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tinued below freezing all day of the 13th, not rising above 27 degrees; snow remained on the ground all day, and in sheltered places for several days afterward. The vegetable crops were destroyed, fruit trees killed and some forest trees hurt beyond recovery. Widespread damage resulted to the plumbing of the city and plumbers were kept busy for two months making repairs. This was the coldest weather since the freeze of 1835.

March 12: The plant of the Cummer Lumber Company northeast of the city was destroyed by fire. The loss was estimated at \$253,000.

April 14: Joseph Jefferson opened an engagement in Jacksonville with "What Shall We Do With Her". This was followed by the other plays that had made him famous as an actor, including "Rip Van Winkle".

May 20: Cigar factory of G. H. Gato in North Springfield burned.

September: Jacksonville quarantined against South Florida on account of yellow fever there; it was a modified quarantine.

October 5: The first wireless message received in Florida came to the Florida Times-Union and Citizen reporting the progress of the yacht race between the Columbia and the Shamrock. The Marconi system was used. The service was satisfactory and frequent bulletins were posted from wireless reports.

November 18: The wholesale grocery house of Baker & Holmes Co., and the supply house of E. O. Painter & Co., together with considerable surrounding property in the viaduct section, were burned in a fire that resulted in a property loss of \$100,000.

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March 2: Fire destroyed McMurray & Baker's wagon factory at Main and Church Streets; three firemen injured; property loss \$20,000.

March 24: Admiral and Mrs. George Dewey visited Jack-