

# 1894 in the United States

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### Federal Government

- President: Grover Cleveland (D-New York)
- Vice President: Adlai E. Stevenson I (D-Illinois)
- Chief Justice: Melville Fuller (Illinois)
- Speaker of the House of Representatives: Charles Frederick Crisp (D-Georgia)
- Congress: 53rd

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## Governors and Lieutenant Governors

### **Governors**

- Governor of Alabama: Thomas G. Jones (Democratic) (until December 1), William C. Oates (Democratic) (starting December 1)
- Governor of Arkansas: William Meade Fishback (Democratic)
- Governor of California: Henry Markham (Republican)
- Governor of Colorado: Davis Hanson Waite (People's)
- Governor of Connecticut: Luzon B. Morris (Democratic)
- Governor of Delaware: Robert J. Reynolds (Democratic)
- Governor of Florida: Henry L. Mitchell (Democratic)
- Governor of Georgia: William J. Northen (Democratic) (until October 27), William Yates Atkinson (Democratic) (starting October 27)
- Governor of Idaho: William J. McConnell (Republican)
- Governor of Illinois: John Peter Altgeld (Democratic)
- Governor of Indiana: Claude Matthews (Democratic)
- Governor of Iowa: Horace Boies (Democratic) (until January 11), Frank D. Jackson (Republican) (starting January 11)
- Governor of Kansas: Lorenzo D. Lewelling (Populist)
- Governor of Kentucky: John Y. Brown (Democratic)
- Governor of Louisiana: Murphy James Foster, Sr. (Democratic)
- Governor of Maine: Henry B. Cleaves (Republican)
- Governor of Maryland: Frank Brown (Democratic)
- Governor of Massachusetts: William E. Russell (Democratic) (until January 4), Frederic T. Greenhalge (Republican) (starting January 4)
- Governor of Michigan: John T. Rich (Republican)
- Governor of Minnesota: Knute Nelson (Republican)
- Governor of Mississippi: John M. Stone (Democratic)
- Governor of Missouri: William Joel Stone (Democratic)
- Governor of Montana: John E. Rickards (Republican)
- Governor of Nebraska: Lorenzo Crouse (Republican)
- Governor of Nevada: Roswell K. Colcord (Republican)
- Governor of New Hampshire: John Butler Smith (Republican)
- Governor of New Jersey: George Theodore Werts (Democratic)
- Governor of New York: Roswell P. Flower (Democratic) (until end of December 31)
- Governor of North Carolina: Elias Carr (Democratic)
- Governor of North Dakota: Eli C. D. Shortridge (Democratic)/(Independent)
- Governor of Ohio: William McKinley (Republican)
- Governor of Oregon: Sylvester Pennoyer (Democratic)
- Governor of Pennsylvania: Robert E. Pattison (Democratic)
- Governor of Rhode Island: D. Russell Brown (Republican)
- Governor of South Carolina: Benjamin Ryan Tillman (Democratic) (until December 4), John Gary Evans (Democratic) (starting December 4)
- Governor of South Dakota: Charles H. Sheldon (Republican)
- Governor of Tennessee: Peter Turney (Democratic)
- Governor of Texas: James Stephen Hogg (Democratic)
- Governor of Vermont: Levi K. Fuller (Republican) (until October 4), Urban A. Woodbury (Republican) (starting October 4)

- Governor of Virginia: Philip W. McKinney (Democratic) (until January 1), Charles Triplett O'Ferrall (Democratic) (starting January 1)
- Governor of Washington: John McGraw (Republican)
- Governor of West Virginia: William A. MacCorkle (Democratic)
- Governor of Wisconsin: George W. Peck (Democratic)
- Governor of Wyoming: John E. Osborne (Democratic)

## **Lieutenant Governors**

- Lieutenant Governor of California: John B. Reddick (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Colorado: David Hopkinson Nichols (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut: Ernest Cady (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Idaho: F. B. Willis (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Illinois: Joseph B. Gill (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Indiana: Mortimer Nye (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Iowa: Samuel L. Bestow (Democratic) (until January 11), Warren S. Dungan (Republican) (starting January 11)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kansas: Percy Daniels (Populist)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: Mitchell Cary Alford (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana: Hiram R. Lott (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts: Roger Wolcott (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Michigan: John Strong (Democratic) (until month and day unknown), J. Wight Giddings (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota: Gideon S. Ives (Republican) (until month and day unknown), David M. Clough (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi: M. M. Evans (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Missouri: Stephen H. Claycomb (Democratic) (until January 9), John B. O'Meara (Democratic) (starting January 9)
- Lieutenant Governor of Montana: John E. Rickards (Republican) (until month and day unknown), Alexander Campbell Botkin (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska: Thomas J. Majors (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nevada: Joseph Poujade (political party unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of New York: William F. Sheehan (Democratic) (until end of December 31)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina: vacant (until month and day unknown), Rufus A. Doughton (Democratic) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota: Elmer D. Wallace (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Ohio: Andrew L. Harris (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: Louis Arthur Watres (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island: Melville Bull (Republican) (until month and day unknown), Edwin Allen (political party unknown) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina: Washington H. Timmerman (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota: Charles N. Herreid (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee: William C. Dismukes (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas: Martin McNulty Crane (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Vermont: F. Stewart Stranahan (Republican) (until October 4), Zophar M. Mansur (Republican) (starting October 4)
- Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: James Hoge Tyler (Democratic) (until month and day unknown), Robert Craig Kent (Democratic) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Washington: F. H. Luce (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin: Charles Jonas (Democratic) (until month and day unknown), vacant (starting month and day unknown)

