ville News, C. B. & A. Hanson, 1913-14; last venture into the daily field in Jacksonville.

Florida Times-Union

The Times-Union traces back through merger and purchase to the Florida Union, a 4-page, 6-column, weekly war news sheet, started in Jacksonville by John K. Stickney, Saturday, December 31, 1864. Stickney published the paper until 1867, when he sold his plant to E. M. Cheney, a newcomer to Jacksonville, who enlarged both the plant and the paper. In the hands of the new owner it was a bitter partisan paper all during the "reconstruction period". Cheney advanced the paper to a semi-weekly, then to a tri-weekly, and for a short time he tried to make it a daily. The venture proved a financial failure and the paper was returned to tri-weekly. Peeved at his lack of success, Cheney sold the Florida Union early in 1873. For several months in 1873, Walton, Fowle & Co. published the Union as a tri-weekly, with also a weekly edition, J. S. Adams occupying the editorial chair. In October, 1873, C. F. Mawbey & Co. were the proprietors of the Florida Union, with J. S. Adams still listed as editor. N. K. Sawyer assumed control of the paper January 19, 1874, and we learn from the Floridian of Tallahassee of March 10, 1874, that "The Jacksonville Union now issues a half-sheet extra every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, which, taken in connection with the regular tri-weekly edition on the alternate mornings, constitutes practically a daily paper. The Union now receives all the Associated Press dispatches, market reports, etc., up to 2 a.m."

In 1875, Mawbey & Co. were again the proprietors of the paper. Early in 1876, the Daily Florida Union had an advertised circulation of 1,000, and the subscription price was $10 a year. Throughout all of this time, the politics of the paper never changed from Republican. After the elections of 1876, when the Democrats gained control of the State, the Union collapsed as a daily, and then ownership passed to Stevens Brothers, who conducted it as a weekly for a number of months.

In 1877, Rev. H. B. McCallum and W. W. Douglass purchased the Union from Stevens Brothers; the politics of the paper was now strongly Democratic. Under this ownership the Florida Union was advanced to an afternoon daily, and