

**FACTS AND FANCIES.**

BY ALLAN D. MAY.

When God had made the world and fashioned it,  
Beside the finished sphere its maker stood;  
He who had wrought its form from nothingness  
Surveyed it all and saw that it was good.  
But ere He turned to rest from labor done,  
The new-made world His loving hand caressed;  
And 'neath His palm at that last tender touch,  
Were smoothed these level prairies of the west.

The writer spent last Sunday at Geneva, Neb., visiting with Grant Southard and his family. The trip to Geneva was made Saturday and the country traversed presented anything but a pleasing aspect, swept as it was by the raw March wind. After leaving Crete, traces of snow could be seen and the usual groups of loungers at the stations were conspicuous by their absence.

The next morning found the ground covered by nearly an inch of snow, but the sun was shining brightly and the air was crisp and invigorating. The western prairies of Nebraska are very beautiful when clothed in the luxuriant verdure of summer, but they are scarcely less so when robed in the garments of winter. The few trees are stripped of their foliage and there is nothing to obstruct the view. One can see so far, that he feels almost as much impressed by the immensity of the plains as he is by the immensity of a mountain range when he first views it.

Geneva is a very pretty town of about 2,000 inhabitants. It is not one of the "mushroom" towns of the west. Its growth has been somewhat slow but very steady and as a result it presents an appearance of substantial solidity. It is as level as a checker board and the streets are very wide and regularly laid out. Its business blocks are substantial structures of brick and stone and it has some fine residences.

While in Geneva we were guilty of grievous coveteousness. The object that we coveted was nothing less than the beautiful Fillmore county court house. This building would make the Richardson county temple of justice look like a smoke house in a fog. It is a very beautiful structure with a big square tower a half a mile high. It is worth while to be a county officer in Fillmore county. It is worth making a hard campaign just for the privilege of sitting every day for a term of years in one of those sumptuous offices.

About the biggest thing in Geneva is The Nebraska Signal, a newspaper published by Frank O. Edgecombe, formerly of this city. Although deprived of his sight Mr. Edgecombe takes personal supervision of the business and gets out a mighty good newspaper. He has a big plant including a type setting machine and all the other accessories of an up-to-date printing office. It is evident that he is making lots of money and that he is a power in that community.

On the return trip Monday the train stopped for nearly an hour at Fairmont and while there, we saw an unusual sight. The water works pumping station is near the railroad and there is a stand pipe as big as that at Falls City. The cold weather had caused a covering of ice to form over the top of this standpipe. The pipe had been pumped full of water and the pumps were trying to force in more while the icy covering prevented it from flowing over the top. It was obvious that something would have to happen and it did happen. The ice gave way with a crash; fragments were thrown many feet in the air above the top of the standpipe, and seemed to hang for an instant suspended in the air, reflecting the sunlight like giant diamonds and then they fell rattling to the frozen earth, and the water, relieved of the pressure lapped over the top of the standpipe and fell in a cloud of spray—and then the train pulled out and the man in front of us lighted such a vile cigar that we were forced to go out on the platform and ride for twenty miles.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

Eat Sowle's Candy.

Guy McClain came down from Verdon Monday.

Do not fail to see Long when you want Seed Potatoes. 9-4

B. C. Swisegood was down from Verdon last Friday.

M. E. Cowans of Tecumseh spent Sunday in this city.

J. W. and Roy Watson were down from Salem Friday.

Frank Veach and wife of Verdon were in town Monday.

A. D. Larabee and wife of Rulo were in Falls City Friday.

Call 74 when you want a nice juicy steak or prime rib roast.

W. H. Gardner of Anburn was a Sunday visitor in Falls City.

Mrs Geo. Jennings who has been very sick is able to be out.

James Sinclair and son George of Preston were in town Monday.

Miss Jessie Page of Dawson was in Falls City Friday night.

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FALLS CITY, NEBR.

O. N. DeWald, publisher of the Trenton Register came Sunday for a visit with his mother Mrs. John DeWald, and sisters, Mrs. Burton Sperry and Mrs. Allie Watson. DeWald was a resident of this city several years ago, and has many friends here who are always glad to see him.

Mrs. L. A. Kinsey and son, Raymond, came down from Verdon Friday evening to attend the inter-high school debate and remained over night with relatives. They were pleasant callers at this office on Saturday.

Mrs. Sue Windle started Tuesday for Wankomis, Okla. where she will make her home in the future. She will keep house for two sons Frauk and Bert who are farming there.

Mrs. Ida Green, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, George Strong and wife returned to her home in Goff, Kansas, Monday.

Miss Dora Richards, of Falls City, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Balch, at the Methodist parsonage.—Pawnee Chief.

Fred Beaulieu and Will Veach, the champion shot of four states, were down from Falls City Monday.—Hiawatha Herald.

Seed Potatoes—BEST ON EARTH.—W. P. Long.

Mrs. Irvin Bode is on the sick list.

Glen Brunson and wife of Verdon were in Falls City Monday.

Dr. W. A. Gaslee of Auburn was a visitor in our city last Friday.

D. Donovan and son, Emerett were in Peru a couple of days last week.

Neal Mulligan came up from Hiawatha and spent Sunday in this city.

John C. Smith of Omaha spent Sunday in this city the guest of relatives.

Will Kuttler, who lives north of this city, called at this office Saturday.

Go to the City Meat Market for choice cuts of all kinds of meat.—Knox & Simon.

Mary and Jennie Mattheyne of Rulo spent Sunday with Nellie McMahan in this city.

Miss Grace Haner came up from Hiawatha to spend Sunday with her parents here.

Misses Elizabeth and Nellie Hossack went to Verdon Saturday to visit their sister, Mrs. W. C. Sloan.

Highest cash price paid for butcher stuff and poultry at the City Meat Market.—Knox & Simon.