the proposition and the city was given the privilege to pay for it in installments. The city turned the proposition down.

April 3: F. E. Gilbert, driving a Victoria touring car, made the first through automobile trip from Jacksonville to the beach. He described it as a "terrible journey".

July 1: "Jim Crow" law passed by the last Legislature became effective in Jacksonville. The negroes boycotted the cars and contested the law, which was later declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

August 22: Cashen's sawmill in East Jacksonville was destroyed by fire.

October 17: City Council passed a new "Jim Crow" law, effective November 7, 1905.

October 21: President Theodore Roosevelt visited Jacksonville.

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April 12-13: Automobile races at Atlantic Beach. Joe Lander, of Atlanta, drove a Thomas car 5 miles in 4 minutes 55 seconds and 1 mile in 57% seconds, breaking the existing world's record for stock cars.

April 28: City cremator in Stewart's Addition destroyed by fire.

May 7: Naval stores yards of Wernicke-Mariner Chemical Co., in the western part of the city, suffered a $65,000 fire loss.

October 9: Fire gutted J. D. Horn's Department Store at 7-9 E. Bay Street; loss $35,000.

December 26: Wilson Dry Goods Co., Bay and Hogan Streets, burned out with a loss of $25,000.

The year was marked by general building activity in all parts of the city and suburbs. Among the larger business buildings completed were the Consolidated and the Realty Buildings. Murray Hill subdivision was put on the market.