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April 9: Fire, originating in the Pablo hotel at Pablo Beach, destroyed the hotel and also eleven houses in the heart of the town.

May 6-8: Twenty-fourth annual Confederate reunion held in Jacksonville. The veterans were splendidly taken care of and there was only one death among them while here. It was estimated that sixty thousand visitors, including veterans, were in the city.

June 1: The so-called restricted or "red-light" district in LaVilla was closed by the mayor supported by the city council.

July 1: John B. Gordon Camp, U. C. V., No. 1794, organized. M. R. Tutt, commander; F. M. Ironmonger, first lieutenant; P. M. Jamison, chaplain; W. H. Lucas, adjutant.

August 26: Home Telephone Company started service.

September 15: Pablo Beach voted a bond issue of \$35,000 for sewerage and electric lights. The vote was: 68 for; 10 against.

November 14: Jacksonville-Orange Park highway opened with the completion of that part from the county line along the river in front of Orange Park. This highway was built at intervals: First to the Jacksonville city limits at Donald Street; then to Ortega; and to the Duval County line in 1912.

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January 3: Serious fire in the six-story Dyal-Upchurch building at the southeast corner of Bay and Main Streets. The roof was burned off and the upper stories gutted. The total property loss from fire, water and smoke was in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

January 15: The American Trust Company was held up at 2 p. m. by bank robbers. They forced the president, F. W. Hoyt, and the office force into the vault and locked them in, and made their get-away with \$1,500. One of the bank officials returning from lunch a short time afterward released the prisoners from the vault.

March 11: A \$25,000 fire in the Bowden building at the southwest corner of Bay and Broad Streets.