

Ragan Nebraska
Saturday Night 12th Jan'y 1889

Dear Allen

I would have written
you during the Week, but not a soul
from your side put in appearance until
after Sunset this evening Norman Hicks
turned up for the Mail, He reports every
thing going on first rate at home, all
are quite well, Grandma is at Lallie's
but quite in the dumps. She don't leave
her own room, she is death on me
because I told her my opinion of her
poor soft innocent boy as she called Lallie
when she visited me on Monday last and
said Maggie was the whole and sole cause
of all his misfortune - I suppose she
told you the reception I gave her.

Tom Lanier is recovering and is likely to be around again - Simms is still closed up - There is nothing new that I can hear of - Norman says your Steers are doing first rates, this has been the coldest day we have had yet and it looks wintery - I am keeping all right and feel quite jolly - I see you have got on two Committees, Agriculture and Apportionment, well I suppose it is as much as you could expect under circumstances - I had Will Marches address written with pencil on my desk pad but it is now entirely obliterated, I did however write a letter this morning to Mrs Petters and enclosed a Postal Card addressed to myself for a reply, asking her to send me the address as given in the letter she received from Mrs March and as the Mail from here for Milcox could not be sent out until Monday morning, I gave the letter to Norman Hicks to have

Delivered at Church tomorrow
And as soon as I get the address
I will write you

I wrote to Georgie this evening
asking her to try and send over in
the middle of the week so as I could
have all news and then be enabled
to write you - I don't know when
this will reach you, our passenger train
is discontinued and a mixed train comes
along from the East a little before 12 at night
and arrives in Alma at 1 o'clock, I am
sending this and the one containing the
spectacles via Alma but whether it will
be in time for the train for Lincoln I don't
know - Glad to hear you are all
right and wishing you success
I remain

Yours truly
John Hawksby

I had a letter from Mahalia saying they got home
all right - but no other particular news -

This has been written in a big hurry
and I suppose there are many blunders
but I have not time to read over and correct

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Ragan Mebr

Sunday 27th Jan^y 1889

Dear Allen

Your letter and draft
To hand all right Yesterday Morning. None
of the folk have been over either Yesterday or
Today, I will send for the Card or particulars
of loan tomorrow and make things all right
in good time - I intended going over myself
Today but it is very stormy and I could not
venture out, there is very high wind and
snowing occasionally, I got it hard to get as far
as Hydeus to my dinner, it was snowing and
blowing almost a hurricane at the time - I have got
very nice comfortable boarding, all the other fellows are
gone to board at Willseys, he has got 6 or 8 boarders, I
fear we wont have a hotel for some time, Linstrom would
open it but he cant. A man in Illinois holds a lease
of the building up to 15th July next and Linstrom is
paid his rent in advance. - I wrote to this man yesterday
for Linstrom telling him the house was vacant &c
I see things are getting warm in the Legislature

No Journals came along yesterday and I have not seen how McBrides Committee or at least the Committee he is on came out about reporting back the Bill as ordered. - If tomorrow is any way fine I will drive over myself as I am anxious to know how the children are. Norman said when here that Hall had a bad cough and that two of the youngsters were not very well. - I will write you again tomorrow evening - I understand there will be a change in our trains tomorrow and that may prevent me of getting away, Our train from the East will be due here at 2-45 in the afternoon and our train from Alma at 7-15 in the morning. this will I fear keep back our Mail from the East but I dont yet know how it will work. -

Yours truly

John Hawksby

There is some manouvering going on about the Post-office here, Will Sisson asked me Friday Night in a sort of confidential way if it was true that I expected to hold on here for another year, Yes said I, Ten years longer if health permits it. then he asked some more Silly questions such as to how many of a majority of signatures to a petition a person would wait, over those signing for me, to get the office, I told him I did not know but that anyone intending getting up a petition might save themselves the trouble as they would not get the office for some years to come.

Return to

John Hawksby

RAGAN, Nebraska,

If not delivered within 10 days.



Hon. Allen Elliott
Representative Hall
Lincoln
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Ragan Mbr

Wednesday Noon 30th Jan'y 1889

Dear Allen

I have not seen any one from your place since Monday Night. Your letter to Georgie that arrived here at 2-45 PM. Yesterday still remains here - I expect some One over this evening - I sent word to Georgie on Monday night by Norman and Oland to let me know the moment any change would take place for either better or worse and I would Telegraph to you, but no word has come up to the present so I expect there is no much change - I am sending this round via Alma and if they come over this evening I will write you again so as to go by the early morning train

Yours Truly

John Hawksby

Ragan Melr
1 P.M. Saturday 9th Feb 89

Dear Allen

Yours of 7th to hand
this morning, it came round by Alma
your Mail from the East has been very
irregular lately but I believe we are
going to have a change very soon -
It is rumoured the U.P. has bought
up the whole concern -

The forenoon has been very fine,
but at this moment it has commenced
snowing and looks as if we were
going to have a storm - Claude
was here just before I went to dinner
he said they were all right but Baby
and that she was pretty sick but
is getting some better. he said the
Doctor said her recovery would be slow

I wrote to Georgie to send the buggy for me tomorrow morning and I would go over and dine with her and see the children. I hope it won't be very stormy to prevent me going.

I fully expected that the Omaha boys would be unseated and it will be a shame if the Legislature don't adopt some plan to prevent bribery and other irregularities at Elections in the State. As elections are carried on now it is a disgrace to the whole country at large, the biggest barrel is sure to win.

Georgie got a letter from Mahali. I don't know if she said anything about Charlie coming down but if I go over tomorrow I will know. I distributed all your papers.

I Am still boarding at Willsey's
there is no word of the hotel
opening yet

Ed Willets has rented
the Drug store and will move
his stock of goods from Wilcox
about 15th of this month. It
will be a boom for Ragan
as a good store was very much
wanted.

Yours truly

John Hawksby

Ragan Mebr
Tuesday Evening 26th March

Dear Allen

They appointed Petters
at the Town Meeting, Wilcox Voting against
him and Turner and Frank for him -
I have learned the feeling of the Raganites
against Petters and all in that corner, here
is a Town in their Owen Township and not
a soul of them patronize it in the way of
business, they patronize Wilcox which is
not even in the county and for the future
they will to the best of their ability oppose
the election to office of all from that quarter
and I think they are right - Frank
Stevens leaves tonight for Lincoln and
will see you tomorrow -

Had another scare this afternoon

Mrs Thompson and her sister who opened the hotel came in and told me they were go to close up as they were not getting sufficient patronage - I went to Tom Moore and he and I went to those that were still boarding at Willsey's in number and we got them to promise to come to the hotel tomorrow so that has stopped the catastrophe for the present - but I suppose Willsey will be mad. he was in the drug store when we went in to talk to Clarke but for my part I don't care for his displeasure - The town wants a ~~best~~ hotel and it should be supported -

The men that board at Willsey's are just after returning from supper and say that he and the women are fairly mad - Weather looks very like a change tonight, got quite cold and cloudy

Yours truly

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