turns away a group of California secessionists who intended to take the arms stored at the Benicia Armory to distribute to secessionist militias in California. Their stated goal is to form a new "Pacific Republic" from parts of California and southern Oregon. Col. Johnston, who agreed with the right to secede but regretted its occurrence, had heard rumors that this group would try to seize San



Thomas Starr King delivering his famous "Washington and the Union" speech, 1861

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1861			Francisco area fortifications and the Benicia Arsenal and told the group that he was prepared to defend the facilities “to the last drop of blood”. Determining that Johnston is no longer trustworthy and in danger of assisting rebellion, Brig. Gen. Edwin Vose Sumner is sent from the East via Panama to take over Johnston’s command. Johnston will later escape to Texas and join the Confederacy as one of its most important generals during the massive Battle of Shiloh in April of 1862, where he will be killed.
4	Washington, D.C.		SECESSION CRISIS: Abraham Lincoln is inaugurated as the 16 th President of the United States. Lincoln closes his inaugural address with an impassioned plea for restraint: "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."
4	Montgomery, AL		SECESSION CRISIS: The new “stars and bars” Confederate Flag is adopted, and is unfurled over the Montgomery capitol for the first time.
7		Los Angeles	SECESSION CRISIS: The Los Angeles Mounted Rifles, a pro-Confederate secessionist militia, is organized. Their unit consists of numerous important leaders, including L.A. County Sheriff Tomas Avila Sanchez.
16	Mesilla (present-day Las Cruces)		SECESSION CRISIS: A Convention approving secession of the New Mexico Territory (which includes present-day Arizona) is held.
23	Tucson, AZ		SECESSION CRISIS: A second convention to debate secession is held, resulting in ratification and the addition of the southern portions of New Mexico Territory to the Confederacy, forming the new Confederate Territory of Arizona.
23		Los Angeles	SECESSION CRISIS: Another secessionist militia, the Monte Mounted Rifles, is formed in Los Angeles County by undersheriff A.J. King.
28	Arizona		SECESSION CRISIS: The newly formed Arizona Territory votes to separate from New Mexico Territory and join the Confederacy, increasing fears in the North that Southern California would again try to secede from the North. This fear was based on the demonstrated desire for separation in the vote for the Pico Act, the strength of secessionists in the area and their declared intentions and activities, especially in forming militia companies.

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1861			
April			
---		Los Angeles	SECESSION CRISIS: Brigadier General Edwin V. Sumner writes to the War Department about the situation in Los Angeles, saying "There is more danger of disaffection at this place than any other in the State. There are a number of influential men there who are decided secessionists, and if we should have any difficulty it will commence there."
---	Southern U.S.		SECESSION CRISIS: By the beginning of April, the U.S. military is in control of only two forts in the South—Ft. Pickens in Florida and Ft. Sumter at Charleston, SC.
4		San Francisco	Spring Valley Water Company celebrates the filling of the Potrero Hill reservoir.
6		Santa Susana Pass SHP	The first overland mail stagecoach travels along the Santa Susana Stagecoach Road, establishing the new route between Los Angeles and San Francisco.
7		Sacramento	Levees fail after a large storm, flooding Sacramento with over 20 ft. of water.
9		Benicia	SECESSION CRISIS: Col. Sidney Albert Johnston, after hearing news that his native Texas had separated from the Union, resigns from the U.S. Army.
12-13	Charleston, SC		CIVIL WAR: The Battle of Ft. Sumter: Confederate forces announce an ultimatum to surrender after President Lincoln announces plans to resupply the surrounded U.S. Army forces there. Confederate batteries open fire on April 12, and siege the fort for 34 hours until U.S. Major Robert Anderson surrenders.
15	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: In response to the Confederate attack on Ft. Sumter, President Lincoln issues a proclamation calling for 75,000 volunteers to serve a term of 90 days in order to suppress the rebellion in the Southern states. California will contribute 6,000 men for this first military draft.
15		Santa Clara	SECESSION CRISIS: Santa Clara's County Sheriff attempts to serve a writ of restitution on one citizen, but is turned away by a band of armed men numbering, in his words, nearly 1,000. This arouses Santa Clara to form its own militia.
17	Virginia		SECESSION CRISIS: Virginia secedes from the Union.
24		San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: News of the surrender of Ft. Sumter reaches California.

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1861			
	27	Washington, D.C.	CIVIL WAR: In response to pro-Confederate mobs and the potential Confederate takeover of Maryland and the federal capital, President Lincoln issues a proclamation suspending the writ of habeas corpus (the right to petition against unlawful imprisonment) in Maryland and parts of other Midwestern states. Pro-confederate agitators are imprisoned throughout Maryland and are held without a fair trial. The Supreme Court under Chief Justice Roger Taney will declare Lincoln's proclamation to be unconstitutional, but Lincoln and the military simply ignore the ruling.
	30	Indian Territory (OK)	SECESSION CRISIS: President Lincoln orders all federal troops out of Indian Territory.
May	6	Arkansas	SECESSION CRISIS: Arkansas secedes from the Union.
	6	San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: Upon hearing the news that his native Texas had seceded from the Union, General Albert Sidney Johnston resigns his command of the Department of the Pacific to join the Confederacy.
	7	Tennessee	SECESSION CRISIS: Tennessee secedes from the Union.
	9	Ft. Humboldt SHP	INDIAN WARS: Troops under the command of Lt. Joseph Collins of the 4 th U.S. Infantry attack several nearby Indian villages, murdering at least 15.
	10	Sacramento	SECESSION CRISIS: Governor Downey writes a letter to friends, explaining that he does not believe the Union could "be preserved by a coercion policy" and that he is "opposed to aggressive war" to solve the problem. Controversy over these remarks will cost Downey his party's nomination for governor.
	11	San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: Following news of the Confederate attack on Ft. Sumter, over 20,000 pro-Union supporters demonstrate in San Francisco, suspending all business there. American flags are "as plentiful as stacks of grain in a wheat field" according to one observer, and numerous politicians make speeches in favor of President Lincoln.
	15	California State Capitol	The cornerstone is laid for the new capitol building. Due to delays related to the Civil War, the building will not be completed until 1874.

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17		Sacramento	SECESSION CRISIS: A joint resolution by the California legislature rules out the possibility of California seceding to become an independent “Pacific Republic”.
20	North Carolina		SECESSION CRISIS: North Carolina secedes from the Union.
25		Marin County	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: State assemblyman Charles W. Piercy is killed near San Rafael in a duel with another assemblyman, Daniel Showalter, a Southern sympathizer (and later a Confederate Lt. Col.) who had insulted him in the heated election of a new state senator. This would be the last political duel in California.
June			
---		Leland Stanford Mansion SHP	Leland Stanford purchases his mansion for \$8,000. It will be used as the governor’s office and residence by Stanford and the next two governors.
---		San Diego	Major Lewis Armistead, the future Confederate General, resigns his commission at New San Diego Depot and joins up with the Los Angeles Mounted Rifles, evading arrest by local authorities on his way to join the Confederacy.
1	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Slavery is abolished in all U.S. possessions.
3	Chicago, IL		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: U.S. Senator Stephen A. Douglas passes away from typhoid fever. Although he is best known for his pro-slavery debating prowess, Douglas had recently rallied his supporters for the Union cause as the South secedes.
17		Warner’s Ranch	CIVIL WAR: The Los Angeles Mounted Rifles, a pro-Confederate militia group, evades arrest and leaves Southern California on their trek to Texas to join the Confederacy. Among the participants in the journey are future Confederate Generals Lewis Armistead and Sidney Albert Johnston, L.A. County Sheriff Thomas Sanchez, and several other members of the L.A. County Sheriff’s Department.
18	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: President Lincoln signs into law an act creating the United States Sanitary Commission, in an effort to coordinate the volunteer efforts of women who wish to contribute to the war effort. Throughout the nation, Sanitary Fairs will be held to raise money for medical supplies and lodging for traveling or disabled Union troops. California’s contribution of over \$1.2 million is by far the largest of the states, totaling more than one fourth of the Sanitary Commission’s total funding.

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1861	28	Old Sacramento SHP	CONNECTING THE WEST: The Central Pacific Railroad is incorporated; Leland Stanford is elected as its President. His other three associates (members of “the big four”) were Charles Crocker, Mark Hopkins, and Collis P. Huntington with Theodore Dehone Judah as the nascent company's chief engineer. The railroad's first locomotive will be named the <i>Gov. Stanford</i> in his honor and later is put on display California State Railroad Museum.
July	30	Southwestern U. S.	CONNECTING THE WEST: The Butterfield Overland Mail Company ceases operation, directed by an Act of Congress passed in March.
	1	Washington, D.C.	Congress officially outlaws polygamy for the first time.
	2	Washington, D.C.	CONNECTING THE WEST: President Lincoln signs the Morrill Act , providing federal land grants for the establishment of colleges and universities.
	4	-----	SECESSION CRISIS: San Francisco and Sacramento experience massive pro-union rallies and celebrations of people showing their support for Lincoln and the Union. Secessionists wave their Confederate flags, but are usually assaulted for doing so in Northern California. The only Confederate flag to be captured in California during the Civil War will occur this day in Sacramento, when secessionist Major J.P. Gillis is assaulted for marching with a Confederate flag. In Southern California, the Confederate flag is raised and left undisturbed, including a flag unfurled at the main plaza in central Los Angeles; the majority of the population there is pro-Confederate.
	12	Indian Territory (Oklahoma)	SECESSION CRISIS: The Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes declare their allegiance to the Confederacy.
	15	Washington, D.C.	Yuba City INDIAN WARS: The Superintendent for Indian Affairs for California, George M. Hanson, reports to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the situation of Indian slavery: "In the month of October last I apprehended three kidnappers, who had nine Indian children, from three to ten years of age...The fact is, kidnapping Indians has become quite a business of profit, and I have no doubt is at the foundations of the so-called Indian wars. To counteract this unholy traffic in human blood and souls, I have appointed a number of special agents in the country through which the kidnappers pass when carrying the Indians to market in the settlements, with instructions to watch for them, and thus, I think that a temporary check has been put to their commerce."
	17	Mexico City	Benito Juarez suspends interest payments to foreign countries, angering Mexico’s major creditors France, Britain, and Spain.

