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FAREWELL.

Friends and readers, there comes a time in the life of everyone when it is necessary to say farewell and this week we have arrived at this milestone in our journalist career in

Cooperstown. It is the hardest task that in all our editorial life we have ever been called upon to do and we do it with heart overflowing with sorrow and regret. For some time negotiations have been in progress looking to the consolidation of the two papers of this city because both editors as well as the business men realized that Cooperstown was not large enough to support two papers without being a drag and a burden to the business men, but in the face of all that the business men have loyally done the best they could for each paper contributing business in the way of advertising many times simply to give the men behind these papers support. This has been deeply appreciated by us. We had hoped to be able to get control of the other paper and continue to make Cooperstown our permanent home but it could not be arranged and we have sold our good will and subscription list to the H. S. Rearick Publishing Company who will credit all those who are paid in advance on the Courier to the end of the time paid and those owing this paper will pay the Sentinel for same. The Courier was founded in 1883, thirty years ago last January. In 1888, twenty-six years ago the writer purchased and assumed control of the paper and every week for these twenty-six years we have endeavored

to mirror the happening of Cooperstown, Griggs county and the state the best we knew how and with the single purpose in mind of trying to please our patrons and give them a good readable paper, whether we have succeeded in all these years we now leave to you. During our ownership of the paper we have stood for everything that we believed for the good of the people. There has not been a reform started but what the Courier has been behind giving it a boost, there has not been any enterprise in this city advocated but what the Courier has lent its influence and its financial aid when called upon to boost it. We have had our political differences and all that but when it comes down to real friendship we do not believe that there is a single man in this whole community but is willing to go on record as saying that he is our friend and from the bottom of our heart we can sincerely say that that is our feeling to every one in Cooperstown and Griggs county. We hope that when we come to move away from here, which we shall do as soon as we can make the necessary arrangements, that we shall do so feeling that the many years spent among you has not been in vain, that the editor and his family have been in some measure a benefit to the best little city that was ever

built upon God's footstool. The splendid support we have received, the loyalty of our friends and the kindness of our neighbors make it doubly hard for us to write this farewell. We shall ever cherish the associations and long years spent here and Cooperstown will always be a dear place to the Trubshaw family. May God's choicest blessings be with you all... may prosperity, happiness and contentment abide with you one and all is the wish of the one who is now laying down the editorial pen after over a quarter of a century's work among you.

The Editor.

The widespread introduction of alfalfa in the Northwest will be one of the most important factors in the increase of bank deposits and the added wealth they represent. It will increase the state's manufactures through grinding the hay into meal, and the preparation of various stock foods; there will soon be numerous which will add an important industry promising large development.

Alfalfa must be well known to be fully appreciated. A one acre patch is only a formal introduction. Ten acres induces such relations as to make it improbable that it will ever be parted with—but established on one-fourth to one-half of the farm, alfalfa never fails to make good.

On or about April first P. R. Trubshaw will establish a newspa-

per and job office in Valley City and will commence the publication of a weekly newspaper, the Valley City Courier. We have decided on the Courier for the name of the new paper because it is one which has become endeared to us for so many years and because Mrs. Trubshaw wants us to retain the name, and we feel when we say something about the Courier that it means something. We propose to try and give the people of Valley City a readable and dependable paper. We feel that a good field is offered for such an establishment and we have decided to go in.

We should appreciate it very much if after this date those who feel like exchanging with the Valley City Courier will put that paper on their exchange list. We want to keep around us our present family of old acquaintances. We shall be on the job at Valley City after this week and would like to be greeted with the old familiar papers. Put this on your exchange list: Courier, Valley City, N. D.

As we are leaving Cooperstown we offer for sale our Maxwell touring car, fully equipped and in fine condition. Fore-door car and one of the nicest little family cars made. This will be sold at a bargain and on time with secured notes if desired.

The retiring editor of the Courier desires to extend to the Sentinel owners and publishers best wishes for a successful business in Coop-

erstown. Our business relations have been cordial with Mr. Rearick for the past twelve years and we wish him and his family as well as Messrs. Schannach and Lee, his partners abundant prosperity. May the Sentinel always stand on guard for the people's rights, champion the cause of every good measure that may be put up, and be a faithful exponent of the doings of its town and surrounding country—and we are sure it will be—is our wish.

The legislature has adjourned. Two of the important measures past and good ones too, were a women suffrage bill and the initiative, referendum and recall. They are both progressive measures, demanded by all parties during the last campaign and will be voted upon by the people at the next general election.

Good-bye. Resurgum!

Old Settlers Take Notice.
The annual business meeting of the Old Settlers Association will be held at the Court House in Cooperstown, on Saturday, March 15, 1913, at 2 o'clock p. m. It is important that every member who possibly can, be present at that meeting.

S. B. LANGFORD,
President.
OSCAR D. PURINTON, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Rhodes went down to Valley City last Saturday to visit over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Stone.