quarters on Ocean Street, between Bay and Forsyth, to the new City Hall, as it was called, in August, 1889. City Hall miraculously escaped destruction when the Mohawk building burned in May, 1891.

In the bond issue of 1894 there was a provision of $100,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a city building. On April 19, 1894, the city purchased for $40,000 the east 150 feet of Block 22, on the west side of Ocean Street running through from Forsyth to Adams. Here a handsome two-story red brick City Hall and Market building was erected, and occupied in June, 1896. This building covered an area 150x204 feet, and its graceful tower on Ocean Street, rising 95 feet high, was a conspicuous object to anyone approaching the city. The first floor was devoted largely to use as market stalls and stores, which, though fronting on the street, also opened into a cemented court designed so that it could be flooded and thoroughly cleansed. On the second story were the Council chamber and city offices. The building was built by the Knoxville Building & Construction Company for $49,000, and the total cost of the improvement, including site and furniture, was $97,000. This building was destroyed in the fire of May 3, 1901.

The city had only a small amount of insurance on its public building at the time of the fire and it was necessary to float a bond issue to procure the money for the replacement of city property destroyed. The present City Hall occupies the site of that destroyed by the fire. It was erected by Contractor W. H. Harris at a cost of $74,000, and was completed and thrown open to the public March 3, 1903. The feature of interior decoration is the painting in the dome, which was executed by a New York artist at a cost of $1,200. The building becoming inadequate to house the growing municipal departmental force, the Engineer building at the northwest corner of Main and Orange Streets was erected in 1912 at a cost of $40,766, and some of the city departments were transferred to it. These buildings have now become overcrowded and further extensions or enlargements will soon be necessary.

City Parks

Hemming Park.—Square No. 39 was reserved as a public square when that part of Jacksonville was originally