from the North, was selected as a fit candidate in full symp-
pathy with their principles. Edward Hopkins was the candi-
date of the Democrats and the conservative Republicans.

Several weeks prior to the election political meetings
were held in an open oak grove near the corner of Laura and
Forsyth Streets, where crowds, nearly all freedmen, assem-
bled at the sound of fife and drum, to listen to the white and
the colored orators, who spoke loudly and long. These were
boisterous scenes amidst great confusion, vehement hand-
clapping and frequent "Amens" on the part of the negroes.
They were Jones's meetings.

The election was on April 5th. There was only one ballot
box for the entire city. The voting place was a small two-
story brick building situated in the middle of Newnan Street,
south of and facing Bay. The election for Mayor resulted:
Jones, 322; Hopkins, 293.

Elected with Jones was the following administration, all
Republicans: Roy P. Moody, Marshal; C. W. Blew, Treas-
urer; J. C. Greeley, Collector; W. M. Ledwith, Assessor;
Eells, Perez Fridenberg, T. A. Willson, W. L. Coan (manager
of the Freedmen's bank), S. N. Williams, C. B. Simmons
(colored preacher), and W. T. Garvin (colored). The South-
ern white men were Williams, Ledwith, Moody, and Frazier.

1871—Peter Jones (Rep.)

Peter Jones measured up to all the requirements expected
of him and he gained strength during his first administra-
tion with his party. The Democrats realized that it was use-
less to attempt to regain local government as they were hope-
lessly outnumbered. F. I. Wheaton, a lawyer and once Mayor
of Jacksonville before the war, however determined to make
the attempt. The election was held on April 4, and resulted:
Jones, 539; Wheaton, 140.

1872—Peter Jones (Rep.)

Peter Jones had little difficulty in securing the nomination
from his party. Jones was opposed by Paran Moody, also a
Republican. This contest is said to have been a spirited one.
The election was held April 4th, resulting in the election of
Jones as follows: Jones, 444; Moody, 328.