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1861			
21	Manassas, VA		CIVIL WAR: The first major battle of the Civil War, the First Battle of Bull Run, takes place, resulting in almost 5,000 casualties and a Confederate victory. This win provides the South with confidence, and forces the North to reconsider its overly optimistic early expectations.
24	Washington, D.C.	-----	CIVIL WAR: Secretary of War Simon Cameron calls on California's Governor Downey to furnish one regiment of infantry and five companies of cavalry to guard the overland mail route from Carson City to Salt Lake City
25	Mesilla, New Mexico Territory		CIVIL WAR: The Battle of Mesilla occurs, resulting in at least 20 casualties in total. The battle is a Confederate Victory, and one that will secure much of the Southwestern United States as a Confederate Territory.
26	St. Joseph, MO		Mark Twain begins his journey west.
26	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: President Lincoln appoints George B. McClellan to command the Military Division of the Potomac, later called the Army of the Potomac.
August			
1	Mesilla, Confederate Territory of Arizona		CIVIL WAR: Lt. Col. John R. Baylor, the victor of the Battle of Mesilla, declares the creation of the Confederate Territory of Arizona, which includes southern portions of present-day Arizona and New Mexico.
1		Santa Clara	The Santa Clara Light Infantry (a.k.a. Santa Clara Guard) is organized into service.
3		Los Angeles	CIVIL WAR: Captain Winfield Scott Hancock is relieved of his command as Chief Quartermaster for the Department of Southern California, in order to head to the east to become one of the Union's most successful generals. As a result of his time in California, Hancock had become close friends of Albert Sidney Johnston and Lewis Armistead. General Hancock's forces will fight directly against General Armistead's during Pickett's charge at the Battle of Gettysburg, a fight that will claim the life of Armistead and leave Hancock wounded.
5	Washington, D.C.		The Revenue Act of 1861 is signed into law by President Lincoln. It establishes the first federal income tax, a flat rate of 3% on all incomes over \$800, as well as the first inheritance tax.
14		San Pedro	SECESSION CRISIS: Major William Scott Ketchum steams from San Francisco to San Pedro to quell secessionists in Southern California.

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1861			
19		Ft. Humboldt SHP	INDIAN WARS: An Indian family of seven is massacred by white settlers in Humboldt County, part of a murderous campaign by settlers there.
26		San Bernardino	SECESSION CRISIS: Major Ketchum makes camp with his infantry outside of San Bernardino. They are constantly under fire from pro-southern snipers.
30	Missouri		CIVIL WAR: John C. Fremont declares martial law in Missouri and free slaves of the Confederates. Acting on his own, Fremont angers President Lincoln for this act, and consequentially will be relieved from his duty in November.
September			
4		-----	Owing to a Democratic Party split between Northern and Southern Democrats, Leland Stanford is elected the 8 th governor of California. He will become a close friend of Lincoln, and will work successfully to silence secessionist sentiment.
4		San Bernardino	SECESSION CRISIS: Ninety cavalry quell a secessionist show of force during the gubernatorial election in San Bernardino.
7		San Bernardino Mountains	CIVIL WAR: Secessionists, who had hatched a plan to commit numerous robberies throughout Southern California, instigate a gunfight as a result of robbing several travelers on their way to Bear Valley. The rest of their plan would never materialize.
25		Camp Latham	CIVIL WAR: The U.S. Army's District of Southern California is formed with its headquarters at Camp Latham, near present-day Culver City. Colonel George Wright is named the District Commander.
26	United States		National Fast Day is loosely observed. President Lincoln issued a proclamation in April calling for this national day of fasting in order to achieve humility before god and pray for his mercy in relation to the outbreak of war.
30		Stockton	SECESSION CRISIS: Secessionists mysteriously hang the Confederate flag in multiple locations throughout Stockton overnight. The Union flag is quickly hoisted, and salutes are fired in response. Secessionists have been holding regular meetin the Stockton area, with attendance regularly in excess of 200.
October			
14		Camp Drum	CIVIL WAR: Col. George Wright, U. S. 9th Infantry Regiment, transfers command of District of Southern California to Col. James H. Carleton, First California Infantry.

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		Sacramento	CONNECTING THE WEST: Western Union completes the first transcontinental telegraph line, one year ahead of schedule. The first transcontinental telegraph message is sent as Justice Stephen J. Field of California transmitted a telegram to President Lincoln. Telegraph lines linked the West Coast to the rest of the country and will make the Pony Express and the Butterfield Overland Mail obsolete.
	Western U.S.		CONNECTING THE WEST: Due to the completion of the transcontinental telegraph, the Pony Express officially ceases operation.
		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: An African-American barber named George Gordon is shot and killed inside his shop by a white man named Robert Schell, whom Gordon had accused of theft. Schell is convicted of murder but receives a light sentence due to the fact that there were no white witnesses to the crime. One key witness is disqualified for having 1/8 African ancestry.
		San Francisco	CIVIL WAR: The 2 nd Regiment California Volunteer Cavalry is organized.
	London, England		The Treaty of London is signed by England, France, and Spain. The purpose of the meeting is to come to an agreement over a course of action towards obtaining loan repayments from Mexico, resulting in an international blockade effort.
November			
	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: General Winfield Scott retires and George B. McClellan is appointed to replace him as the general-in-chief of all Union forces.
	Pacific Ocean		SECESSION CRISIS: Aboard a steamer bound for Panama, former U.S. Senator from California William M. Gwin is arrested along with several other pro-southern leaders from the Los Angeles area. The arrest had been organized and is carried out by Gen. Edwin V. Sumner, who charges the men with “disloyal utterances” against the United States.
		Minter Ranch	SECESSION CRISIS: Assemblyman Daniel Showalter’s party of sixteen secessionists are intercepted and arrested by volunteer cavalry as they try to make their way to Texas to join the Confederacy.
December			
---		Sonoma	Completing his governor-ordered commission, Hungarian winemaker Agoston Haraszthy returns to California with more than 100,000 cuttings of more than 350

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1861			different varieties of grape vines from Europe. Haraszthy will become known as the "Father of California Viticulture".
---	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: The U.S. Congress begins hearings of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War, who will interrogate Union generals openly and question their competency.
8	Veracruz, Mexico		French troops invade Mexico, in an effort to colonize the weakened nation. Britain and Spain, after discovering France's intent, withdraw from participation. The invasion will lead to the establishment of the Second Mexican Empire under the leadership of Emperor Maximilian I, a member of the Austrian Hapsburg monarchy. The U.S. and most other foreign governments refuse to recognize the Mexican monarchy.
9		Sacramento	A sudden rise of water in the American River causes a levee to fail, flooding the city. In response to this and numerous other historic floods, the streets of central Sacramento will be raised over the next decade by as much as 14ft.
			<p><i>Following the dramatic flood of 1861-1862, the street level of Sacramento was raised 10 to 14 feet above previous flood levels.</i></p>
31		Santa Cruz	The California Powder Works is incorporated. Their business helps supply the west with gunpowder, ammunition cartridges, and dynamite.

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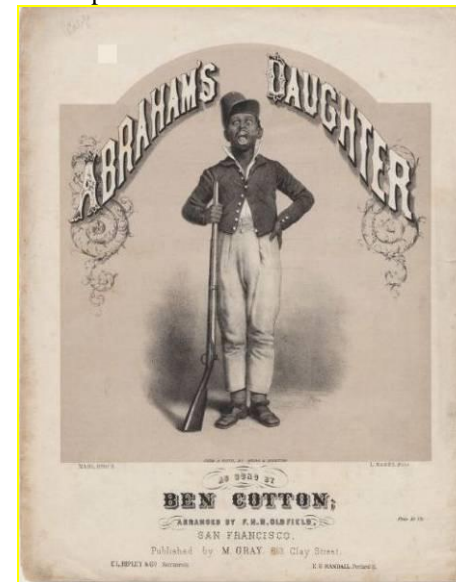
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After experiences a series of heavy deluges over the past two years, California begins to experience a severe drought that will last through 1865. Agriculture will suffer, particularly in Southern California, where the loss of thousands of cattle will result in numerous bankruptcies and a change in lifestyle away from the Ranchos that had made the area prosperous in the previous Mexican Era. By 1865, only 5,000 of the 200,000 cattle present there in 1863 had survived.

San Francisco

Ben Cotton, a well-known African-American Broadway minstrel singer and performer, travels to San Francisco to put on his minstrel show, which now features numerous pro-Union songs like “Abraham’s Daughter”. The song encourages others to fight for the causes that Lincoln expressed.



1862 Poster Advertisement for “Abraham’s Daughter”.

January

Drum Barracks
Civil War Museum

SECESSION CRISIS: The U.S. Army moves its headquarters for the District of Southern California to Camp Drum with Colonel James Henry Carleton in command.

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---	Mississippi and Illinois		Allen Allensworth, a slave, escapes from his master after two previous unsuccessful attempts. Allensworth then joins the 44 th Illinois Volunteers as a civilian aide. Later, he will become the highest-ranking African American in the U.S. military and founder of the town of Allensworth, which will be preserved as Colonel Allensworth SHP . In total, over 200,000 African Americans will fight for the Union during the Civil War.
10		Sacramento	Leland Stanford is inaugurated as the 8 th governor of California, and is California's first Republican governor. Due to extensive flooding, Stanford travels to his inauguration by rowboat.
24		Sacramento	The California State Legislature meets in the Federal building opposite the Custom House, and decides to temporarily adjourn from the capital (Sacramento) as a consequence of the recent floods.
30		Owens Valley	INDIAN WARS: Following a severe winter in 1861-1862, tensions between white settlers and Native Americans increase as Indians begin driving livestock out of the area and also killing them for their own use. After one Indian and one settler is killed in a cattle-related incident, settlers and Paiute leaders gather at San Francis Ranch for a peace convention. All sides agree to peace, with the notable exception of Joaquin Jim, leader of the Southern Mono Paiute. Joaquin Jim will then decide to carry out a war against the white settlers and the U.S. government that will last for over two years.
February			
14	Richmond, VA		SECESSION CRISIS: Confederate President Jefferson Davis signs an act of the Confederate Legislature authorizing the creation and organization of the Confederate Territory of Arizona.
17		San Francisco	A pro-Union demonstration is held in response to the Union capture of Ft. Donelson.
20	Washington, D.C.		Willie Lincoln, son of President Lincoln, dies at the age of 11. Typhoid is suspected.
20-21	Confederate Territory of Arizona		CIVIL WAR: Union forces suffer a significant defeat at the Battle of Valverde, at Valverde Creek in present-day New Mexico, leaving much of the Southwestern United States under Confederate control. Nearly 500 casualties are suffered by the two sides.
March			
3	Tennessee		President Lincoln appoints Andrew Johnson to be the military governor of Tennessee.

