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San Francisco Call (San Francisco, CA) <http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/lccn/sn85066387/1909-10-19/ed-1/seq-1>

The leading newspaper of San Francisco of much of its lifespan, the first issue of *The San Francisco Call* appeared December 1, 1856. Its popularity was due to its appeal to the working class of the city and its reporting of local events. By the mid-1890s it included popular features such as illustrations, serialized fiction, comic strips, and an expanded Sunday pictorial section.

October 19, 1909:

- The Portola Festival celebrates a reborn San Francisco. Also, the city celebrates California history, commemorating the explorations and discoveries of Don Gaspar de Portala, Governor of Baja and Alta California (1767-1770) and founder of San Diego and Monterey
- Celebrations include a carnival, an international flotilla, and military parade
- 200,000 Californians expected to visit the city, with the interior of the state “practically depopulated”
- City politicians still trying to attract business back to the city
- Mayoral candidates jockey for public appearances
- Oldest San Quentin prisoner reported dead at 88
- Actress Margaret Illington files for divorce (she would later marry San Francisco businessman Edward J. Bowes)

Washington Times (Washington, DC) <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026749/1909-03-04/ed-1/seq-1/>

Founded March 18, 1894 by union printers, *The Washington Times* ownership changed several times during its lifespan. Noteworthy owners included Frank A. Munsey, known equally for publishing pulp magazines and for closing unprofitable newspapers, and William Randolph Hearst.

March 4, 1909:

- With D.C. in the grip of a severe snowstorm, William Howard Taft takes presidential oath in Senate chamber (Grant only other president to take oath indoors)
- Trains did not run on time
- President Theodore Roosevelt bids farewell to Whitehouse staff before departing for New York by train
- Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, sworn in as senator to great acclaim by colleagues
- United Wireless Company sends news of the inauguration to newspapers around the country—the “first time in the history of wireless telegraphy and of journalism”

Pensacola Journal (Pensacola, FL) <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87062268/1909-05-29/ed-1/seq-1/>

The Pensacola Journal began in March, 1897, as a weekly newspaper, becoming a morning daily in 1898. Throughout much of the early twentieth century it competed with the *Pensacola Daily News* until the two newspapers merged in 1924.

May 29, 1909:

- Roosevelt hunts big game in East Africa
- Panama Canal cost nears \$250 million
- New battleship *Mississippi* anchors in Pensacola naval yard for coal refueling
- Strike sympathizers block railroad freight train in Georgia
- Senate passes text book publishing plant funding
- Will probated of Standard Oil partner H.H. Rogers

St. Paul Daily Globe (St. Paul, MN) <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn90059522/1894-04-29/ed-1/seq-1/>

The *St. Paul Daily Globe* began publishing January 15, 1878 as a Democratic newspaper and became the official newspaper of St. Paul. It also covered news of neighboring Minneapolis as well as regional news of the area, including the Dakota Territory.

April 29, 1894:

- Railway workers, on strike against the Great Northern Railroad, react to proposed wages
- Eugene Debs, president of the American Railway Union, advocates arbitration at local business club meeting with business and city leaders
- Sympathetic unions support the ARU and workers continue strike
- Rails near Devil’s Lake, North Dakota, sabotaged
- Author Marie Walsh, filing for divorce, visits Sioux Falls, a city with lenient divorce laws, to research a proposal novel
- Fire destroys a New Orleans hotel with unknown number of guest killed or injured
- Victory predictions in the St. Paul mayoral race inspire local Democrats

Omaha Daily Bee (Omaha, NE) <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn99021999/1898-06-01/ed-1/seq-1/>

Founded May 8, 1871, the *Omaha Bee* was a Republican newspaper that covered Nebraska regional news in addition to local Omaha events. In 1927 it was purchased by William Randolph Hearst, who ten years later sold it to its competitor, the *Omaha World Herald*.

June 1, 1898:

- City welcomes President McKinley who opens Omaha's Transmississippi and International Exposition
- The *Bee* recognizes workers, promoters, and financial supporters of the Expo
- Anti-Spanish expedition of four hundred Cuban and American soldiers returns from Cuba
- Nebraskans look forward to participating in war
- Wheat futures plunge fifty cents per bushel

Evening World (New York, NY) <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83030193/1900-03-24/ed-1/seq-1/>

Owned by Joseph Pulitzer, the *Evening World* under editor Charles Chapin embraced sensational newsgathering in an effort to triumph over its major competitor, Hearst's *New York Journal*. Like other newspapers of yellow journalism, it was characterized by scandalous exposés and lurid text.

