

# The Weekly Floridian

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## THE FLORIDIAN'S RECEPTION DAY.

THE PUBLIC CORDIALLY INVITED TO CALL AND SEE BEHIND THE CURTAINS.

Story of the Floridian—The Various Departments in Outline—What You Will See Briefly Mapped Out—The Gas Engine and Folding Machine at Work—List of the Various Proprietors of the Floridian—The Entire Force Enumerated.

Between the hours of 3 and 6 this afternoon the various departments of the NEW FLORIDIAN'S newly furnished home will be open for the inspection of guests. You are cordially invited to attend.

For nearly two decades the FLORIDIAN has occupied the same home, but the skilled fingers of master workmen have wrought wonderful changes in the appearance and furnishings of the building during the past few months.

The FLORIDIAN has been visiting the friends of Floridians for three score years and three, but it does not grow infirm with age. To the contrary, it has taken a new lease on life and grows brighter and younger with each succeeding year.

The FLORIDIAN was established in Tallahassee by William Wilson, the first edition of very few hundred being printed on small Washington hand press September 28, 1828.

gold at the corner, and the immense sign-boards on top of the building, were also painted by Mr. Collins.

One of the first things to catch the eye upon entering the business office is an elegant crayon portrait of Florida's distinguished son, ex Governor W. D. Bloxham. This life-like picture was executed by Mrs. A. S. Harper of Tallahassee, and as a work of art cannot be excelled by that of any artist in America.

Hanging as a companion piece is a crayon portrait of the late Chas. E. Dyke, whose powerful brain built the FLORIDIAN up and placed it where it stands to-day—THE LEADING DEMOCRATIC JOURNAL OF FLORIDA.

Another striking portrait that ornaments the walls is that of Hon. John F. Dunn of Ocala—the man who has done more toward the industrial development of the state than any other, and who is

combination locks. On the outside of it is lettered:

"THE FLORIDIAN PRINTING CO."

On the inner doors, in neatly shaded gold letters, is the following:

THE  
FLORIDIAN  
ESTABLISHED  
1828.

Over the safe, in a unique silver frame, is the first dollar paid for subscription for the DAILY FLORIDIAN, and beneath it a photo of him who paid it—Mr. William M. McIntosh, Jr.

Over this is a handsome glass sign made by W. H. West, the popular Jacksonville sign painter.

To the right of the safe, framed, is the first press telegram ever received in Tallahassee.

The desks, tables, chairs, book-case, etc., with which the office is furnished, were bought in Tallahassee from W. D. Hart's furniture emporium.

The office also includes a Morris letter file, one of the most convenient office fixtures extant.

On a standing desk near the door is a large book in which visitors are requested to register their names and postoffice addresses.

The office is connected with the composing rooms by speaking tubes and a copy chute, thus saving the wearing out

of shoe leather by running up and down stairs.

The contract for remodeling and modernizing the FLORIDIAN'S home was given to Messrs. Gilmore & Davis, and to them is due the credit of making it such an attractive building. Their work was done quickly and in a thorough workmanlike manner in every detail.

In the partition on the west side of the office are two doors, the one to the left opening into the sanctum sanctorum and the one to the right into the stock and mailing department.

In this latter department sits the FLORIDIAN'S power folding machine, a cut of which is printed herewith. This machine folds, pastes and trims the eight-page WEEKLY

FLORIDIAN, turning out the papers in rapid succession. It is interesting to watch this machine at work.

### OUR PERSONNEL.

It takes a large force to make such a paper as the FLORIDIAN and do in addition the immense amount of job printing that is entrusted to the FLORIDIAN'S typographic artists. The following is the roster of the various departments:

Proprietor—CHAS. W. D. COSTA, who gives the business general supervision and the benefit of his many years' practical experience as a newspaper publisher.

Editor—BENJAMIN HARRISON, who has a state-wide reputation as one of the best-posted and brightest editorial writers in Florida.

Business Manager and City Editor—WILLIS M. BALL, Superintendent of Mechanical Department—CHARLES H. BERG, one of the most experienced and skilled printers in the South.

cylinder is kept cool by a stream of water from the city water works constantly flowing through it.

This engine, as well as the three powerful presses, was placed into position and started up by that expert machinist, Mr. D. MacLachlan. He is a thorough workman, and when he had finished taking the presses to pieces and re-setting them, they were in better running

There will probably be many who visit us to-day who have never been through the mechanical departments of a printing office. To them this will be a novel experience.

