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By George John Stearns  
California, its history and romance  
Los Angeles, 1911.

First Newspaper

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It was inevitable, of course, that the first newspaper should make its appearance in Wauteray.

In 1846 this publication made its appearance premier under the editorial management of a man named Peuple, who stood six feet and eight inches high in the buckskin clothes which he habitually wore. The paper <sup>was</sup> named the Californian, and was printed from type borrowed from the old Missions of the padres. In order to print the letter "N," it was necessary to combine two "V's" there being no N in the Spanish alphabet.



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Wagner Harry  
California History  
San Francisco, 1925.

The Californian

pp 227. The first literary productions which may justly be claimed for California are of course those writings of the padres which tell, as does Father Palau's life of Serra, of the struggles and triumphs of the brave missionaries. These are preserved to us in the original records in several of the old Missions. There was, however, little of real note prior to the American occupation of California. Perhaps the earliest literary production from American hands was "The Californian," first issued at Monterey on August 15, 1846. Walter Colton, was then alcalde of Monterey, was the owner, editor, and printer of this early weekly and largely responsible for its contents although Robert Sumpster was a some-time partner in the business. Colton was also the author of several books which contain many interesting incidents of those stirring days.



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"California's Pioneer Newspaper's"  
First Newspaper

When Commodore Shast had raised the American flag in Monterey in July of 1846, an old printing press was lying abandoned and covered with dust in the tiny Mexican outpost.

This press, which had been purchased second hand and brought to California 14 yrs earlier by Zamorano, the first printer in California, was dragged from its place of storage by two Americans who used it to print the first newspaper in California — August 15, 1846 — less than six weeks after Shast hoisted the flag.

The publishers of this earliest newspaper were Rev Walter Colton and Dr Robert D. Drumpell.

Colton who was chaplain of the frigate Congress and former editor of the Philadelphia North American arrived by sea with Shast. Drumpell, a dentist



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physician, printer and adventurer from Kentucky came overland, having arrived with a group of ten venturesome men at Sutter's Fort now Sacramento, on the previous Christmas day. The two men met at Monterey and decided to publish a newspaper.

The equipment which they <sup>with</sup> worked was crude and meager. The old press was dusted off and put together in working order. The only type was a Spanish font, which contained no W's so it was necessary to substitute two V's for each W. <sup>mu</sup> had burrowed into the leather-covered balls used to spread ink on the type. The only paper available was that used by the natives for cigar-wrapping. There was a grand waiting when the first paper was thrown from the press. "It produced quite a sensation" Walter Colton tells us in his diary.



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Stoddard (P. M. M.)  
In the footprints of the Padres  
San Francisco, 1902.

### First Newspaper.

pp 147-48.

In August, 1846, the Californian, the first newspaper established on the coast, was issued by Calton and Sample. The type and press were once the property of the Franciscan friars, and used by them; and in the absence of the English ro, the compositors on the Californian doubled the Spanish v. The journal was printed half in English and half in Spanish, on cigarette paper about the size of a sheet of foolscap. Terms \$3. per year in advance; single copies, 17½ cents each. Sample was a man just suited to the newspaper office he occupied; he stood six feet eight inches in moccasins, was dressed in buckskins, and wore a folskin cap.



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First Newspaper in California

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 California.  
 Vol. 3,  
 p 89.

[Walter] Cotton and Dr. Robert Semple started a newspaper, "The Californian," at Monterey, the first in California. It was issued weekly, on Saturdays, and the first number appeared on August 15, 1846. It was printed on a press found at Monterey - probably the one brought by Figueroa - and from type so old and rusty that each separate piece had to be scraped and polished before it could be used. A sheet of tin cut into strips with a jack knife, furnished the leads and rules, while the paper was of the kind which the Californians used for rolling cigarettes.



The sheets were but little larger than foolscap page, which folded, made a paper of four pages. It was printed in both English and Spanish, and soon secured a circulation embarrassingly large because of the difficulty of getting ink and paper.

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