March 18: Fire broke out at 8 p.m. in the paint and oil storage warehouse of Geo. L. Drew & Co., at the foot of Laura Street, east side. It spread to the warehouse of Geo. E. Wilson, in which was stored $40,000 worth of fertilizer materials; thence to the new Hazeltine building, all of which were destroyed. This fire was between the alley back of the present West building and the river and did not reach Bay Street. It was a $100,000 fire.


April: Rumors of a suspicious fever at Plant City and other South Florida places.

June-July: Continued rumors of suspicious fever in South Florida localities. The local Board of Health preparing sanitary measures, but no quarantine declared.