Few there are who know the immense amount of labor necessary to make a newspaper.

To-day the management of the FLORIDIAN will endeavor to initiate them in the mysteries of the art.

The public is cordially invited to attend. You are to be the guests of the FLORIDIAN. We want you to make yourselves at home and take possession of the building for the time being.

### Cattle and the Railroads.

CALLAHAN Fla., May 16 1891,

At the regular meeting of our Alliance to-day the following was unanimously adopted and ordered that copies be sent to the Fernandina News and the Tallahassee FLORIDIAN for publication.

Whereas, many of our people who are not able to pay the expense of a lawsuit are forced to take less than the just value for their stock killed by railroad trains, and deeming it unfair and unjust for those who are able to be compelled to enter suit to get just value for property destroyed; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Callahan Farmers Alliance do urge the representatives of this county, and the representatives of all other counties in this state to pass some law whereby the value of stock killed by railroad trains can be fixed by arbitration or by a fixed amount per head for all stock killed.

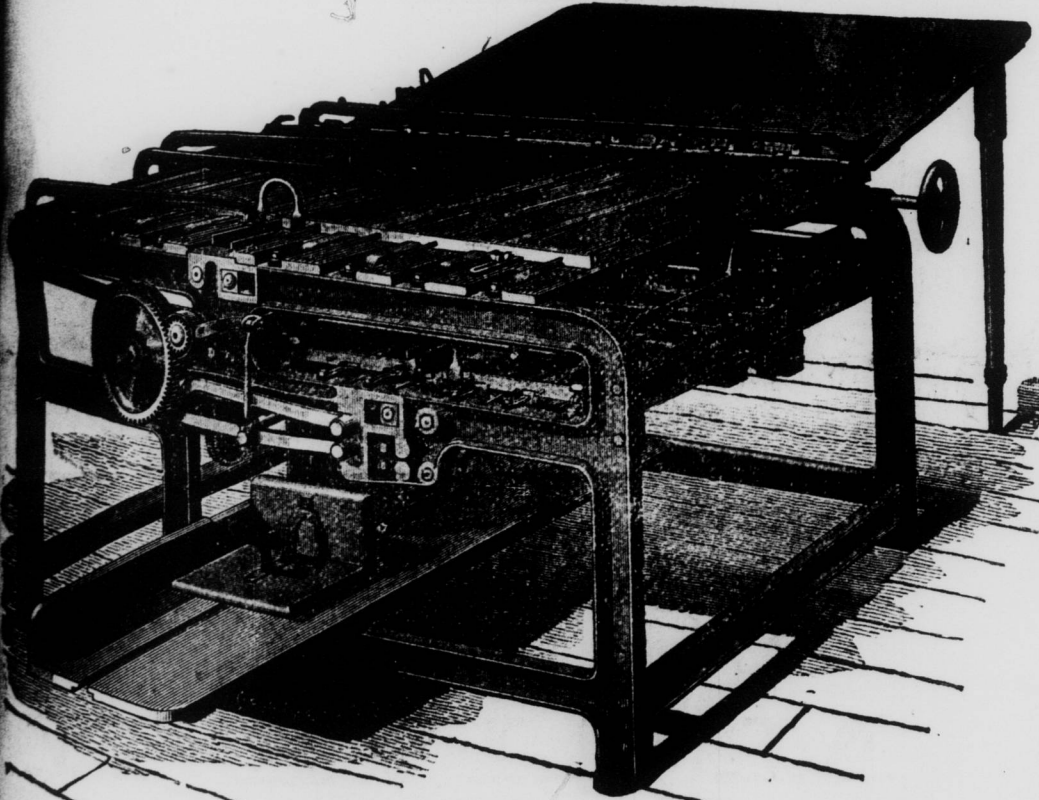
J. R. BOOTE, Secretary.  
JAS. T. ALBRITTON, President.

### THE THIRD PARTY.

They Want to Concentrate the Independent Forces.

Special to the Floridian.

CINCINNATI, May 19.—The third party convention was called to order this morning. The leaders say: "It is intended to



OUR BROWN FOLDING MACHINE.

The paper has seen many ups and downs and has in quietly changed hands. but it has been from its first issue THE LEADING DEMOCRATIC PAPER OF FLORIDA.

