

GOODBYE, PERCY.

Announcement has been made this week of the merger of the two Cooperstown papers, The Sentinel taking over the good will and subscription list of The Courier. This news came as a surprise to us, and while we realized that two papers at the county seat were a burden to the advertisers and sooner or later the change must be made, we were pained to learn that Editor Trubshaw has decided to leave Griggs county.

The Courier editor is one of the pioneers of the county, having come to Cooperstown 27 years ago, and for the past 25 years has owned and edited The Courier—a long time for one man to be in the editorial harness of a single paper. But Trubshaw has made a success of his newspaper business in Cooperstown—and he has earned it. Go where you will and you can find no better weekly in the state. The Courier has been an untiring champion for the upbuilding of Cooperstown and Criggs county and has done inestimable service toward advancing the moral conditions of this community by its consistent and persistent advocacy of all that which is good and clean, and by its denunciation of all that which tends to retard and destroy.

It has been a great pleasure to The Times to work in the same county with Trub. It is true, that he has made us wince on several occasions when we have scrapped with him on account of some political difference, but those things are soon forgotten, and we will always remember our association with Percy as being of the most pleasant.

We understand the Courier is to be issued this week for the last time in Cooperstown. The equipment will be moved to Valley City where Editor Trubshaw will begin the publication of the Valley City Courier, and the first issue will appear the first week in April. Valley City offers a splendid opening for a good, live weekly and with a man of Trubshaw's calibre at the helm, and with a larger field for him in which to work, that city can be assured of the best there is in the newspaper line in The Courier. The Times will be interested in Brother Trubshaw's success in the Barnes county capital.

For the Sentinel publishers, we predict an excellent business and extend congratulations.

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