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W. S. RAKER, Pub.

This is a good time to be vaccinated, then you are sure. It is a positive preventative against small pox.

We are not opposed to physicians. But—with disease abroad in the land it is well to take sanitary measure to prevent getting up against a doctor's bill—this applies to both city and individuals.

It is with genuine pleasure that the writer returns to the balmy weather of Alliance, having left Lincoln Tuesday morning with the thermometer at 18 below, and a foot of snow, while here overcoats are discarded and shirt sleeves are in evidence.

Tom Lawson is showing up a phase of stock jobbing in the east that western people never knew existed. He has the courage of his convictions, knows and tells the facts. Honest men need not fear him but rogues take to their heels. Lawson should take a week off and visit Denver. Some things there seem to need publicity. A little more "Lawton" in most communities would redound to their good.

The time is at hand for Alliance to commence the construction of a sewerage system, and nothing so imperatively needed for sanitary reasons as well as for convenience. A number of new residences are contemplated for Alliance as soon as sewerage is provided. The coming spring election is the time to commence action, and if we have properly felt the public pulse, sewerage bonds would carry by a practically unanimous vote. Let us have a sewerage system at once.

The pernicious activity of some news-mongers out in Wyoming towns, reporting smallpox where it does not exist, is the most contemptible kind of slander on a town or community. Nothing gives a town a black eye so quick, and such erroneous reports should be grounds for incarceration of the reporter. So far as THE HERALD has been able to learn the disease is confined to the town of Billings and the authorities there have it under control, and rigid quarantine regulations prevail.

The beginning of the end of the Russian dynasty has come. The peasants of that benighted country backed up by the laboring classes, are in open revolt in both St. Petersburg and Moscow, with every prospect of overthrowing the government. The clergy and the liberal press are in sympathy with the revolutionists and they seem to have a leader in the person of a priest of the Greek church. The war reverses in the east have had much to do with determining the sentiments of the Russian peasantry revolt and that last and most despotic monarchy that has been a blot on civilization for ages, is tottering on its throne. Let us hope the end is near.

Random Thoughts.

That was a neat compliment which Senator Cullom paid our own Wm. J. Bryan on his recent visit to Washington. Referring to the Nebraskan's growing corpulency, the staid old senator said: "You are growing—in more ways than one." Come to think of it who was the last democratic nominee for president?

There comes a time in the history of every tyranny-cursed country when the alternative of concession or revolution presents itself. Is Russia confronting that alternative now? Will wisdom or force be the remedy applied, that is to say, will it be peace and progress or blood and slaughter? The spectacle of the cowardly autocrat fleeing from the first portentous breath of the coming storm, leaving his brutal minions to slaughter and repel the advance guard of the rising host that sooner or later will wreak heavens vengeance and their own on a blood-stained dynasty, is not an encouraging symptom.

It is not always easy to distinguish the genuine article from the imitation. We saw a man a few days ago whose wife had just obtained a divorce and married another, and let us hope, a better man. The individual who found himself an odd number as a result of these transactions was a very prince of wags—or at least was pretending to be one when we first saw him. He was full of quips and jokes and was the "periest" man in the crowd. Was it pretense? Was the man happy in his enforced release from the galling chains of matrimonial bondage? We inclined to the latter view, until next day when we heard him pouring a mawkish tale of bitter wrongs into the ears of an unwilling victim, to whom he clung with drunken affection. Even then, some people knowing he was drunk, might have said he was not his natural self.

Opie Read, the author of many popular stories, has been serving as a grand juror in Chicago, and has published his impressions of what he not inaptly terms "the modern star chamber." Along with the princely pay which he received as a juror, Mr. Read avers that he acquired an insight into the immorality of the community which revealed depths far beyond his utmost imaginings previous to that time. Although most of Read's works are of the sun-and-shadow, rippling-brook, sudden-ardent-love type, relieved here and there by a wholesome murder or two, yet they are not without indications of a passably liberal knowledge of the shady side of humanity. At least, one would be safe in assuming that when Opie says Chicago is immoral, stealing apples out of Farmer Brown's orchard is not the most serious charge that comes before a grand jury there.

According to reliable advices the destitution among the working people of England, and especially of London, horrible beyond imagination. Hundreds of thousands of absolutely destitute men and women, utterly unable to secure employment of any kind at any price. Driven from the country districts to the over crowded cities, robbed of their inheritance to the soil by an antiquated system which has given the land to a few idle, useless so-called noblemen, the unfortunate British workman has a gloomy future before him. Some one has said that great as is the need of charity in England, there is greater need of a statesman. Yes, a statesman who could and would smash into smithereens the atrocious system which gives thousands of acres of land to a single individual for a pleasure ground, while hundreds of thousands of human beings suffer for the necessities which could be produced thereon.

As Others See Us.

Gretna Breeze: Gretna people were rather surprised to learn the first of the week that Hon. W. S. Raker had left Gretna and had purchased the Alliance Herald at Alliance, Neb., and had at once taken possession. The Herald is one of the best paying propositions in the northwest, in the newspaper line, and Mr. Raker will make it a power for republicanism up there. Mr. Raker is an experienced newspaper man, and ever since he sold out the old Gretna Reporter in Gretna, has had an idea of reentering the life again at some future date. He is a first-class citizen in every respect, a strict partisan, and will be a splendid addition to Alliance. He has been a resident of Gretna ever since the town started and has accumulated a snug competence here, as well as having the confidence and respect of every one. He has been an active politician and has been instrumental in the success of his party here during the past several years. We welcome him back into the newspaper field and wish him success

in Alliance. Gretna loses a good and substantial citizen and Alliance has gained what Gretna has lost.