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9	Hampton Roads, VA		CIVIL WAR: The first battle between armored warships occurs between the Union ironclad <i>Monitor</i> and the Confederate ironclad <i>Merrimack (C.S.S. Virginia)</i> . The cannons of each ship were unsuccessful in damaging the other, and the battle is generally considered a draw, despite the fact that the <i>Merrimack</i> fled and is scuttled a month later.
10	Washington, D.C.		The U.S. issues its first paper money, known as “greenbacks”.
11	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: Frustrated with his lack of aggressiveness, Lincoln removes McClellan as general-in-chief.
17		Owens Valley	INDIAN WARS: Lieut. Col. George Evans is ordered by Col. Carleton to move his cavalry into the Owens Valley via Ft. Tejon to assess the situation there.
20		Owens Valley	INDIAN WARS: A militia group of settlers raid a Paiute camp in the Alabama Hills, killing 11 Indians and destroying their food supply.
22		El Monte	SECESSION CRISIS: New Camp Carleton is established to monitor secessionists in the area of El Monte.
26-28	Confederate Territory of Arizona		CIVIL WAR: In the Battle of Glorieta Pass, a Union force of 1,300 defeats and turns back a Confederate force of 1,100 whose goal was to secure not only the gold and silver mines of Arizona, New Mexico, and eastern California, but also the ports of Southern California. Due to its importance in ending Confederate control of the Southwest and in defending California, many historians will later refer to this battle as “the Gettysburg of the West”. Nearly 300 casualties are suffered by the two sides.
30	Confederate Territory of Arizona		CIVIL WAR: California Column forces under the command of Capt. William P. Calloway encounter a detachment of Confederate soldiers and open fire at Stanwix Station. The Confederates retreat to Tucson, which is the capital of the western district of Confederate Arizona.
April			
6-7	Southwestern TN		CIVIL WAR: Union forces win a bittersweet victory at Shiloh. With nearly 25,000 casualties, Shiloh will be the first of several large Civil War battles, and will force each side to rethink the focus and length of the war.
10-11	Fort Pulaski, GA		CIVIL WAR: General Quincy A. Gillmore’s artillery sieges and captures Ft. Pulaski.

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12		Drum Barracks Civil War Museum	CIVIL WAR: Colonel Carleton leads his force of 2,350 4 th U.S. Army Cavalry and California Volunteers into Arizona Territory with orders to re-take Confederate-controlled New Mexico and Arizona Territories.
14		Owens Valley	INDIAN WARS: Lieut. Col. Evans, having lost two men and out of provisions, begins the long journey back to Los Angeles. Numerous white settlers, driving thousands of cattle and sheep, will accompany the troops out of the area, leaving the Indians in complete control of Owens Valley though May and June. Evans will recommend that a post be built in Owens Valley to protect settlers there.
16	Richmond, VA		CIVIL WAR: The Confederate Congress passes a Conscription Act, requiring males ages 18-35 who were not exempt to serve for three years or provide a substitute.
15	Confederate Territory of Arizona		CIVIL WAR: Col. J. H. Carleton's California Column encounters Confederate patrols at Picacho Pass; the resulting skirmish leaves 3 Union soldiers dead.
25	New Orleans, LA		CIVIL WAR: David Farragut leads a naval assault that results in the conquest of New Orleans.
26		Sacramento	COMPETING CULTURES: The California Legislature passes "An act to protect free white labor against competition with Chinese coolie labor, and to discourage the immigration of the Chinese into the State of California", a law that requires all Chinese to pay a "police tax" of \$2.50 per month.
May			
2		San Francisco	An act of the state legislature provides for the establishment of the State Normal School (the old term for a teacher's college), an expansion of Minn's Evening Normal School in San Francisco, which had been established in 1857. In 1871, the school is moved to San Jose, eventually evolving into San Jose State University.
5	Williamsburg, VA		CIVIL WAR: Confederate forces succeed in stalling General McClellan, who had reached within 5 miles of the Confederate Capital of Richmond at his southernmost advance. McClellan waits for reinforcements instead of pursuing a smaller army.
9	South Carolina		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Union General David Hunter, engaged in recruiting southern blacks into a new regiment, also issues a statement that: "The persons in these three States - Georgia, Florida and South Carolina - heretofore held as slaves, are therefore declared forever free."

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10		San Francisco, Mendocino	INDIAN WARS: The <i>Daily Alta California</i> publishes a front-page article on the "Traffic in Indian Children", and the exploits of a Mr. George Woodman: "Little more than a hundred miles from San Francisco, in Mendocino County, the practice of Indian stealing is still extensively carried out. Only recently, George H. Woodman was caught near Ukiah with sixteen Indian children, as he was about to take them out of the county for sale. It is well known that a number of men in that region have for years made it their profession to capture and sell unfortunate juveniles, the price ranging from \$30 to \$150 depending on their quality."
15	New Orleans, LA		CIVIL WAR: Benjamin Butler issues Order Number 28, directing his troops to treat any woman who insults them as they would a woman "plying her avocation (a prostitute)." It was this order that led to his nickname, the "Beast of New Orleans".
19	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Abraham Lincoln orders General Hunter to retract his proclamation, which would have freed all slaves in three southern states, as he still feared that this action would inspire slave-owners in border states to join the Confederates. Lincoln uses the moment to call for a gradual emancipation.
20	Washington, D.C.		CONNECTING THE WEST: President Lincoln sign the Homestead Act into law, granting freehold title to as much as 160 acres of undeveloped federal land to anyone willing to improve it. This law will encourage settlement of the West, where millions emigrate to take advantage of the government's offer of free land. The federal government will later calculate that over 1.6 million homesteads are granted, totaling over 10% of all the land in the United States.
23	Washington, D.C.	-----	President Lincoln issues a proclamation restoring ownership of all of California's missions back to the Catholic Church.
June			
1	Richmond, VA		CIVIL WAR: Robert E. Lee replaces the wounded General Albert Sidney Johnston as commander of the Confederate Forces of Northern Virginia.
5	Washington, D.C.		Abraham Lincoln is authorized by Congress to establish diplomatic relationships with the "Negro nations" of Haiti and Liberia.

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		Confederate Territory of Arizona	CIVIL WAR: Colonel Carleton, commanding the California Column's expedition into Arizona and New Mexico, declares martial law in Arizona. Carleton's orders also call for all residents of Arizona to swear an oath of allegiance to the Union, and for all merchants to pay a monthly tax of \$100 to benefit the sick and wounded of the California Column.
	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Lincoln signs a bill banning slavery in U. S. Territories.
July			
	Washington, D.C.		CONNECTING THE WEST: After an intense lobbying effort by Theodore Judah, The Pacific Railroad Act is signed into law by President Lincoln. It uses bond money and land grants to develop a transcontinental railroad, promising 6,400 acres of land and \$48,000 in government bonds for each mile built. Numerous celebrations are held throughout California to celebrate.
	Washington, D.C.		The Revenue Act of 1862 is signed into law by President Lincoln. This income tax law, designed to help fund Union Civil War efforts, establishes a 3% tax rate on all incomes over \$600 and a 5% rate on all incomes over \$10,000. This act repealed the unpopular flat tax established by the Revenue Act of 1861. In addition to the tax on income, taxes are also levied on inheritance and tobacco.
		San Francisco	Large crowds in San Francisco gather to celebrate Independence Day. Governor Stanford delivers a speech in favor of Lincoln and the Union.

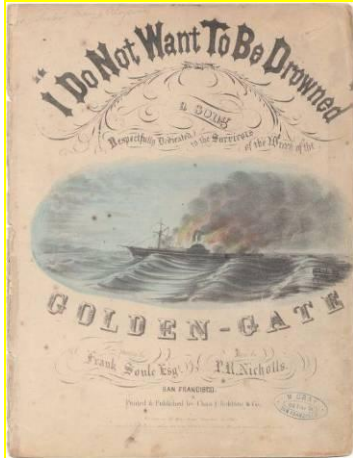


Governor Stanford's Rooftop Address; note the abundance of Union Banners and flags on area buildings.

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4		Camp Independence	INDIAN WARS: Lieut. Col. Evans returns to the Owens Valley, and establishes Camp Independence, naming it after the day it is founded.
4	Mesilla, Confederate Territory of Arizona		CIVIL WAR: The California column under the command of Colonel Carleton reaches its primary destination in New Mexico. Reinforcing other union troops in the area, the California Column's presence in the area forces Confederates to withdraw back into Texas.
8	Washington, D.C.		The Morrill Anti-Bigamy Act is signed by President Lincoln. Although the legislation officially outlaws the practice of plural marriage, the federal government does not allocate any funds for its enforcement. President Lincoln, fearing that Utah might break away from the Union, will make no attempt to enforce the law.
11	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: Major-General Henry Halleck is named general-in-chief of Union Armies, replacing Winfield Scott.
15-16	Apache Pass, Confederate Territory of Arizona		INDIAN WARS: Colonel Carleton's California Column encounters a band of Apache warriors lead by Cochise. The resulting Battle of Apache Pass will leave 2 Union soldiers and dozens of Apache Indians dead. In retaliation for the defeat, Cochise's warriors begin terrorizing the surrounding white settlements, murdering dozens. In response, Carleton orders the 5 th California Infantry to begin constructing Ft. Bowie to control Indians in the area.
17	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: The U.S. Congress passes The Militia Act of 1862, which authorizes the use of blacks as laborers and soldiers and also authorizes a militia draft within a state when it could not meet its quota with volunteers. The act provides \$10 per month in pay for African-American soldiers, and requires them to pay for their own clothing, making their pay roughly half of that of the white soldier. Many African Americans will protest by refusing the pay, even while participating in war.

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7		off the coast of Manzanillo, Mexico.	The <i>Daily Alta California</i> reports on the tragic voyage of the steamship <i>Golden Gate</i> , which recently left San Francisco. The wreck claims the lives of 213 of its 338 passengers and crew.
			
