

like fire, but he charged on the man with the shotgun, knocked him down with his club and carried him to jail—the negro afterwards got five years. The negroes fled before the advancing officers. There was no more bloodshed, and quiet was restored and the negroes went back to work on June 30th.

During this trouble the First Florida Light Artillery (Wilson's Battery), the only military organization in the town, was held in readiness at its armory; however the emergency passed without its services being needed. The reorganization of the Jacksonville Light Infantry in the following September was the outgrowth of this riot.

Ben Byrd, who shot Officer Nelson, was hanged.

In the period 1879-81, the first steps were taken in municipal improvements—waterworks and sewers. The foundations of some of Jacksonville's present important institutions were laid. Politically there was a recrudescence of local Republican rule when Peter Jones was elected mayor in 1879, though it was not as bitter as in the "carpet-bagger" days.

## 1882

The year 1882 afforded much in the way of political excitement. The existing Sunday closing law (referring to saloons) was the bone of contention in the municipal election, when, according to the editor of the Daily Times, "the Churches and temperance people of the town exerted their utmost strength to elect the present city government. After the election a repeal of the Sunday law was proposed in the council and the Churches united in a grand mass-meeting to denounce the attempt. The bill was defeated and the excitement abated", but was revived again in the fall.

Trouble started when the Republicans attempted to secure the appointment of Lemuel W. Livingston (colored) as cadet to West Point from Florida. A wave of indignation swept over Jacksonville, and there were numerous rallies by the Democrats, the Republicans, and the negroes. The Democrats denounced the attempt in strong language and for a time the incident threatened serious consequences. Livingston failed in his preliminary examination, however, and his appointment was not confirmed.

Yellow fever broke out in Galveston, Pensacola, New Orleans, Memphis and other places during the summer,