To-day the FLORIDIAN has a wide circulation, and new names are being added to the subscription lists every day.

During the sixty-three years of its existence there have been nineteen changes in the management. Here is the list:

William Wilson	from 1828 to 1837
Samuel Sibley	from 1837 to 1847
Chas. E. Dyke	from 1847 to 1849
Harrell & Hilton	from 1849 to 1850
Edison & Dyke	from 1850 to 1851
Chas. E. Dyke	from 1851 to 1855
E. A. Jones	from 1855 to 1857
Dyke & Jones	from 1857 to 1859
Chas. E. Dyke	from 1859 to 1859
Dyke & Carlisle	from 1859 to 1863
Dyke & Sparhawk	from 1863 to 1865
Owned by U. S. Government	from 1865 to 1865
Chas. E. Dyke	from 1865 to 1871
Dyke & Son	from 1871 to 1878
Dyke & Papp	from 1878 to 1879
Chas. E. Dyke	from 1879 to 1883
Chas. E. Dyke	from 1883 to 1888
W. A. Bowen	from 1888 to 1888
Chas. W. DeCosta (Floridian Ptg. Co.)	from 1888 to 1891

The new management has revolutionized the old building. To-day when you enter the new business office, if you have visited it recently, you will be surprised at the wonderful changes made.

The wide-open portals invite you to enter.

Underfoot, as you cross the threshold, is a large floor mat made to order in Boston, bearing this legend:

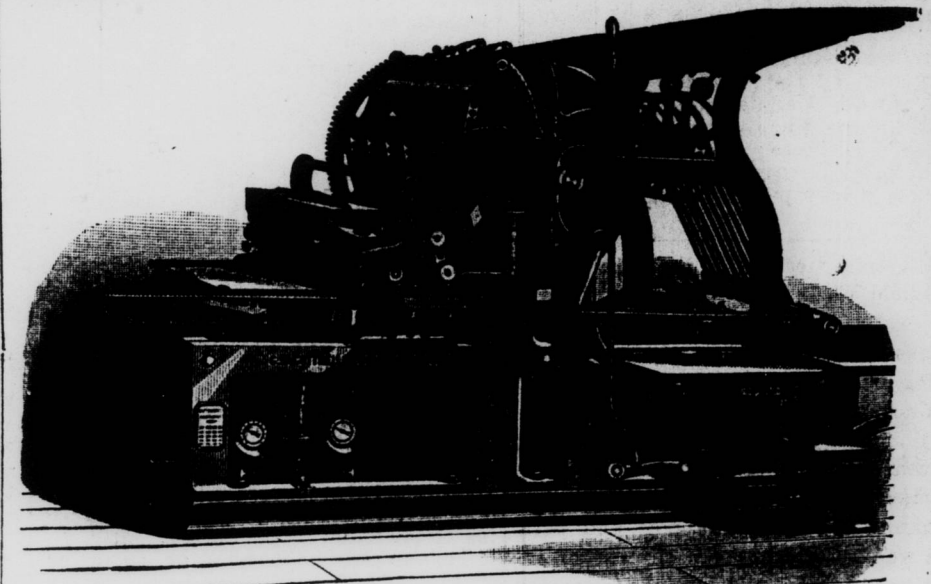
THE  
FLORIDIAN,  
1828.

The floor is covered with oilcloth of neat pattern, purchased from Clark & Corbett of Jacksonville.

The counters are grained to represent marble and are capped with bank railing.

The walls and ceiling are neatly papered with work, as well as the painting and varnishing, having been done by Mr. J. A. ...

The two neat signs in black and



THE PRESS WHICH PRINTS THE FLORIDIAN

Assistant Foreman—Hedley Tattersall. Compositors—W. H. Chancey, W. N. Shine, B. L. Blanchard, Herman R. Bernreuter, Allan Chancey, J. L. Sauls, W. Cline, Geo. W. Harvel, Richard H. Bateman, O. D. Colborn.

Apprentices—Emory Tully and Jos. D. Wilson.

Pressman—Chas. J. Bernreuter.

Feeder—Glover Tully.

THE MAILING DEPARTMENT.

Subscription Clerk—Miss Nellie M. Wilson.

Carriers—Taylor Collins and Peter Burkhardt.

Mail Clerk—Simon P. Robinson.