			<p>Songs like this one ("I Do Not Want to be Drowned") were often written and distributed to commemorate tragedies like the wreck of the S.S. <i>Golden Gate</i> in 1862.</p>
10		Kinney County, TX	CIVIL WAR: At the Nueces River, Confederate cavalry overtake a party of 61 German Texans, who were Union loyalists on their way to Mexico to escape martial law and the draft imposed on them in Texas. 34 of them are massacred, even after they had surrendered.
18		Mankato, MN	INDIAN WARS: When Army soldiers pursue four young Sioux accused of murdering five white settlers, a massive Sioux uprising begins. The uprising will result in the deaths of over 800 settlers and the public hanging of 38 Sioux.
24		Kinderhook, NY	Former President Martin Van Buren dies of bronchial asthma and heart failure.
26		New Mexico Territory	CIVIL WAR: Col. James H. Carleton, First California Infantry, is assigned to command the Department of New Mexico.

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28		Alcatraz Island	The Army Department of the Pacific, in compliance with an order from the General Government, pays a tribute of respect to the memory of Ex-President Van Buren by firing thirteen guns from Fort at Alcatraz at sunrise, half-hourly guns during the day, and thirty-four guns at sunset—the flags of the military remaining at half-mast during the day.
29	Manassas, VA		CIVIL WAR: Union forces are again defeated at The Second Battle of Bull Run.
September			
1		San Francisco	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The black community in San Francisco holds a grand festival in Hayes' Park to celebrate the emancipation of slaves in the British West Indies in 1834, and the emancipation of slaves in the District of Columbia in April. A national salute was fired at 12 o'clock noon.
5		San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: Gen. Wright at the Presidio orders the post office not to carry copies of several newspapers through the mail because of Southern sympathies. The papers include the "San Jose Tribune," "Stockton Argus", and "Visalia Equal Rights Expositor."
6		San Francisco	CIVIL WAR: Illumination by torchlight, firing of guns, and other manifestations of joy at San Francisco are presented in honor of the supposed victory of Union forces at Manassas. Subscription begins for the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers of the Union Army.
17	Sharpsburg, MD		CIVIL WAR: General Lee's first attempt at invading the North fails as his Confederate forces are caught by General McClellan near Sharpsburg, Maryland. The Battle of Antietam proved to be the bloodiest day in U.S. history; 2,108 Union soldiers are killed and 9,549 wounded -- 2,700 Confederates are killed and 9,029 wounded. The battle has no clear winner, but because General Lee withdrew to Virginia, McClellan is considered the victor. The battle convinces the British and French, who were contemplating official recognition of the Confederacy, to reserve action, and provides Lincoln with the ideal opportunity to announce the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.
17		Sonoma County	SECESSION CRISIS: The Sheriff of Sonoma County asks for military assistance in quelling secessionist organizers in the vicinity of Healdsburg. Appraising the situation, Captain P.B. Hewlett warns Adjutant General Kibbe that his force is too small to deal with the problem: "These two companies owing to the sullen feeling among them will not be able to muster more than thirty men, and these are to take the field against a

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1862			force of from eight hundred to one thousand men who have taken an oath to sustain each other. These men believe they are in the right and no matter whether their grievances are real or imaginary I am fully persuaded that no force of thirty men will be able to enforce the law or to intimidate them. The nature of the country is such that if firing should commence we would be at the mercy of the unseen with no means of protecting ourselves. It requires a force of not less than 200 men to save bloodshed, enforce the law and perhaps save the state from civil war.”
25	New York	-----	The New York Times reports on a massive contribution of \$100,000 to the U.S. Sanitary Commission, a gift that more than doubles the Commission’s funds. As the article points out, the gift came on the heels of Antietam, and was very much needed to relieve the suffering of soldiers still affected by injuries.
22	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Abraham Lincoln issues his Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, to take effect on January 1, 1863. Although the Emancipation Proclamation only frees slaves that are located in rebelling states, it is understood that slavery will end everywhere once the Union wins the war.
24	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: President Lincoln issues a proclamation suspending the constitutional rights to writs of habeas corpus (the right to petition against unlawful imprisonment) nationwide, requiring anyone found to be aiding the enemy or bearing arms against the United States to stand before a military tribunal.
28-30		Sonoma County	SECESSION CRISIS: The Petaluma Guard, aided by the Emmet Rifles (a state militia), succeed in breaking up numerous armed secessionist encampments around the area of Healdsburg with no shots fired.
October			
---		Alcatraz Island	SECESSION CRISIS: State Assemblyman E.J.C. McKewan (of the Los Angeles area) is arrested for “uttering treasonable language” and is imprisoned at Alcatraz. He is released two weeks later after posting a \$5,000 bond and swearing a loyalty oath.
---	St. Louis, MO		On the verge of bankruptcy, the U.S. Sanitary Commission receives over a quarter million dollars from several California cities, revitalizing the agency.
---	Arizona Territory		CIVIL WAR: Col. J.R. West, of the California column, is appointed the military governor of Arizona Territory.
16	Tennessee		CIVIL WAR: Major General Ulysses S. Grant is given command over the Department of Tennessee.

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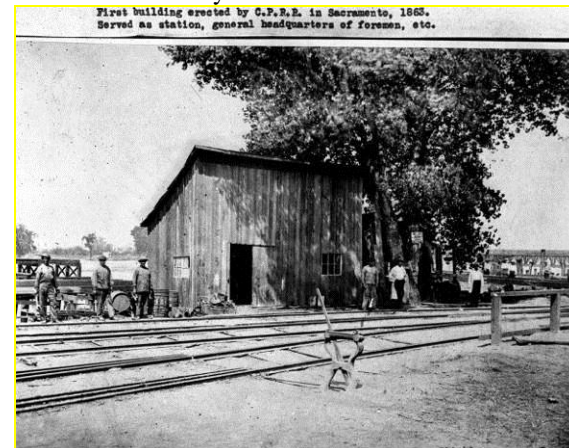
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	30 Ohio		CIVIL WAR: Major General William S. Rosecrans, the future California Congressman, is placed in command of the Union Army of the Cumberland.
November			
	---	Southern California	A smallpox epidemic hits the Cahuilla Indians, who flee their lands in an attempt to escape the disease. White settlers fill in the recently vacated Indian lands, and the Cahuilla, after losing many of their leaders, adapt by becoming more nomadic.
	4 Washington, D.C.		For the first time since the party was founded, Republicans lose seats in Congress.
	5 Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: Lincoln orders McClellan to be relieved of command because he did not pursue Lee following the Confederate loss at Antietam
	6	San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: Direct telegraph communication between New York and San Francisco is established.
	7 Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: Major-General Ambrose E. Burnside replaces George McClellan as commander of the Army of the Potomac.
	8 New Orleans, LA		CIVIL WAR: Union General Benjamin Butler is relieved of duty in New Orleans because of his total disregard of the civilian population. Nathaniel Banks is chosen to replace him. Butler closes all breweries and distilleries to retaliate against civilians. He will soon be reassigned to command the Department of Virginia and South Carolina.
December			
	11	San Francisco	CIVIL WAR: The “California Hundred” cavalry company organizes and boards the <i>Golden Age</i> to join up with a Massachusetts regiment in the East. Officially organized as 2 nd Massachusetts Cavalry Company A, the unit would become well-known for defending “the angle” in Union fortifications during Pickett’s charge at the Battle of Gettysburg.
	11	Round Valley	INDIAN WARS: Camp Wright is established in Round Valley, in order to maintain peace between white settlers and Indians in the area.
	11-15 Fredericksburg, VA		CIVIL WAR: Union General Burnside’s forces are severely depleted after a series of unsuccessful advances during the Battle of Fredericksburg, which Northern newspapers will refer to as a “debacle”. It is the first of many large victories for the South under the command of General Robert E. Lee and an embarrassment for Burnside that will cost

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			him his command. Union casualties amount to nearly 13,000, while the Confederates suffer losses totaling 5,400.

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1863			
---			Judge F. T. Bechtel and Leland Stanford organize the Bodie Bluff Consolidated Mining Company for \$1,100,000.00.
---	France and Mexico		Former U.S. Senator from California William M. Gwin sails to France in an attempt to convince Napoleon III on the merits of a project to settle American slave owners in Sonora. The King supports the idea, but Gwin is rejected in 1864 by Mexico's Maximilian I, who fears that the Americans will simply take over the region.
January			
1	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation goes into effect, freeing slaves as the Union Army advances South.
3		San Francisco	The colored population of San Francisco celebrates the Emancipation Proclamation with a Grand Jubilee at Platt's Hall. A public address is delivered by Rev. Thomas Starr King to mark the occasion.
8		Old Sacramento SHP	CONNECTING THE WEST: Groundbreaking for the Central Pacific Railroad at the foot of "K" Street. Gov. Leland Stanford marks the event with a speech, stating that "We may now look forward with confidence to the day, not far distant, when the Pacific Coast will be bound to the Atlantic Coast by iron bonds that shall consolidate and strengthen the ties of nationality, and advance with giant strides the prosperity of the State and Country...."



Central Pacific RR's modest beginnings.

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1863			
		San Francisco	California's 12 th District court rules that U.S. government "greenbacks" are legal tender. Many Californians still refuse to accept anything but gold.
		San Francisco	The ship <i>F.W. Bailey</i> wrecks outside of the harbor; 8 crew members are lost.
	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: "Fighting" Joe Hooker replaces Ambrose Burnside as commander of the Union Army of the Potomac.
February			
---		Susanville	Stemming from legal confusion over the California-Nevada boundary, the "Sagebrush War" breaks out when 40-50 armed settlers defend themselves against the authority of the Plumas County Sheriff. Two settlers are wounded before a truce is reached.
	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: The Enrollment Act, also called the Conscription Act, passes the Senate.
	Washington, D.C.		An Act of the Republican Congress establishes the Arizona Territory.
March			
3	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: President Lincoln signs the Enrollment Act of 1863, requiring the enrollment of every male citizen and those immigrants who had filed for citizenship between ages twenty and forty-five. Federal agents established a quota of new troops due from each congressional district. Any draftee not exempted could hire a substitute, guaranteeing exemption from any future draft, or pay a fee of \$300, providing exemption for one draft. The \$300 commutation fee soon became the most controversial part of the act, leading to the widespread charge in newspapers and political meetings that the Civil War was "a rich man's war and a poor man's fight" Ironically, the \$300 fee was fashioned by Republicans who argued that the fee was kept low so that the government would not "discriminate against them".
		Camp Independence	INDIAN WARS: Lieut. Dougherty leads a patrol of six men north from Camp Independence and encounters a force of over 200 Indians, losing one man in the ensuing battle.
		San Francisco	CIVIL WAR: Union officers aboard the U.S.S. <i>Cyane</i> uncover a plot by Confederate sympathizers to outfit the schooner <i>J.M. Chapman</i> in order to conduct raids on shipping between Panama and the California coast. In California's only naval engagement of the Civil War, the <i>Chapman</i> is boarded before leaving San Francisco Bay. The <i>Chapman</i> 's crew is then arrested and put into the federal prison at Alcatraz.

