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sonville. They were entertained at the Windsor hotel and given a royal reception here.

June 7: Lightning struck the ferryboat Commodore Barney while she was on the ways in South Jacksonville undergoing repairs, and killed four negro laborers and severely shocked eleven other men.

June 19-22: Last Democratic State convention was held at Jacksonville. It was a memorable one, not only because it was the last convention of the kind held in the State, the system being changed afterward to the primary system, but also for the number of ballots necessary for a nomination for Governor. The candidates were, W. S. Jennings, Fred T. Myers, W. H. Milton, D. H. Mays and J. D. Beggs. All withdrew except Jennings and Milton, and on the 44th ballot Jennings was nominated, receiving 192 votes and Milton 90.

August 21-25: Jacksonville Light Infantry and Atlanta Artillery on encampment at Pablo Beach, named "Camp Wheeler".

December 27: Dr. Neal Mitchell purchased the Forsyth Street side of the Everett hotel (now the Aragon) from the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co., for, according to the local news item, \$30,000.