

1885 in the United States

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Incumbents

Federal Government

- President: Chester A. Arthur (R-New York) (until March 4), Grover Cleveland (D-New York) (starting March 4)
- Vice President:
 - until March 4: *vacant*
 - March 4–November 25: Thomas A. Hendricks (D-Indiana)
 - starting November 25: *vacant*
- Chief Justice: Morrison Waite (Ohio)
- Speaker of the House of Representatives: John G. Carlisle (D-Kentucky)
- Congress: 48th (until March 4), 49th (starting March 4)



March 4: First inauguration of Grover Cleveland

Governors and Lieutenant Governors

Governors

- Governor of Alabama: Edward A. O'Neal (Democratic)
- Governor of Arkansas: James Henderson Berry (Democratic) (until January 17), Simon Pollard Hughes, Jr. (Democratic) (starting January 17)
- Governor of California: George Stoneman (Republican)
- Governor of Colorado: James Benton Grant (Democratic) (until January 13), Benjamin Harrison Eaton (Republican) (starting January 13)
- Governor of Connecticut: Thomas M. Waller (Democratic) (until January 8), Henry B. Harrison (Republican) (starting January 8)
- Governor of Delaware: Charles C. Stockley (Democratic)
- Governor of Florida: William D. Bloxham (Democratic) (until January 7), Edward A. Perry (Democratic) (starting January 7)
- Governor of Georgia: Henry D. McDaniel (Democratic)
- Governor of Illinois: John Marshall Hamilton (Republican) (until January 30), Richard J. Oglesby (Republican) (starting January 30)
- Governor of Indiana: Albert G. Porter (Republican) (until January 12), Isaac P. Gray (Democratic) (starting January 12)
- Governor of Iowa: Buren R. Sherman (Republican)
- Governor of Kansas: George W. Glick (Democratic) (until January 12), John A. Martin (Republican) (starting January 12)
- Governor of Kentucky: J. Proctor Knott (Democratic)
- Governor of Louisiana: Samuel D. McEnery (Democratic)
- Governor of Maine: Frederick Robie (Republican)
- Governor of Maryland: Robert Milligan McLane (Democratic) (until March 27), Henry Lloyd (Democratic) (starting March 27)
- Governor of Massachusetts: George D. Robinson (Republican)
- Governor of Michigan: Josiah Begole (Democratic) (until January 1), Russell Alger (Republican) (starting January 1)
- Governor of Minnesota: Lucius F. Hubbard (Republican)
- Governor of Mississippi: Robert Lowry (Democratic)
- Governor of Missouri: Thomas Theodore Crittenden (Democratic) (until January 12), John S. Marmaduke (Democratic) (starting January 12)
- Governor of Nebraska: James W. Dawes (Republican)
- Governor of Nevada: Jewett W. Adams (Democratic)
- Governor of New Hampshire: Samuel W. Hale (Republican) (until June 4), Moody Currier (Democratic) (starting June 4)
- Governor of New Jersey: Leon Abbett (Democratic)
- Governor of New York: Grover Cleveland (Democratic) (until January 6), David B. Hill (Democratic) (starting January 6)
- Governor of North Carolina: Thomas Jordan Jarvis (Democratic) (until January 21), Alfred Moore Scales (Democratic) (starting January 21)
- Governor of Ohio: George Hoadly (Democratic)
- Governor of Oregon: Z. F. Moody (Republican)
- Governor of Pennsylvania: Robert E. Pattison (Democratic)
- Governor of Rhode Island: Augustus O. Bourn (Republican) (until May 26), George P. Wetmore (Republican) (starting May 26)
- Governor of South Carolina: Hugh Smith Thompson (Democratic)
- Governor of Tennessee: William B. Bate (Democratic)

- Governor of Texas: John Ireland (Democratic)
- Governor of Vermont: Samuel E. Pingree (Republican)
- Governor of Virginia: William E. Cameron (Re-adjuster)
- Governor of West Virginia: Jacob B. Jackson (Democratic) (until March 4), Emanuel Willis Wilson (Democratic) (starting March 4)
- Governor of Wisconsin: Jeremiah McLain Rusk (Republican)