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1863			
		Owens Lake	INDIAN WARS: U.S. Cavalry from Ft. Independence pursue a band of Indians reported to have been killing livestock, killing 35 men, women, and children in the dry lakebed portion of Owens Lake.
	(Spring)	Oroville	COMPETING CULTURES: The Chinese Temple at Oroville is dedicated, serving a population of over 10,000 Chinese living north of Sacramento.
April			
			Allen Allensworth, a former slave, joins the Union Navy, beginning an illustrious military career in which Allensworth will rise to the rank of Lt. Colonel. This will be the highest rank afforded an African American prior to World War I. Later, Colonel Allensworth will come to Tulare County in California to found the independent African Community of Allensworth, which will later become Colonel Allensworth SHP .
		Big Pine Creek	INDIAN WARS: Captain Ropes' force of over 150 men battles a band of over 200 Owens Valley Paiute. The Army suffers two casualties, while the Paiutes escape unharmed.
		Keyesville	INDIAN WARS: The 2 nd California Cavalry under the command of Moses A McLaughlin encounter a band of Tehachapi Indians accused of killing cattle, and proceed to massacre 35 men.
		California State Capitol	SECESSION CRISIS: E.J.C. Kewan, the Assemblyman from Los Angeles and the state's first Attorney General, voices his secessionist views in the State Legislature.
May		San Pedro Bay	The steamer <i>Ada Hancock</i> explodes, killing nearly 50 of its passengers.
		-----	CIVIL WAR: News reaches California by telegraph of the capture of Richmond. A "remarkable demonstration in honor thereof" follows. In Northern California cities, "cannons are fired and bells are rung all night, with mass meetings, processions, speeches, songs, and music producing a patriotic feeling among the crowds".
		Camp Independence	INDIAN WARS: Paiute leader Captain George arrives in Camp Independence to talk peace. As a result, over 400 Indians immediately lay down their arms.
June			
	Oregon Territory		INDIAN WARS: The US government pays a group of Nez Perce Indians \$265,000 for some 6 million acres in the area of present-day Lewiston, Washington.

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1863			
July	20	Washington, D.C.	West Virginia becomes the 35 th state in the union after separation from Virginia
	3	Gettysburg, PA	CIVIL WAR: Lee's second invasion of the North results in a cataclysmic failure when forces under the command of General Pickett charge against the center of Union defenses at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Casualties for the 3 days of fighting will total nearly 50,000, making it the bloodiest battle fought on American soil.
	4	Vicksburg, MS	CIVIL WAR: Enduring a siege that began on May 25, the Confederate Garrison at Vicksburg finally surrenders to Union forces under the command of Ulysses S. Grant. The capture of Vicksburg gives the Union unimpeded access to the entire Mississippi River, and military pressure from the West that works to surround the Confederacy. Combined with the recent Union victory at Gettysburg, July 4 th marks a turning point in the war from which the Confederacy will never recover.
	4		San Francisco
	9		San Francisco, Sacramento
	10		San Jose
	13-16	New York City	
	16		Sacramento
	20	New Mexico Territory	
			INDIAN WARS: Gen. Carleton orders Kit Carson to proceed into Navajo Territory to accept and process their surrender. When none show up, Carson and another officer enter Navajo lands and begin a "scorched earth" policy in order to force the Navajo to surrender. The policy works, and the Navajo will begin the first in a series of "Long

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1863			Walks” to Ft. Sumner, where Carleton planned to turn them into Christian farmers, and later, returned them back to their homeland.
		Ft. Tejon SHP	INDIAN WARS: Over 900 Owens Valley Paiute begin a forced march to the San Sebastian Indian Reservation near Ft. Tejon. Many will die of starvation or will escape through the Mojave Desert on their way back to the Owens Valley.
August			
		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: A riot occurs in which a number of Irish laborers drove off a party of Chinese employed by a contractor to grade a lot near the Sugar Refinery.
		San Francisco	The National Thanksgiving, according to the proclamation of the President, is generally observed throughout San Francisco. Businesses are closed, services are held in all the churches, salutes are fired, flags are waved everywhere, Union meetings are held—the whole closing with a general illumination and firemen's torchlight procession at night.
		San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: The <i>Daily Alta California</i> reports that former pro-secession newspapers such as the <i>Stockton Independent</i> , <i>Calaveras Chronicle</i> , <i>Sonora Flag</i> , <i>Santa Rosa Democrat</i> , and the <i>Los Angeles Star</i> are now in favor of the Union, and that secessionists have lost most of their influence throughout the state.
		San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: The Omnibus Railroad begins carrying passengers.
September			
		San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: Inauguration of ferry connection to Oakland.
		Sacramento	Frederick F. Low is elected the next governor of California, with the Union Party (Republican) ticket dominating the election.
		Los Angeles	SECESSION CRISIS: Volney E. Howard, an “extreme pro-slavery” Southerner, is elected to the office of District Attorney for Los Angeles County.
		Angel Island SP	CIVIL WAR: The US Army annexes Angel Island and establishes Camp Reynolds to position large siege guns that command the entrance to San Francisco Bay.
		Sacramento	The 10 th Annual Fair of the State Agricultural Society begins.

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1863			
October			
1	Nevada Territory		INDIAN WARS: The Treaty of Ruby Valley is signed with the Western Shoshone Indians, assuring their ownership of property that later became a US nuclear test site. The treaty states that the presence of US settlements will not negate Indian sovereignty.
7		Napa	William Dwyer and Johnny Walker hold a fight for a \$2,000 cash prize in Napa. Dwyer wins after 114 rounds.
November			
---		Benicia	CONNECTING THE WEST: California's camel herd is sold at auction, thus ending the "camel corps" experiment, despite many examples of successful and rapid travel through the West. Beale, who had grown fond of the animal's capabilities during his construction of the "Beale Road" across the Southwestern United States, will purchase several to start his own camel herd at his home in the San Joaquin Valley. Others will be sold to zoos, circuses, and mining companies. Camels will occasionally be sighted throughout the Southwest for the next 40 years. Several camels also accompanied Frank Laumeister, a veteran of the corps, for use in freighting along gold rush trails in Western Canada. The camels failed to meet expectations, and were released. The last of the camels will be sighted in British Columbia in the 1930's.
1		Angel Island SP	Construction of fortifications begins at Angel Island.
2	Atlantic Ocean		CONNECTING THE WEST: Theodore Judah, the chief engineer of the Central Pacific Railroad and the visionary promoter/designer of the Transcontinental Railroad, dies of yellow fever contracted while crossing the Isthmus of Panama on his way to New York City. He was seeking alternate financing there to buy out the "Big Four" investors of the Central Pacific Railroad.
10		Old Sacramento SHP	CONNECTING THE WEST: Central Pacific's first locomotive, <i>No. 1 Governor Stanford</i> , is placed into service.
17		San Francisco	The Russian Pacific Fleet docks in San Francisco; prominent military leaders, politicians (including the mayor), and important citizens entertain the Russian officers at Union Hall.
19	Gettysburg, PA		CIVIL WAR: At the dedication of the new Soldier's National Cemetery at Gettysburg, President Lincoln delivers his famous Gettysburg Address. Immediately following the speech he calls it a "flat failure."

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1863			
December			
2	Omaha, NB		CONNECTING THE WEST: The Union Pacific Railroad celebrates its groundbreaking in Omaha, Nebraska.
10		Sacramento	Frederick F. Low is inaugurated as California's 9 th governor.
16	Richmond, VA		CIVIL WAR: Lansford W. Hastings, founder of the Hastings Cut-off of the California Trail and the author of <i>The Emigrants' Guide to Oregon and California (1845)</i> , meets with Confederate President Jefferson Davis. The "Hastings Plot" is discussed; Hastings begs for Davis's support to raise a force of 3,000 to 4,000 Californians in order to separate the state from the Union and to retake Arizona and New Mexico Territories.
16		Sacramento	The Secretary of State announces a recently passed resolution by the state legislature asking the federal government to extend the eastern boundary of California to include the northern portion of New Mexico Territory.

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1864			
---		Bodie SHP	Streets are laid out and the first permanent buildings are constructed in Bodie.
---		Oakland	Frederick Law Olmsted designs the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.
---		Lake County	The California Borax Company is formed, and begins the first borax mining operation. Chinese workers driven out from the gold fields flock to the grueling, stench-filled employment opportunity.
January			
2		Santa Catalina Island	CIVIL WAR: In response to the threat of Confederate Privateers, increasing international tension in the Pacific, and a short-lived plan to remove Northern California Indians onto the island, Camp Santa Catalina Island is established. Settlers and miners present on the island are ordered to leave.
6		Old Sacramento SHP	Turntable for the Central Pacific Railroad is completed at the foot of “I” Street.
11	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The 13th Amendment to the Constitution (ending slavery) is proposed by Senator John B. Henderson of Missouri.
16		San Francisco, San Jose	The San Francisco and San Jose railroad is completed.
February			
---		San Francisco	San Francisco businessman Israel Ward Raymond writes to Senator John Conness, expressing concern over the fate of giant sequoias near Yosemite, and asks Conness to propose a bill granting Mariposa Grove and the Yosemite area to the State of California. He will successfully do so in June.
8		Ft. Humboldt SHP	INDIAN WARS: Colonel Henry M. Black arrives to his new post at Ft. Humboldt with three companies of his regiment, for the purpose of ending the Indian Wars taking place there.
15	Washington, D.C.	Tehama County	INDIAN WARS: The Nome Lackee Indian Reservation is dissolved by the federal government. According to the state legislature, which mirrored the federal opinion in a resolution dated February 15, the reasons for this removal include “the Indians who were on [the reservation] have mostly died, and the remainder have scattered through the country.” The few remaining Indians were then forcibly marched to the Round Valley Reservation in Mendocino County.