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## Events

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- January 9 – New England Telephone and Telegraph installs the first battery-operated telephone switchboard, in Lexington, Massachusetts.
- February 7 – 5-month Cripple Creek miners' strike of 1894 begins.
- March 12 – Coca-Cola is sold in bottles for the first time.
- March 25 – Coxey's Army, the first significant American protest march, departs from Massillon, Ohio for Washington, D.C.
- May 1
  - Coxey's Army arrives in Washington, D.C.
  - The May Day Riots of 1894 break out in Cleveland, Ohio.
- May 11 – Pullman Strike: Three thousand Pullman Palace Car Company workers go on a "wildcat" (without union approval) strike to protest lowered wages without an equivalent reduction in expenses charged in the company town of Pullman, Chicago.
- July – A fire at the site of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago destroys most of the remaining buildings.
- July 4 – The short-lived Republic of Hawaii is proclaimed by Sanford B. Dole.
- September 1 – Great Hinckley Fire: A forest fire in Hinckley, Minnesota kills more than 450 people.
- September 4 – In New York City, 12,000 tailors strike against sweatshop working conditions.
- November 5 – West Palm Beach, Florida is incorporated as a city.
- December – After decades of activism, women in South Australia became the first in the country awarded the right to vote and stand for parliament.

## Undated

- Milton S. Hershey establishes the Hershey Chocolate Company in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- The Society of Beaux-Arts Architects is founded.
- The National Society of Pershing Rifles is founded at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Chatham Episcopal Institute (modern-day Chatham Hall) is founded in Chatham, Virginia.
- Frederick W. Tumblyn founds Tumblyn Studio & School of Penmanship which later becomes Ziller of Kansas City, the oldest calligraphy studio in the U.S.
- National Civic League established.<sup>[1]</sup>
- New York Giants defeat Baltimore Orioles 4 games to 0 to win the First Temple Cup

## Ongoing

- Gilded Age (1869–c. 1896)
- Gay Nineties (1890–1899)

- Progressive Era (1890s–1920s)
- Panic of 1893 (1893–1894)

## Births

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- January 2 – Robert Nathan, poet and novelist (died 1985)
- January 20 – Walter Piston, composer (died 1976)
- January 31
  - Percy Helton, screen actor (died 1971)
  - Isham Jones, bandleader and composer (died 1956)
- February 1
  - John Ford, film director (died 1973)
  - Dick Merrill, aviation pioneer (died 1982)
- February 3 – Norman Rockwell, painter and illustrator (died 1978)
- February 14 – Jack Benny, actor and comedian (died 1974)
- February 18 – Paul Williams, architect (died 1980)
- February 22 – Enid Markey, actress (died 1981)
- February 25 – Frank P. Briggs, U.S. Senator from Missouri from 1945 to 1947 (died 1992)
- February 28 – Ben Hecht, playwright and film writer (died 1964)
- March 14 – Osa Johnson (née Leighty), adventurer and filmmaker, wife of Martin Johnson (died 1953)
- March 17 – Paul Green, playwright (died 1981)
- March 19 – Moms Mabley, African American comedian (died 1975)
- March 31 – Francis T. Maloney, U.S. Senator from Connecticut from 1935 to 1945 (died 1945)
- April 3 – Dooley Wilson, African American pianist and singer (died 1953)
- April 15 – Bessie Smith, African American blues singer (died 1937)
- April 19 – Elizabeth Dilling, right-wing political activist (died 1966)
- May 2 – Norma Talmadge, silent film actress (died 1957)
- May 5 – August Dvorak, educational psychologist (died 1975)
- May 11 – Martha Graham, dancer and choreographer (died 1991)
- May 15 – Eddie Stumpf, baseball player (died 1978)
- May 16 – Walter Yust, encyclopædia editor (died 1960)
- May 27 – Dashiell Hammett, detective fiction writer (died 1961)
- May 31 – Fred Allen, comedian (died 1956)
- June 5 – James Glenn Beall, U.S. Senator from Maryland from 1953 to 1965 (died 1971)
- June 23 – Alfred Kinsey, biologist, professor of entomology and zoology and sexologist, founder of the Institute for Sex Research at Indiana University (Bloomington) in 1947 (died 1956)
- June 28 – Arthur Dewey Struble, admiral (died 1983)
- July 9 – Phelps Putnam, poet (died 1948)