Lieutenant Governors

- Lieutenant Governor of California: John Daggett (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Colorado: William H. Meyer (Republican) (until January 13), Peter W. Breene (Republican) (starting January 13)
- Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut: George G. Sumner (Democratic) (until January 8), Lorrin A. Cooke (Republican) (starting January 8)
- Lieutenant Governor of Florida: Livingston W. Bethel (Democratic) (until January 7), Milton H. Mabry (Democratic) (starting January 7)
- Lieutenant Governor of Illinois: William J. Campbell (Republican) (until January 30), John Smith (Republican) (starting January 30)
- Lieutenant Governor of Indiana: Thomas Hanna (Republican) (until January 12), Mahlon Dickerson Manson (Democratic) (starting January 12)
- Lieutenant Governor of Iowa: Orlando H. Manning (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kansas: David Wesley Finney (Republican) (until January 12), Alexander P. Riddle (Republican) (starting January 12)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: James R. Hindman (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana: Clay Knobloch (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts: Oliver Ames (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Michigan: Moreau S. Crosby (Republican) (until month and day unknown), Archibald Buttars (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota: Charles A. Gilman (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi: G. D. Shands (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Missouri: Robert Alexander Campbell (Democratic) (until January 12), Albert P. Morehouse (Democratic) (starting January 12)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska: Alfred W. Agee (Republican) (until month and day unknown), Hibbard H. Shedd (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nevada: Charles E. Laughton (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of New York:
 - until January 6: David B. Hill (Republican)
 - January 6 to end of December 31: Dennis McCarthy (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina: James L. Robinson (Democratic) (until January 21), Charles M. Stedman (Democratic) (starting January 21)
- Lieutenant Governor of Ohio: John George Warwick (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: Chauncey Forward Black (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island: Oscar Rathbun (political party unknown) (until May 26), Lucius B. Darling (Republican) (starting May 26)
- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: Chauncey Forward Black (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina: John Calhoun Sheppard (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee: Benjamin F. Alexander (Democratic) (until month and day unknown), Cabell R. Berry (Democratic) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas: Francis M. Martin (Democratic) (until month and day unknown), Barnett Gibbs (Democratic) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Vermont: Ebenezer J. Ormsbee (Republican)

- Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: John F. Lewis (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin: Sam S. Fildes (Republican)

Events

January–March

- February 9 – The first Japanese arrive in Hawaii.
- February 16 – Charles Dow publishes the first edition of the Dow Jones Industrial Average. The index stands at a level of 62.76, and represents the dollar average of 14 stocks: 12 railroads and two leading American industries.^[1]
- February 18 – Mark Twain publishes *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* in the United States.
- February 21 – United States President Chester A. Arthur dedicates the Washington Monument.
- March 3 – A subsidiary of the American Bell Telephone Company, American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T), is incorporated in New York.
- March 4 – Grover Cleveland is sworn in as the 22nd President of the United States.



September 2: Rock Springs massacre

April–June

- April 30
 - A bill is signed in the New York State legislature forming the Niagara Falls State Park.
 - Boston Pops Orchestra is formed.
- May – The Depression of 1882–85 ends.
- June 17 – The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York Harbor.

July–September

- July 14 – Sarah E. Goode is the first female African-American to apply for and receive a patent, for the invention of the hideaway bed.
- July 23 – Former President and Civil War general Ulysses S. Grant dies in Mount McGregor, New York.
- August 25 – Author Laura Ingalls Wilder marries Almanzo Wilder.
- September 2 – The Rock Springs massacre occurs in Rock Springs, Wyoming; 150 white miners attack their Chinese coworkers, killing 28, wounding 15, and forcing several hundred more out of town.
- September 8 – Saint Thomas Academy is founded in Minnesota.

October–December

- October 13 – The Georgia Institute of Technology is established in Atlanta, Georgia as the Georgia School of Technology.
- November 25 – Vice President Thomas A. Hendricks dies in office.
- December 1 – The U.S. Patent Office acknowledges this date as the day Dr Pepper is served for the very first time; the exact date of Dr Pepper's invention is unknown.

