probably about November, 1879, to a permanent morning daily. In the meantime, W. W. Douglass had sold his interest in the paper. H. B. McCallum published the Daily Florida Union until February, 1883, when he sold the property to Jones, Varnum & Company, owners of the Florida Daily Times. The two papers were combined as the Florida Times-Union, the first issue under this name being that of February 4, 1883. The new owners continued to publish a weekly edition also, under the old name Florida Weekly Times. In 1884, C. H. Jones purchased the interest of J. P. Varnum and changed the firm name to C. H. Jones & Brother.

In 1888, C. H. Jones sold the Times-Union to the Florida Publishing Company, publishers of the News-Herald, and in the consolidation of the plants, the News-Herald was discontinued and the Times-Union retained.

The Florida Publishing Company, publishers of the Times-Union, entered the afternoon field also, on January 22, 1891, with the first issue of the Evening Telegram. On March 10, 1894, the name of the evening edition was changed to Evening Times-Union, and on September 9, 1897, to Evening Times-Union and Citizen, under which name it was published until January 6, 1898, when the evening edition was discontinued. Hamilton Jay was editor of the Evening Times-Union for a number of years, and to the time it was discontinued.

Obtaining a controlling interest in the stock of the Florida Publishing Company, publishers of the Times-Union, the owners of the Daily Florida Citizen consolidated the two papers as the Florida Times-Union and Citizen, the first issue under this name being that of September 9, 1897. The paper was issued with this title until January 19, 1903, and afterward as Times-Union, the “and Citizen” part being dropped to conserve unnecessary type-setting and also to make it easier for the newsboys to call.

The editors of the Times-Union, after it became the property of the Florida Publishing Company in 1888, were: Edwin Martin (died of yellow fever in 1888); F. W. Hawthorne, 1888 to 1893; various editorial writers, 1893 to 1897; George W. Wilson, September 9, 1897, until his death, June 2, 1908. Willis M. Ball succeeded Mr. Wilson as editor-in-chief of the Times-Union.