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1864 March			
---	Prescott, AZ		CIVIL WAR: Major Edward B. Willis leads the California Volunteers on a mission to establish Ft. Whipple. They are accompanied by Territorial Governor John N. Goodwin, who travels one mile further to establish the town of Prescott as Arizona Territory's first capital. Goodwin names the town after historian William H. Prescott. Governor Goodwin remains in the care of the California Volunteers through 1865, so that the Californians can help construct legislative buildings and so that the Union can keep a close watch over the activities of the territorial government.
1	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: Ulysses S. Grant is promoted to the rare position of Lieutenant General, and placed in command of all Union forces.
4		San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: Exhausted by a relentless lecture circuit schedule, The Reverend Thomas Starr King dies from diphtheria. Abraham Lincoln will later credit King for preventing the secession of California to become a separate republic. Buildings are draped in mourning, and the event is marked with numerous ceremonies throughout the state. King is personally responsible for raising over \$1.5 million in funds for the U.S. Sanitary Commission, a staggering sum for the time. California donations, despite the state's low population, will account for ¼ of the Sanitary Commission's total funding during the Civil War.
10		San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: A Funeral service for Thomas Starr King is held at Platt's Hall in San Francisco. Thousands attend the service.
(Spring)	Havana, Cuba		CIVIL WAR: A plot to capture the S.S. San Salvador (a passenger ship) to be converted into warship to attack the California trade in the Pacific is thwarted in Havana after the American consul there hears of the plans and the would-be crew is taken into custody. Afterwards, the Confederate conspirators are sent to Alcatraz, convicted of treason, and sentenced to life in prison. In response, Gen. Irwin McDowell at the Presidio orders that all passengers on ships must surrender their firearms to ship officers, and allow for inspections to find contraband.
17		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: The Irish celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
25-27		Washington (West Sacramento)	The first salmon cannery in California, on a barge in the Sacramento River, opens.


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1864			
April			
3	Boston, MA		A memorial service honoring the late Thomas Starr King is held.
7		Sacramento	Samuel McLenaghan holds a Dromedary (Camel) Race at Agricultural Park as a benefit to help a poverty-stricken Benicia resident. This gave him the idea to sell a few of the camels to Wilson's Circus near Sacramento as well as running several more races in Marysville and Sacramento. These races will later inspire Virginia City, Nevada's annual international camel race.
8	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The U. S. Senate approves the 13th Amendment by a vote of 38 to 6, and sends it to the House of Representatives. The 13 th Amendment abolishes slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime.
12	Tennessee		CIVIL WAR: At the Battle of Fort Pillow, Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest's men capture the fort, which is primarily occupied by black Union soldiers. Following the defeat, Forrest's men massacre most of the occupants. Forrest will later serve as the first Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.
May			
5	Puebla, Mexico		At the Battle of Puebla, Mexican forces under the command of General Ignacio Zaragoza win an overwhelming victory against a French force double its size. France suffers casualties of over 1,000, while the liberals suffer losses of just over 200. This battle will continue to be celebrated in "Cinco de Mayo" celebrations throughout California.
5-7	Spotsylvania County, VA		CIVIL WAR: At the Battle of the Wilderness, Union General Ulysses S. Grant is badly beaten on the field by General Lee but rather than retreat, Grant advances to Spotsylvania Court House. Casualties will total just under 30,000, with the Union side losing almost twice the total of the Confederacy.
8-21	Spotsylvania County, VA		CIVIL WAR: At the Battle Spotsylvania Courthouse, Grant's forces endure nearly two weeks of heavy fighting against forces under General Lee before moving on to the next battle of his 1864 Overland Campaign, the Battle of North Anna. Casualties for both sides will eclipse 32,000.

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1864	6	San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: Former Congressman from Michigan J.S. Chipman is arrested for uttering “treasonable language and is sent to Alcatraz.
	31	Cleveland, OH	ELECTION OF 1864: Radical Republicans meet in a separate convention and nominate John C. Fremont as their candidate for President.
	31	Hanover County, VA	CIVIL WAR: The Battle of Cold Harbor begins, lasting nearly two weeks until June 12 th , when Grant’s forces turn back to the North. Grant’s Army suffers 13,000 casualties at the battle, which takes place on the same ground as the Battle of Gaines’ Mill in 1862. In the most intense assault, Grant’s forces lose 7,000 men in twenty minutes of fighting. Although Union losses are significantly higher and the Confederates hold their position, General Lee is unable to replace his lost fallen soldiers and is depleted with every new attack.
June	7-8	Baltimore, MD	ELECTION OF 1864: The National Union Party holds its nominating convention for the Presidency, and decides to change their name permanently to the Republican Party. Abraham Lincoln is nominated, despite the fact that he does not attend the meeting due to pressing matters related to the Civil War. Andrew Johnson, a pro-Union Democrat from Tennessee, is nominated for the Vice-Presidency, in large part to moderate the Lincoln administration’s radical image in the South and to help to reconcile the two sides once the war ends.
	10	Sacramento	CONNECTING THE WEST: The Central Pacific Railroad reaches Newcastle.
	15	Arlington, VA	CIVIL WAR: Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signs an order establishing a military burial ground at Robert E. Lee's former home estate at Arlington. This became Arlington National Cemetery.
	30	15 miles east of Placerville	CIVIL WAR: Captain Ingram’s Partisan Rangers, a pro-Confederate group of 12-24 militiamen, commit a brazen robbery of two Pioneer Stage Company coaches full of gold at a spot still known today as Bullion Bend. They split into two groups as they are pursued relentlessly by a posse; a shootout in Pleasant Valley results in the death of Sheriff Joe Staples, and several others wounded. Ultimately, 9 men are arrested and the gold is never recovered. The Partisan Rangers were to use to the gold to fund Confederate recruiting efforts in California.


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1864			
	30	Yosemite SP	Congress gives to California the lands at Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove, with the understanding that the state will preserve them for public enjoyment. Until 1906, when John Muir convinced Theodore Roosevelt to transfer the land back to the federal government, Yosemite was California's first state park.
			
			<p><i>Artistic depictions of Yosemite, such as this 1859 sketch by Thomas Ayers, served to promote the park's protection to Easterners who had never been to the area.</i></p>
July			
	1	Washington, D.C.	CONNECTING THE WEST: Influenced by a massive, unprecedented lobbying effort involving hundreds of thousands of dollars, the U.S. Congress passes a revised Pacific Railroad Act. The revised law will double railroad company land grants, give control of all natural resources along rail lines to the railroads themselves, and remove limitations on individual stock ownership in the companies.
	1	Washington, D.C.	CONNECTING THE WEST: President Lincoln grants right-of-way to Western Union for construction of a telegraph linking San Francisco with Russia, and provides them with several navy steamships to aid in the construction. Despite making significant, albeit slow progress, the project will be abandoned in July of 1867.
	2	Washington, D.C.	RECONSTRUCTION: The Wade-Davis bill passes both houses of Congress, only to be pocket vetoed by President Lincoln. The bill provides a strict process for the

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1864			readmission of Southern states to the Union, requiring that a majority of the persons in each state swear an “ironclad oath” (swearing that they had personally never borne arms against the Union) before that state can be readmitted to the United States. This bill represents an attempt by Radical Republicans to ensure that ex-Confederates could not rejoin public service.
		San Francisco	The Bank of California opens. It is the first commercial (as opposed to retail) bank in the Western U.S. It will become the second-richest bank in the nation, and is credited with helping to develop California and the West by providing investment credit.
		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: 16 young Chinese girls are discovered to have been kidnapped and taken to California for “shameful purposes”; they are then sent home.
	Atlanta, GA		CIVIL WAR: Over 10,000 casualties, nearly 70% of which are suffered on the Confederate side, result from a devastating Union assault on Atlanta by forces under the command of General Sherman. Although Sherman is successful in severely depleting the Confederate Army, Union soldiers are unsuccessful in taking the city. Sherman will order a siege of Atlanta, which falls to Union forces on September 2.
		San Francisco	Charles L. Weller, a former Postmaster, is arrested under the order of General McDowell for delivering a speech against the Union.
August			
	Mobile Bay, AL		CIVIL WAR: A Union fleet under the command of Rear Admiral David Farragut attacks a smaller Confederate fleet and coastal defenses surrounding Mobile Bay. In charging his ships through a dangerous minefield that had just destroyed one of his ironclads, Farragut famously orders “Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!”
	Geneva, Switzerland		The First Geneva Convention is signed. The International Red Cross is founded.
		San Francisco	The San Francisco-Alameda Railroad begins operation.
	Chicago, IL		CONNECTING THE WEST: The United States Postal Service inaugurates the first railway post office route in the United States when Chicago Assistant Postmaster George B. Armstrong authorizes the route on the Chicago and North Western Railway between Chicago and Clinton, Iowa.
	Chicago, IL		ELECTION OF 1864: The Democratic National Convention is held in Chicago. George B. McClellan, the former general-in-chief of Union forces, is nominated.

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1864			
September			
2	Atlanta, GA		CIVIL WAR: Atlanta is captured by General Sherman's troops.
5		Sacramento River	As a result of overheating due to an impromptu race against other passenger ships, the boiler on the steamer <i>Washoe</i> explodes on the Sacramento River near Rio Vista, killing or injuring 80 passengers.
5	Louisiana		CIVIL WAR: Voters in Union-occupied Louisiana who have taken a loyalty oath to the Union (a minority in the state) ratify a new state constitution that prohibits slavery.
17	-----		ELECTION OF 1864: John C. Fremont withdraws from the race for President.
22		San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: The remains of Thomas Starr King are transported to their final resting place, an ornate tomb on Geary St.
			
			<p><i>The Tomb of Rev. Thomas Starr King, credited by Abraham Lincoln as the person most responsible for keeping California in the Union. Others will refer to him as "the orator who saved a nation".</i></p>
24		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: Spanish-American and Chilean residents celebrate the 55 th anniversary of the Independence of Chile
30		San Francisco, Los Angeles	COMPETING CULTURES: Rosh Hashanah is celebrated by the large Jewish population throughout the state.

