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necessitating the establishment by Jacksonville of a rigid quarantine. Quarantines in those days were serious handicaps to the business of a place, and its effect in Jacksonville in this case was especially felt in the delay of incoming shipments of building material for the construction work under way. The brick supply became exhausted and all work on brick buildings ceased for some time.

Evidently the editor of the Daily Times was not satisfied with all of the conditions in Jacksonville, for he wrote in December: "Outside of our hotels there is nothing in Jacksonville exceedingly attractive. We have a barn of an opera house; our roads are not as good as they were ten years ago; we have a yacht club without yachts, the requisite of becoming a member of which is not to understand how to sail a yacht, but to know how to dance the latest dances. Bay Street is the same old mud hole in wet weather that it always was, and our sidewalks are still marvels of dangerous contrivance. If we are not sleeping, let us wake up and do something to retain for Jacksonville its popularity as a 'Winter City in Summer Land'."

December 2: River steamboat Volusia destroyed at her dock at the foot of Newnan Street as a result of boiler explosion. The force of the explosion was so great that buildings in the business section rocked and hundreds of windows in the neighborhood were shattered. The disaster created intense excitement. Several persons were injured, but no one was killed. The Volusia was built in Jacksonville in 1872, at a cost of \$11,000. She was owned and commanded by Captain T. W. Lund.

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February 12-17: Florida State Fair held at the fair grounds in Fairfield.

February 17: Wrestling match between D. C. Ross and Thiefaud Bauer, for the Graeco-Roman championship of the world and for a medal offered by the Police Gazette. The decision was to be for the best two out of three. Ross was victorious in 45 minutes. The second bout took place on