Undated

- The first skyscraper (the Home Insurance Building) is built in Chicago, Illinois, USA (10 floors).
- Michigan Technological University (originally Michigan Mining School) opens its doors for the first time in what is to become the Houghton County Fire Hall.
- Camp Dudley, the oldest continually running boys' camp in America, is founded.

Ongoing

- Gilded Age (1869–c. 1896)
- Depression of 1882–85 (1882–1885)

Sport

- August 29 – John L. Sullivan becomes First World Heavyweight Boxing Champion.
- September 30 – The Chicago White Stockings clinch their Third National League pennant with a 2–1 win over the New York Giants.

Births

- January 15 – Grover Lowdermilk, baseball player (died 1968)
- January 27
 - Jerome Kern, musical theater composer (died 1945)
 - Harry Ruby, musician, composer and writer (died 1974)
- February 7 – Sinclair Lewis fiction writer, recipient of Nobel Prize in Literature in 1930 (died 1951 in Italy)
- February 13 – Bess Truman, First Lady of the United States, Second Lady of the United States (died 1982)
- February 17 – Steve Evans, baseball player (died 1943)
- March 6 – Ring Lardner, writer (died 1933)
- April 1 – Wallace Beery, actor (died 1949)
- May 2
 - Hedda Hopper, columnist (died 1966)
 - Lee W. Stanley, cartoonist (died 1970)
- May 7 – George "Gabby" Hayes, Western film character actor (died 1969)
- May 14 – Ben J. Tarbutton, businessman and politician (died 1962)

- May 30 – Arthur E. Andersen, accountant (died 1947)
- July 4 – Louis B. Mayer, film producer (died 1957)
- September 7 – Elinor Wylie (Elinor Morton Hoyt), poet and novelist (died 1928)
- October 3 – Sophie Treadwell, dramatist and journalist (died 1970)
- October 30 – Ezra Pound, poet (died 1972 in Italy)
- December 2 – George Minot, physiologist, recipient of Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1934 (died 1950)
- December 19 – King Oliver, jazz cornet player and bandleader (died 1938)
- December 26 – Bazoline Estelle Usher, African American educator (died 1992)

Deaths

- January 13 – Schuyler Colfax, 17th Vice President of the United States from 1869 to 1873 (born 1823)
- January 24 – Martin Delany, African American abolitionist, journalist and physician (born 1812)
- February 12 – Alexandre Mouton, U.S. Senator from Louisiana from 1843 to 1846 (born 1804)
- March 17 – Susan Warner (pseudonym Elizabeth Weatherell), religious and children's writer (born 1819)
- May 4 – Irvin McDowell, Union Army officer known for defeat in the First Battle of Bull Run (born 1818)
- May 17 – Jonathan Young, U.S. Navy commodore (born 1826)
- May 19 – Robert Emmet Odlum, swimming instructor, dies as result of becoming the first person to jump from the Brooklyn Bridge (born 1851)
- May 20 – Frederick Theodore Frelinghuysen, 29th United States Secretary of State (born 1817)
- July 23 – Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States from 1869 to 1877 (born 1822)
- August 10 – James W. Marshall, contractor, builder of Sutter's Mill (born 1810)
- September 3 – William M. Gwin, U.S. Senator from California from 1850 to 1855 and from 1857 to 1861 (born 1805)
- October 5 – Thomas C. Durant, railroad financier (born 1820)
- October 29 – George B. McClellan, soldier, civil engineer, railroad executive and politician (born 1826)
- November 25 – Thomas A. Hendricks, 21st Vice President of the United States from March to November 1885 (born 1819)
- December 8 – William Henry Vanderbilt, entrepreneur (born 1821)
- December 13 – Benjamin Gratz Brown, politician (born 1826)
- December 15 – Robert Toombs, U.S. Senator from Georgia from 1853 to 1861 (born 1810)
- December 29 – James E. Bailey, U.S. Senator from Tennessee from 1877 to 1881 (born 1821)

See also

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- [Timeline of United States history \(1860–1899\)](#)

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