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1864			
October			
4-7	Syracuse, NY		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The National Convention of Colored People is held in Syracuse, NY. Out of the proceedings of this important meeting, the National Equal Rights League is organized to fight for the full citizenship rights of African Americans, fearing that recently emancipated slaves could still be returned to the bonds of slavery.
24		Sonoma	California's first formal Vintage celebration, a masked ball, is held at the estate of California Viticulture pioneer Agoston Haraszthy.
31	Washington, D.C.		Nevada is admitted as the 36 th state in the union.
November			
8	United States		ELECTION OF 1864: Abraham Lincoln wins the Presidency over General McClellan, with 212 electoral votes to McClellan's 21. Lincoln establishes an important precedent by holding democratic elections despite concerns over the dangers of criticizing Lincoln's leadership in the middle of a great conflict.
14		San Francisco	CIVIL WAR: The ironclad warship U.S.S. Comanche is launched from San Francisco.
15	Atlanta, GA		CIVIL WAR: Gen. Sherman's forces leave Atlanta and begin their destructive 300 mile "March to the Sea", utilizing a "scorched earth" campaign along a wide swath through the state that leaves much of Georgia utterly devastated.
26	Adobe Walls, TX		INDIAN WARS: Col. Kit Carson, under orders from General Carleton, leads an expeditionary force against Kiowa and Comanche in the area. Outnumbered 10 to 1, Carson force narrowly escapes by using howitzers in retreat. The First Battle of Adobe Walls, as the event will come to be known, results in the death of 6 soldiers and over 50 Kiowa and Comanche.
29	Kiowa County, CO		INDIAN WARS: A 700 man force of Colorado Territory Militia attack and destroy a encampment of friendly Arapaho and Cheyenne at Sand Creek, killing and mutilating as many as 300 men, women, and children.

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December			
2		San Francisco	The <i>San Francisco Flag</i> publishes an expose on the “Knights of the Columbian Star”, a secessionist organization that the newspaper claims to be conspiring against California.
15-16	Nashville, TN		CIVIL WAR: Confederate Lt. General John Bell Hood is utterly defeated at the Battle of Nashville, after losing disastrously at the Battle of Franklin. His Army of Tennessee suffers over 6,000 casualties, double the Union’s losses. General Hood leaves Tennessee with 15,000 troops, half of the total when he invaded 3 months earlier, rendering the Army of Tennessee ineffective and resulting in Hood’s resignation.
17		San Jose	An accident occurs on the San Jose Railroad, leaving the conductor dead and 10 others injured.
21	Savannah, GA		CIVIL WAR: Gen. Sherman’s forces capture Savannah, burning the city. Sherman then continues his scorched earth campaign into South Carolina, in order to take pressure of off General Grant’s Army of the Potomac.
30		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: The San Francisco Fishermen’s Association, commonly known as “the Italian Fishermen”, opens their fish market on the corner of Clay and Leidesdorff streets.

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---	Omaha, NE		CONNECTING THE WEST: The Union Pacific Railroad begins moving westward from Omaha, laying track at an average rate of one mile per day.
---		Ft. Tejon SHP	Edward F. Beale begins purchasing Mexican land grants in order to establish his Tejon Ranch venture. Tejon Ranch will become the largest private landholding in California, and today is owned by Tejon Ranch Company, a company listed on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: TRC).
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			<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chinatown emerges as a distinct neighborhood.</i></p>
January			
2		San Francisco	COMPETING CULTURES: African Americans in San Francisco celebrate the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.
8		San Francisco	SECESSION CRISIS: Gen. Grant writes to Gen. McDowell at the Presidio to notify him that former U.S. Senator Gwinn had become Governor-General of Sonora and is to be considered a rebel in the cause of the South. The former California senator was later arrested in New York for treason and briefly detained.

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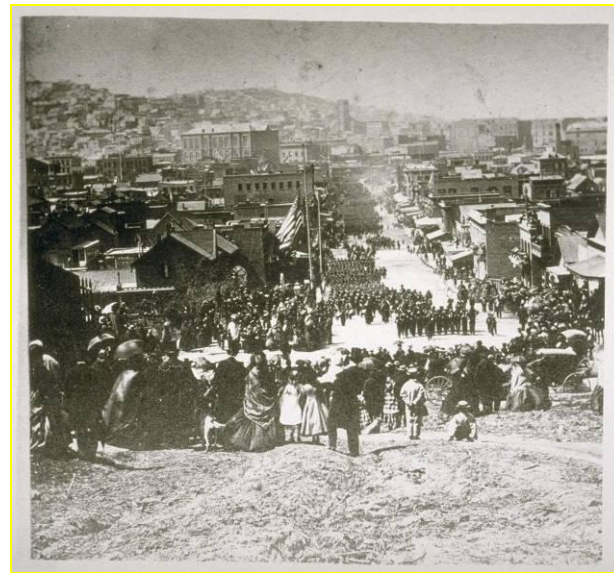
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10		San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: The California Pacific Railroad absorbs the Sacramento and San Francisco Railroad Company as well as the San Francisco and Marysville Railroad Company.
31	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The 13 th Amendment passes the House of Representatives.
February			
---		Sacramento	COMPETING CULTURES: Crocker hires the first 50 Chinese men in response to white workers' threatening a strike; within two years, 90 percent of the Central Pacific Railroad work force will be Chinese.
3	Newport News, VA		CIVIL WAR: On board the <i>River Queen</i> , President Lincoln meets with Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens and others to discuss terms of peace. The meeting, known as the Hampton Roads Conference, was a failure.
17	Columbia, SC		CIVIL WAR: Columbia is captured and burned by Sherman's forces.
18	Charleston, SC		CIVIL WAR: Charleston is captured.
21		Sacramento	CIVIL WAR: The <i>Sacramento Union</i> publishes an alarming advertisement dated December 11, 1864, from the Selma, Alabama <i>Dispatch</i> , signed "X," who offered for \$1 million to "cause the lives of Abraham Lincoln, W. H. Seward and Andrew Johnson to be taken by the first of March next."
March			
2	Virginia		CIVIL WAR: General Robert E. Lee sends a message to General Grant asking for a conference to "iron out" the differences between the North and the South.
3	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: <i>An Act to establish a Bureau for the Relief of Freedmen and Refugees</i> is signed by President Lincoln, creating the Freedman's Bureau. The bureau will provide food, clothing, healthcare, education, and labor contract assistance to freed blacks throughout the period of Reconstruction following the Civil War. Among the Bureau's most enduring legacies is its educational success, which will include the establishment of over 25 colleges for black youth. By the end of 1865, more than 90,000 former slaves are enrolled as students in public schools.
4	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: Abraham Lincoln outlines his second term at his second Inaugural Address. Knowing that the South is nearly defeated, Lincoln promises an era of reconciliation, ending his speech by stating "With malice toward none; with charity for

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April			
3	Richmond, VA		CIVIL WAR: The Confederate capital is taken by Union forces. CSA leadership, including Jefferson Davis, evacuates the city.
4	Richmond, VA		CIVIL WAR: President Lincoln tours the Confederate White House and the ruins of their capital city. Cheering crowds, mostly consisting of freed slaves, follow him.
7	Appomattox Station, VA		CIVIL WAR: Gen. Grant begins communications with Gen. Lee known as the "surrender papers".
9	Appomattox, VA		CIVIL WAR: After failing to break out of the Union lines that had surrounded his army, General Robert E. Lee surrenders his Army of Northern Virginia to General Ulysses S. Grant at the home of Wilmer McLean in Appomattox Courthouse. Soon, other Confederate Generals follow suit, making the Southern defeat complete. As the war ends, thousands of ex-Confederates head west, many finding work in constructing the Transcontinental Railroad.
11	North Carolina		CIVIL WAR: The Confederate government is re-established in North Carolina.
14	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: United States President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated on Good Friday by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre, Washington, D. C. His cohorts fail in their attempts to assassinate Secretary of State Seward and Vice President Johnson, a plot designed to decapitate the Union government and leave it in a state of panic and confusion. Booth, who had carefully planned his escape, flees the scene.
15	Washington, D.C.		Andrew Johnson is sworn in as the 17 th President of the United States.
15		San Francisco	CIVIL WAR: Angered by news of Lincoln's assassination, an organized mob proceeded to destroy the type and material of several newspapers viewed to have been sympathetic to the South. The <i>Democratic Press</i> , <i>Franco Americaine</i> , <i>News Letter</i> , <i>Occidental</i> , and <i>Monitor</i> all endure mob-related damage. After the destruction of much property, military guards are stationed in each of these offices.

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18	North Carolina		CIVIL WAR: Gen. Sherman reaches agreement with Confederate Gen. Joe Johnston on the surrender of all remaining armies in the Confederacy. President Johnson will reject the agreement, requiring Sherman to re-engage the enemy once again to force the surrender of individual armies.
19	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: Millions attend a funeral service in Washington to honor slain President Lincoln. His body then begins a 1,700 mile train journey to its final resting place in Springfield, Illinois. An estimated 30 million people will view Lincoln's funeral train as it makes its way through the Midwest.
19		San Francisco	CIVIL WAR: Funeral obsequies are held in San Francisco in honor of slain President Abraham Lincoln. The procession of mourners is said to be several miles in length.



Lincoln Obsequies, near the 2nd Street cut in San Francisco

26 Garrett's Farm, VA

CIVIL WAR: John Wilkes Booth is shot and killed by Union soldiers as he tries to flee a burning barn that the soldiers had set on fire. The Union troops find a copy of his diary on him; of the assassination of President Lincoln, Booth commented: "Our country owed all her troubles to him, and God simply made me the instrument of his punishment."