Office boy—Henry Williams.

Janitor—Alex. Robinson.

THE BINDERY.

The Messrs. Bryan, C. A., Jr., and W. T. Bryan, who for so many years have been in charge of the book bindery of the establishment, are still to be found in the department.

THE PRESS ROOM.

Back of the stock room to the right of the hallway is an elevator for carrying newspaper and book forms up and down.

To the left is the press room, in which the massive power press upon which the FLORIDIAN is printed, can be seen at work. In this room also are the two powerful job presses. Look at the picture of our power press.

### THE ENGINE ROOM.

Just outside the back door is the sink in which forms are washed when they come from the press, a stream of water being thrown with considerable force through rubber hose cleansing the type thoroughly. The water is supplied by the Tallahassee water works company.

We next descend the stairs into the basement to watch the powerful eight-horse Otto gas engine at work. It is a powerful piece of machinery, using city gas for fuel. It has no boiler, but the

sticks—thus letter by letter, telling the story of the day's doings for the people of Tallahassee to read at their breakfast tables. Here too are the several imposing stones upon which the forms are made up and the thousand and one little things necessary in the making of a newspaper.

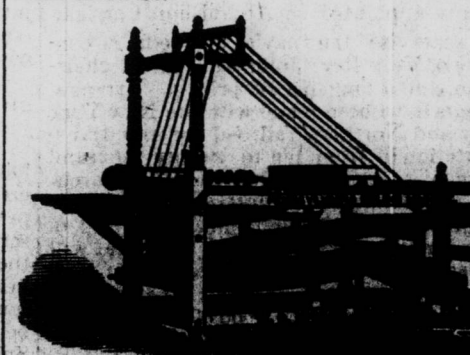
From the composing room we enter the job room, the sides of which are lined with the many cabinets of artistic job types of both modern and antique make.

In the room next to this sits the FLORIDIAN'S powerful cutting machine, but the rapidly increasing business demands that it should be replaced by a larger and more modern machine. The order has already been placed for one to run by power, and it will soon arrive and be placed in position. A picture of the new cutting machine will be seen on this page.

### THE BOOK BINDERY.

Next comes the bindery, in which all kinds of book binding, ruling, etc., is done under the personal supervision of Mr. C. A. Bryan, Jr., who has had many years' experience in doing state, law and library binding. In this department you can have your music, old books, magazines, etc., neatly rebound at small cost.

At present the ruling is done on a hand machine.



OUR RULING MACHINE

If you see anything you do not understand, ask about it, and we will try to explain so you will understand all branches of the business better than you ever did before.

The FLORIDIAN extends a cordial invitation to all. Come and bring your friends with you.

gather up and concentrate the independent forces in advance of the national convention next year. No candidates will be nominated." The names of those backing the new party movement are P. P. Elder and S. M. Peffer, Gen. James B. Weaver, Ignatius Donnelly, Gen. John H. Rice and Congressman Clover. The Farmers' Alliance will control the convention. They will strive for a reform party convention in February, and that delegates be chosen now.

BROOKLYN, May 18.—An impressive naval and marine review took place this morning in honor of Rear Admiral Braine, who returns from active service to-day. Admiral Braine was the commandant of the navy.

NEW YORK, May 18.—All the lumber yards in the city were closed to-day by their owners. The movement may end in a builders' strike.

LONDON, May 18.—In the attack by Arnaux on the village of Senze, five persons were killed and many wounded. A plucky resistance was offered by the villagers.

### A. T. STEWART'S WILL.

The Attempt to Break it Resumed—Blaine Not Specially Interested.

Special to the Floridian.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The attempt to break A. T. Stewart's will was resumed this morning in the United States district court.

Extraordinary developments are expected. Documentary evidence has been obtained by the latest contestants showing their blood relationship to the dead millionaire merchant, and their chief counsel, Col. Benjamin F. Butler, is confident that the evidence of his clients is strong enough to give them their share of the much disputed estate. Numerous incidents are detailed in the testimony, showing how Mr. Stewart recognized and claimed relationship with his Irish relatives. Many of his relatives, brothers left children and grand-children, and the recent commission sent to Ireland to take testimony had no trouble in finding many heirs. Mr. Stewart's mother unwittingly aided the family by marrying three times. Her first husband was the father of A. T. Stewart. Her second husband, James Ball, she had two children. By her third she had none.