- August 3 – Harry Heilmann, baseball player (died 1951)
- August 16 – George Meany, labor leader (died 1980)
- August 29 – Henry Dworshak, U.S. Senator from Idaho from 1946 to 1949 and from 1949 to 1962 (died 1962)
- September 6 – Howard Pease, adventure novelist (died 1974)
- September 7 – George Waggner, film director, producer and actor (died 1984)
- September 12 – Billy Gilbert, comedian and actor (died 1971)
- September 24 – Harry B. Liversedge, general (died 1951)
- September 25 – J. Mayo Williams, African American blues music producer (died 1980]
- September 26 – Vaughn De Leath, crooner, "The Original Radio Girl" (died 1943)
- October 2 – Thomas L. Sprague, admiral (died 1972)
- October 4 – Patrick V. McNamara, U.S. Senator from Michigan from 1955 to 1966 (died 1966)
- October 7 – Del Lord, film director (died 1970)
- October 9 – Ernest McFarland, U.S. Senator from Arizona from 1941 to 1953 (died 1984)
- October 14 – E. E. Cummings, poet and painter (died 1962)
- October 18 – H. L. Davis, fiction writer (died 1960)
- November 23 – Andrew Frank Schoepel, U.S. Senator from Kansas from 1949 to 1962 (died 1962)
- November 26 – Norbert Wiener, mathematician (died 1964)
- November 28 – Henry Hazlitt, journalist and economist (died 1993)
- December 5 – Philip K. Wrigley, business and sports executive (died 1977)
- December 8
  - E. C. Segar, cartoonist, creator of Popeye (died 1938)
  - James Thurber, cartoonist and humorous writer (died 1961)
- December 15 – Felix Stump, admiral (died 1972)
- December 17 – Arthur Fiedler, orchestral conductor (died 1979)
- December 26 – Jean Toomer (Nathan Eugene Pinchback Toomer), African American poet and novelist (died 1967)
- December 29 – J. Lister Hill, U.S. Senator from Alabama from 1938 to 1969 (died 1984)

## Deaths

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- January 15 – Henry Mower Rice, U.S. Senator from Minnesota from 1858 to 1863 (born 1816)
- February 4 – Morton S. Wilkinson, U.S. Senator from Minnesota from 1859 to 1865 (born 1819)
- February 28 – James W. McDill, U.S. Senator from Iowa from 1881 to 1883 (born 1834)
- March 2

- Jubal Early, Confederate general (born 1816)
- William H. Osborn, railroad tycoon (born 1820)
- March 3 – Ned Williamson, baseball player (born 1857)
- March 26 – Alfred H. Colquitt, U.S. Senator from Georgia from 1883 to 1894 (born 1824)
- March 28 – George Ticknor Curtis, author, lawyer and historian (born 1812)
- April 7 – Benjamin Franklin King, Jr., poet and humorist (born 1857)
- April 14 – Zebulon Baird Vance, Confederate military officer in the American Civil War, the 37th and 43rd Governor of North Carolina, U.S. Senator (born 1830)
- April 15 – James Harvey, U.S. Senator from Kansas from 1874 to 1877 (born 1833)
- April 30 – Francis B. Stockbridge, U.S. Senator from Michigan from 1887 to 1894 (born 1826)
- June 17 – William Hart, landscape painter (born 1823 in Scotland)
- June 20 – Bishop W. Perkins, U.S. Senator from Kansas from 1892 to 1893 (born 1841)
- June 24 – George Peter Alexander Healy, American portrait painter (born 1813)
- July 19 – William B. Avery, Union Army soldier and Medal of Honor recipient (born 1840)
- August 15 – Arthur Rotch, architect (born 1850)
- October 7 – Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., physician and writer (born 1809)
- September 1
  - Boston Corbett, England-born Union Army soldier who shot and killed Abraham Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth (born 1832)
  - Samuel J. Kirkwood, U.S. Senator from Iowa from 1881 to 1882 (born 1813)
- November 30 – Joseph E. Brown, U.S. Senator from Georgia from 1880 to 1891 (born 1821)
- December 19 – James L. Alcorn, U.S. Senator from Mississippi from 1871 to 1877 (born 1816)

## See also

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- List of American films of the 1890s
- Timeline of United States history (1860–1899)

## References

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