

A deal was consummated last Friday whereby the new management of the Progress purchased of C. L. Allen the Pioneer plant, good will and subscription list, and Mr. Allen steps down and out. We have consolidated the two papers and have moved the Progress presses, material and office fixtures into the Pioneer building, where you will find us at home to all. The title of the consolidated paper will be THE HOPE PIONEER AND STEELE COUNTY PROGRESS, for the present at least. We have put ourselves under heavy obligations in the consolidation of the two papers, but if the business men and citizens will stand by us we have no reason to doubt that we will pull through. A liberal patronage is solicited, and in return we will endeavor to give you a good, clean, up-to-date paper. We believe the business men and citizens have fully made up their minds that the field is not large enough for two papers, and that the burden of supporting two newspapers is too great, which fact prompted us in making the deal for the Pioneer. In the consolidating of the two papers the subscription list has been increased by some 350 names, there being some names on the Pioneer list which were not on the Progress list, and vice versa, which fact advertisers will please note. Drop in and see us at the old Pioneer stand.

Yours, truly,

PEPPER & STEVENS.