Buffalo (Wyo.) Voice: Hon. W. S. Raker, formerly of Gretna, Neb.,—the writer's boyhood home—has bought the Alliance (Neb.) Herald, and assumed charge of that publication last week. For years the Herald has been the leading newspaper of northwest Nebraska, enjoying a large circulation, a healthy advertising department, augmented by a wide influence. Editor Raker is an able newspaper man, strong in his convictions and forceful in expression. His has been a prominent figure in Nebraska politics for a number of years past, and he is numbered among the really smooth politicians of the g. o. p. in that state. At the congressional convention of the second congressional district last fall, Mr. Raker was a candidate for representative in the lower house of congress, and received the solid support from two, out of the three, counties in the district. He failed of nomination because—and only because—he resided outside the city of Omaha. Politically, there's a gulf between Raker and myself as wide as the Atlantic Ocean—and in the unlamented erstwhile we chummed socially and fought politically—but he's an honest, wide-awake gentleman, and it were easy to predict that the Alliance Herald will lose none of its strength or influence under his supervision. May success attend him.

The Papillon Times.—W. S. Raker, postmaster, insurance man, and formerly editor of the Gretna Reporter, of Gretna, has purchased of T. J. O'Keefe, the equipment, building, business and good-will of the Alliance, Neb. Herald. Mr. Raker will move his family to that place and will personally conduct the publication of the paper.

The retirement of Mr. Raker from Sarpy county comes as a surprise and will leave a gap difficult to fill. To the republican party of this county, especially, will his loss be distinctly felt. Mr. Raker has for years been identified as a leader of the republicans in this section and was a candidate last fall for the nomination for congressman from the second Nebraska district. The hopelessness, however, of a Sarpy county man competing with a Douglas county aspirant for that honor was soon apparent and Mr. Raker went into the convention knowing he was doomed to defeat, having only the Sarpy county delegation back of him.

Mr. Raker is a good newspaper man, and, when need be, can pour forth vitrol from his sharp and caustic pen. We wish him success in his new field.

Springfield Monitor: W. S. Raker has purchased and assumed control of the Herald, a nobbly newspaper at Alliance, Neb. Raker was at one time editor of the Gretna Reporter, and to say the least he made the paper interesting. That he has again entered the newspaper field is not surprising, for he is well qualified for the work, has plenty of natural editorial ability and likes the business. He promises to make the editorial columns a feature of his paper and that promise will be made good. The Herald is a neat looking paper and gives evidence of the prosperity which liberal patronage brings. That it will be equally successful under the new management is assured, and the Monitor is confident in its prediction that when Mr. Raker shall have had the benefit of further practical experience he will shine among the brightest lights of Nebraska newspaperdom. We need hardly add that the Herald will be republican in politics.

Gering Courier: T. J. O'Keefe has sold the Alliance Herald, material, business and building, to W. S. Raker, formerly of Gretna, Neb. We are not informed of Col. O'Keefe's future plans, but presume he will stay in the newspaper field somewhere, having made a marked success. The new publisher we have known for a long time, and know he is all right. In fact he is known to a number in Gering, having been here on several occasions. He is a competent man and we hope he will prosper. The paper becomes republican, naturally, with his ownership.

Scottsbluff Republican: T. J. O'Keefe has sold the Alliance Herald to W. S. Raker, of Gretna, Neb. Tom has been the editor and proprietor of the Herald for the past ten years and has given the people over there a good paper measured from a pop standpoint and no doubt his retirement from the Herald will be greatly missed by many. The Republican wishes him success in whatever business enterprise he may choose to follow in the future.

Platte Valley News: The Alliance Herald, published by T. J. O'Keefe at Alliance, Neb., announces in the issue of January 13th that the paper has been sold to W. S. Raker of Gretna, Nebraska. The Herald has been edited democratic in the past, but the new purchaser has announced its political position as assuming the republican faith. We trust that by this change we do not lose Brother O'Keefe from the newspaper fraternity, and we welcome Mr. Raker in our ranks.

Scottsbluff Herald: The Alliance Herald has been sold by T. J. O'Keefe to W. S. Raker, of Gretna, this state, who will conduct it henceforth for the best interests of Raker and republicanism. The Herald is a good newspaper and while we regret to see Mr. O'Keefe drop out of the newspaper harness, we wish the new publisher success.

Gordon Journal: The Alliance Herald has changed proprietors and politics at the same time. T. J. O'Keefe has sold

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the plant to W. S. Raker of Gretna, Neb., giving possession last Friday. We regret to lose Mr. O'Keefe out of the newspaper field.

Fremont Daily Herald: The democracy of Northwest Nebraska lost a valued newspaper worker when T. J. O'Keefe quit the Alliance Herald. The new proprietor, W. S. Raker, will make some alteration in its politics.

Grand Island Democrat: T. J. O'Keefe has sold the Alliance Herald to W. S. Raker of Gretna, Neb., who will henceforth publish same as a republican sheet. We regret to lose O'Keefe from the list of democratic editors.

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