sonville. There were two candidates for Mayor, both Democrats: D. U. Fletcher heading the "Straightouts" and M. A. Dzialynski the "Fusionists". The election on July 18th resulted: Fletcher, 759; Dzialynski, 552.

1895—William M. Bostwick (Dem.)

Two months before the election of 1895 an association of citizens was formed with the object of building up a ticket that would harmonize the various political factions of the city. The conservative Republicans were affiliated with it and the negroes under the leadership of Joe Lee supported it. The choice of the association for Mayor was Dr. William M. Bostwick, an old and respected resident, life-long Democrat and an ex-Confederate. The regular or "Straightout" Democratic nominee was Wiley G. Toomer. The Populists entered the contest under the name "Progressive"; its ticket was headed by Wm. Clarke. The election was held June 18th and resulted for Mayor: Bostwick, 1,517; Toomer, 1,184; Clarke, 88.

1897—Raymond D. Knight (Dem.)

This election was pointed out as being the most quiet and business-like of any municipal election in the history of the city—no bands and spell-binding speeches as formerly. Three Democratic tickets were advanced: Straightout headed by R. D. Knight; Business Men's League, by J. G. Christopher; Young Men's Liberal League, by Dr. W. McL. Dancy. At the request of Dr. Dancy the last withdrew just before the election. The election was held June 15th, and resulted for Mayor, R. D. Knight, 1,472; J. G. Christopher, 1,308.

The other city officers were elected from both tickets, the Straightouts electing Treasurer, Comptroller, Marshal, four Election Commissioners and six Councilmen; the Business Men's League, Municipal Judge, Recorder, and five Councilmen, while the names of seven successful Councilmen and one Election Commissioner appeared on both tickets.

1899—J. E. T. Bowden (Dem.)

June 8th: Primary. Terminating a bitter fight that started with five candidates in the field for Mayor, but narrowed down to two, the election resulted: J. E. T. Bowden (Dem.), 907; R. D. Knight (Dem.), 687. This was an informal primary and the first in the history of the city.