

## 1898

March 25: Stonewall Jackson Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, organized at preliminary meeting. Permanently organized April 1, 1898. Officers: T. T. Stockton, commandant; Jack Maxwell, first lieutenant commander; F. P. Fleming, Jr., second lieutenant commander; C. N. Welshans, adjutant.

May 6: F. C. & P. through passenger train from Pensacola ran into an open switch in the terminal yards; engineer Amos Roberts was killed and fireman J. Sewall died from injuries.

June 16: The Confederate monument in St. James Park (now Hemming Park) was unveiled by Miss Sarah Elizabeth Call, accompanied by a salute of thirteen guns by Wilson's Battery. This was during the Spanish-American war, and taking part in the ceremonies were regiments of both Southern and Northern men of Camp Cuba Libre. General Fitzhugh Lee was in the reviewing stand, while on the piazza of the Windsor hotel stood a grandson of General U. S. Grant. Thus both the North and the South were represented in the unveiling of this monument to the valor of the Confederate soldiers of Florida, a gift to the State by Charles C. Hemming, a former resident of Jacksonville and a private in the Jacksonville Light Infantry in the War Between the States.

July 9: Clyde Line steamer Delaware was burned off Barnegat, N. J.; passengers and crew were all landed safely.

December 22: The Mayport, new steamboat built to ply between Mayport and Jacksonville, caught afire at her dock in Mayport, was cut loose and drifted out to sea burning.

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## Severe Freeze

February 12-13: The afternoon and early evening of the 12th were rainy and very cold. About 9 p.m. rain changed to sleet and an hour later turned into snow. It snowed nearly all night, and by sunrise of the 13th, the ground was covered to a depth of two inches, not considering drifts, and the temperature stood around 10 degrees F. The temperature con-