firm and as the leases expired took the telephones out. The superintendent of the company arrived about this time and a compromise was effected pending an investigation. The investigating committee of the Board of Trade reported:

That the Board and business community have been contemptuously treated by a scornful small agent of an autocratic monopoly is an unpleasant fact. That we are being discriminated against and heaped with more than our share of a much resented burden seems plain. Such redress as lies within our power, however, should not be neglected. If we cannot save a part of the new extortion to our private pockets, we may nevertheless direct it from the coffers of a foreign corporation to the pressing needs of our city treasury.

A copy of this report was sent to the city council, with a recommendation of imposing a license tax of $500 on the telephone company. The council took the matter up and finally an ordinance was passed imposing a tax of $300 a year on the company. There were 170 telephones in operation in Jacksonville at this time. The Southern Bell Telephone Company entered Jacksonville in 1880.

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June 3: Florida Camp No. 1, Confederate Veterans, organized. June 10, the by-laws were accepted. June 20, first officers elected: Wm. Baya, commander; John Dodds, first lieut.; A. E. McClure, second lieut. Name of the camp changed to R. E. Lee Camp June 11, 1889.

July 15: Ponce de Leon Council, American Legion of Honor, instituted at Masonic hall by Dr. A. B. Harrison, deputy supreme commander of Monticello, with 52 charter members. J. Huff, commander; George E. Wilson, vice-commander.

August 8: The booming of "Betsy", a gun of Wilson's Battery, coming at regular intervals, announced to every one the funeral of General U. S. Grant. General Grant's death and funeral were generally observed in this city; mourning draperies were displayed, and solemn and impressive ceremonies were held in the Park theatre at the hour of the funeral. These ceremonies were attended by the local camp of Confederate Veterans.