



ACROSS THE SIERRAS

In 1863, the building of the Central Pacific Railroad, eastward from Sacramento across the Sierra Nevada Mountains, was begun.

FOUNDING THE MISSIONS

In July, 1769, Father Junipero M. J. Serra, the Spanish missionary, founded San Diego de Alcalá, the first of a chain of twenty-one Franciscan missions in what is now California.

RAISING THE BEAR FLAG

At Sonoma, on June 14, 1846, a small group of Americans defied Mexico by hauling down the Mexican flag and raising the Bear Flag of California in its place.

MEMORABLE CALIFORNIA EVENTS



DISCOVERY OF GOLD

On January 24, 1848, James Wilson Marshall discovered gold in the American River at Sutter's Mill, an event that led to the famous "gold rush" of 1849.

FIRST TRAINLOAD OF ORANGES

Following the development of the refrigerator car, the first trainload of California oranges left Los Angeles for eastern markets on February 14, 1886.



COMING OF THE MOVIES

The first commercial film produced in California, *The Count of Monte Cristo*, was completed near Los Angeles in 1907 and released in 1908.



CENTRAL VALLEY WATER PROJECT

Begun in 1939, with Shasta Dam as the key unit, this project, costing more than \$220,000,000, was undertaken to control floods, to supply fresh