March 24, 1900:

- Groundbreaking for the New York subway
- Factory fire successfully contained but three firefighters lose their lives
- Accused conspirators for murder of Kentucky Governor William Goebel stand trial in Frankfort, KY
- Two men lynched in Richmond, Virginia
- Lightweight boxer Joe Ganz concedes defeat in twelfth round by Frank Erne

Ft. Worth Weekly Gazette (Fort Worth, TX) <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86088529/1888-12-14/ed-1/seq-1/>

Like its sister publication, the *Ft. World Daily Gazette*, the *Weekly Gazette* was initially published by the Stock Journal Publishing Company. The newspaper considered the whole state of Texas its audience and covered state-wide events and issues. It also capitalized on the availability of telegraphic news for national and international reporting.

December 14, 1888:

- *Gazette* celebrates inauguration of its new facility with detailed accounts of newspaper technology, office arrangements, and newspaper history

- Members of Indiana White Caps indicted for vigilante activities in Crawford, Indiana
- Mrs. Emma Hawes found murdered in Birmingham, Alabama, inciting lynching mob whose attack on the local jail left nine dead
- After experiments at Edison's laboratories, New York State to begin using electrocution ("deadly alternating current") for capital punishment January 1
- *Gazette* to publish special edition January 1, 1889 on the history of Ft. Worth

Deseret Evening News (Salt Lake, City, UT) <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045555/1900-06-16/ed-1/seq-1/>

The *Deseret Evening News* was founded soon after Brigham Young and Mormon settlers arrived in Utah, publishing its first issue June 15, 1850. Initially focused on theology matters of the Church of Latter-Day Saints, the newspaper also reported national, regional, and world news.

June 16, 1900:

- Salt Lake City celebrates Utah's 50-year founding and the newspaper includes a souvenir facsimile of its first issue
- Achievements in Utah industry, mining, journalism, and construction highlighted
- Europeans targeted in Boxer Rebellion; Christian missionaries at risk
- Rich vein of silver-copper discovered in Congor Mine
- Henry Cabot Lodge to preside over upcoming national Republican convention in Philadelphia

Times Dispatch (Richmond, VA) <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85038615/1908-07-12/ed-1/seq-1/>

Formed in 1903 with the merger of the *Times* and the *Dispatch*, the *Times Dispatch* was the uncontested newspaper of record for the city of Richmond. Editors consistently supported Virginia businesses, but editorialized against business influence on local politics.

July 12, 1908:

- Presidential candidates profiled
- North Carolina farmer murdered while sleeping
- American athletes find success at London Summer Olympics
- Chincoteague City incorporated with population of 2,600
- Local coal companies awarded lucrative contracts

Richmond Planet (Richmond, VA) <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84025841/1900-01-27/ed-1/seq-1/>

Founded in 1882 by thirteen former slaves, the *Richmond Planet* was a strong advocate for the African-American community of Virginia and the nation. A voice against racial

injustice, the newspaper reported on segregation, the Ku Klux Klan, and lynchings. In 1938 it merged with the *Afro-American*.

January 27, 1900:

- Members of Company L, 6th regiment, colored, commended for valor in Spanish-American War and Philippine-American War
- 397 African-Americans lynched in 1897's "reign of lawlessness"
- African-American prisoner of war treated well by Filipino captors
- Virginia's Jim Crow bill proposing separate railway cars for persons of color causes debate and controversy
- Knights of Pythias and Courts of Calanthe organizations to meet in February

Winchester News (Winchester, KY) <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86069133/1909-02-12/ed-1/seq-1/>

First published October 12, 1908, the *Winchester News* was Clark County's first daily newspaper. The newspaper supported local businesses, but readers were most attracted to its local news reporting and sports coverage.

February 12, 1909:

- Lincoln centennial celebrated locally and nationally
- Local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsor a valentine party
- Pacific Northwest cities fund publicity campaigns to attract new residents
- President-elect Taft urges Senate to accept Knox as Secretary of State
- Whitley County fugitive Charles Herndon, accused of murdering his wife, is apprehended after twelve years