

# Newspapers on the move: Historic migration of the Herald-Dispatch

1. In 1871, Dr. O.G. Chase moves his operation, *The Independent*, down river from Winfield to Guyandotte.

2. A few weeks later, Chase, moves to 2nd Avenue in Huntington.

3. In 1872, John T. Gibson establishes *The Commercial* on the North side of 3rd Avenue.

4. In 1872, *The Cabell Press*, published in Guyandotte merges with the *Independent* and becomes *The Weekly Advertiser*, and moves to the 400 block of 9th Street.

5. In 1887, James R. Dudley of Charleston establishes the *Evening Times*, the first daily newspaper on 10th Street

6. By 1890, the *Advertiser* has moved to 3rd Avenue.

7. In the heat of 1890s politics, The Republican Party launches the *Huntington Herald*, located on 10th Street. In November of 1893, Col. Joseph Harvey Long buys the *Herald*.

8. In 1895, Long sells the *Herald* and buys the *Advertiser* which is now in the 400 block of 9th Street.

9. In 1902, Long moves the *Advertiser* to a lot on the South side of 4th Avenue (now the Keith-Albee Theatre)

10. In 1904, former Herald editor, Floyd S. Chapman launches the *Huntington Dispatch* (location unknown.)

11. History had shown that Huntington would support two newspapers, but not three. Apparently not taking any chances, the *Herald* and the *Dispatch* merge in 1909 to become *The Herald-Dispatch* and locate to 828 4th Avenue.

12. By 1914 the *Herald-Dispatch* had moved from 4th Ave to 1033 3rd Ave. Meanwhile Floyd Chapman had began his political career. Huntington clothing merchant, Dave Gideon takes over the H-D in 1920 as Chapman enters the WV State Senate.

13. By 1923, the *Advertiser* was too large for the 4th Avenue Keith-Albee site, so Colonel Long builds a new office on the corner of 5th Avenue and 10th Street.

14. About this same time, the *Herald-Dispatch* was too large for its Third Avenue site so it builds the Herald-Dispatch building on the North side of Fifth Avenue adjoining the Carnegie Library.

15. In 1927, Gideon and Long merge the two operations — becoming the *Huntington Publishing Company* with Colonel Long as president and Gideon remaining the H-D publisher. The H-D staff moves into the Advertiser building and the two staffs remain separate and competitive until they merged in 1979.