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	27	Mississippi River near Memphis, TN	The worst maritime disaster in U.S. history occurs when 3 of the 4 boilers aboard the S.S. <i>Sultana</i> explode, killing an estimated 1,800 passengers, most of whom were former Union prisoners of war who had just been released from Confederate prisons.	
		28	Vacaville	The Pacific Methodist College is burned down by an arsonist; many suspect it is the work of Unionists angered over the death of Abraham Lincoln.
May				
	1	Washington, D.C	CIVIL WAR: President Johnson orders that all eight remaining conspirators involved with the Lincoln assassination be subject to a military tribunal.	
	2	Washington, D.C.	CIVIL WAR: President Johnson issues a proclamation offering rewards for the arrests of Jefferson Davis, Jacob Thompson, and Clement C. Clay, Jr.	
	5	-----	COMPETING CULTURES: Mexican residents throughout the state celebrate the first anniversary of General Zaragoza over the French at Pueblo, beginning the state's first "Cinco de Mayo" annual holiday celebration.	
	5-8	Temecula	Over 1400 Indians from Southern California region meet in Temecula, where the U.S. government provides the first large-scale distribution of goods to local tribes. Native villages present at the meeting include Potrero, Agua Grande, San Ygnacio, Temecula, San Luis Rey, Coyotes, Santa Rosa, La Jolla, Laboba, Pala, Pauma, Cholo, San Ysidro, Agua Caliente, La Puerta de la Cruz and Puerta Chiquita	
	10	Irwinville, GA	CIVIL WAR: Confederate President Jefferson Davis is captured, and declares an end to Southern armed resistance.	
	13	Palmito Ranch, TX	CIVIL WAR: Private John J. Williams of the 34th Indiana becomes the last man killed in the Civil War, in a battle at Palmito Ranch, Texas. The final skirmish was a Confederate victory.	
	14	Washington, D.C.	CIVIL WAR: President Johnson issues a conditional amnesty to all persons engaged in the former rebellion.	
	23-24	Washington, D.C.	CIVIL WAR: Washington, D.C. holds a massive celebration to honor the war's end.	


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	29	Washington, D.C.	RECONSTRUCTION: Andrew Johnson grants official amnesty to those who directly or indirectly aided the Southern war effort. He restores property rights to Southerners with the exception of slaves. Johnson's policy requires only 10% of a states' white men to swear an oath of loyalty to the Union before it can call a constitutional convention and begin the process for state readmission to the Union, a far more lenient policy than was initially expected. Unlike Lincoln's declaration in December, 1863, Johnson creates an exception for property owners whose holdings total \$20,000 dollars or more, in an attempt to curtail the political power of Southern leaders, many of whom are former plantation owners.
June			
	12	San Francisco	First edition of the "Daily Examiner" appears. It had been called the "Democratic Press" which was forced to close because of its support of the South.
	13	Washington, D.C.	RECONSTRUCTION: President Johnson appoints William L. Sharkey as the provisional governor of Mississippi. Over the next few weeks, Johnson appoints provisional governors for Georgia, Texas, Alabama, South Carolina, and Florida, and assigns to each the task of overseeing his reconstruction plans in the South .
	19	Texas	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: General Granger declares Emancipation Day in Texas, requiring all slaves to be set free.
	25	Hock Farm (South of Yuba City)	A vagrant ex-soldier begins a fire that burns John Sutter's Hock farm mansion to the ground, destroying all of his personal effects and ending his California venture. Sutter will spend the remaining years of his life lobbying Congress to compensate him for the loss of his lands by squatters during the gold rush.
	30	Washington, D.C.	CIVIL WAR: After a seven week-long trial and testimony from 366 witnesses, all eight conspirators in the Lincoln assassination are found guilty by a military tribunal. Four are sentenced to execution by hanging.
July			
	7	Washington, D.C.	CIVIL WAR: Mary Surratt, Lewis Powell, David Herold, and George Atzerodt, four of the Lincoln assassination conspirators, are hanged for treason. Mary Surratt becomes the first woman to be executed by the U.S. government.
	14	Indian Territory (OK)	CIVIL WAR: The Chickasaw Indian Nation under Winchester Colbert becomes the last military force to surrender in the Civil War.

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		Off the coast near Eureka	The <i>Brother Jonathan</i> , a paddle steamer, crashes on an uncharted rock off of Point St. George, resulting in the loss of more than 220 lives. General George Wright, who commanded the Army's Department of the Pacific throughout the Civil War, is among the deceased, as is his wife. This is the worst shipwreck to date on the Pacific coast.
August			
		south of Mt. Lassen	INDIAN WARS: At the Three Knolls, white settlers launch a surprise attack against the Yahi tribe. After this and another massacre of the following year, fewer than 40 Yahi remain alive. Most flee to nearby mountains and hide for the next 40 years. In 1911, the last survivor, a man named <i>Ishi</i> , will emerge, but the tribe becomes extinct upon his death in 1916.
		Sacramento	CONNECTING THE WEST: The Central Pacific Railroad buys controlling interest in the Sacramento Valley Railroad, thus controlling all railways in the Sacramento area.
	Washington, D.C.		CIVIL WAR: The US Federal government estimates that the American Civil War has cost about \$8 billion. Human costs have been estimated at more than one-million killed or wounded.
September			
		Colfax	The Central Pacific Railroad completes its route to Colfax.
		San Francisco	The Pioneer Association celebrates the anniversary of the admission of California into the Union with an oration, poem, and collation.
		Placerville	CIVIL WAR: Thomas Poole, a member of Captain Ingram's Partisan Rangers during the Bullion Bend Robbery of 1864, is hanged for the murder of Sheriff Joe Staples.
October			
		Ft. Humboldt SHP	Buildings in Eureka and at Ft. Humboldt are "badly damaged" by an earthquake.
	Connecticut		COMPETING CULTURES: Connecticut holds a vote to legalize black suffrage in the state, but the measure is narrowly defeated.

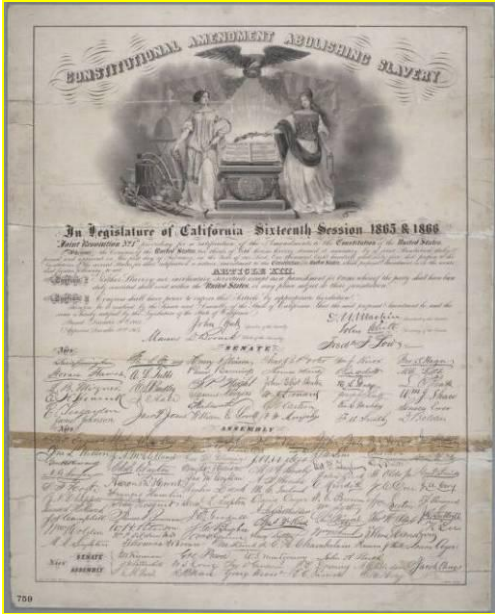
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8		Santa Cruz Mountains	An earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 6.5 strikes the bay area, destroying or damaging buildings in New Almaden, Petaluma, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz. Property loss is estimated at \$500,000, including San Francisco's destroyed City Hall and every brick building in Santa Cruz. Aftershocks continue through October 20 th .
			
			<p><i>Californians often used humor to cope with earthquakes. From the San Francisco Examiner, 1865</i></p>
12		Rio Vista	The steamer <i>Yosemite</i> suffers a boiler explosion, killing 55 and scalding many more.
22		Sacramento	General George Wright, who had commanded the Department of the Pacific, is laid to rest in the Sacramento City Cemetery, in the city he spent much of his time in.
November			
7	Minnesota, Wisconsin		COMPETING CULTURES: Wisconsin and Minnesota hold votes to legalize black suffrage. Both measures are narrowly defeated.
18	New York City		Mark Twain's <i>Jim Smiley and his Jumping Frog</i> (later called <i>The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County</i>) is first published in <i>The Saturday Press</i> . Set in a California mining camp, this "tall tale" will bring the Western experience into the mainstream of American literature.

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December			
2	Jackson, MS		RECONSTRUCTION: In response to the 13 th Amendment that outlaws slavery, Mississippi enacts a Black Code , which restricts the newly won rights of African Americans and attempts to keep the freedmen in a separate and inferior position. Throughout December and into 1866, other ex-Confederate states follow suit, enacting their own black codes. The codes of Mississippi and South Carolina prove most stringent; in the latter's Constitutional Convention, South Carolina's governor declares that "this is a white man's government". In all Southern states, Black Codes declared that those who failed to sign yearly labor contracts could be arrested and hired out to white landowners, thus ensuring black participation as a source of cheap labor for plantation owners. Additionally, all interracial marriages and sexual relationships are outlawed. Legal punishment could include forcing ex-slaves to sign unfavorable labor contracts that gave total control back to plantation masters. Some states also limited the occupations open to African Americans and barred them from acquiring land; others provided that judges could assign African American children to work for their former owners without the consent of their parents.
2		San Francisco	CONNECTING THE WEST: The Southern Pacific Railroad is formed, with the intent of connecting San Francisco to San Diego and eventually to points east.
5	Jackson, MS		Mississippi rejects the 13 th Amendment, which has already been ratified by ¾ of existing states and will go into effect in the new year. Mississippi will become the last state to ratify the Amendment eliminating slavery, in 1995.
4	Washington, D.C.		RECONSTRUCTION: President Andrew Johnson appoints the Joint Committee on Reconstruction to determine which Southern states are entitled to representation.
6	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: The 13 th Amendment is officially ratified by ¾ of the states.
17		San Francisco	A shootout again occurs between two rival fire departments, over support for a paid fire department. One fireman is wounded in the arm.
18	Washington, D.C.		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: Secretary of State William H. Seward declares that the 13 th Amendment has been adopted into law, to take effect in January.

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19		Sacramento	THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: California ratifies the 13 th Amendment.
			
			<i>California Signatories to the 13th Amendment Prohibiting Slavery.</i>
19	Charleston, SC		RECONSTRUCTION: <i>An Act to Establish and Regulate the Domestic Relations of Persons of Color and Amend the Law in Relation to Paupers and Vagrancy</i> , a black code, is enacted in South Carolina.
21	Baton Rouge, LA		RECONSTRUCTION: Louisiana passes its first black code law.
24	Pulaski, TN		RECONSTRUCTION: The Ku Klux Klan is organized at the law offices of Thomas M. Jones in Pulaski, Tennessee. The name derives from the Greek word <i>kyklos</i> (circle) and was suggested by John B. Kennedy, who anglicized it to Ku Klux. James R. Crowe added the word Klan because of the predominant Scottish-Irish population of the area.
29	Boston, MA		THE FIGHT OVER SLAVERY: William Lloyd Garrison publishes the last issue of <i>The Liberator</i> . His stated goal, the "extermination of chattel slavery", had been met.