

FACTS AND FANCIES.

BY ALLAN D. MAY.

He knew how many miles there are
In distances 'twixt star and star;
He named with ease each point of light
That twinkles in the sky at night,
Yet on his wisdom's learned chart
Was diagramed no neighbor's heart.

The mystery of the spreading skies
Was read by his far-sighted eyes;
But though his gaze was ever turned
Where distant suns unnumbered burned
He never saw nor questioned why
Tears glistened in a brother's eye.

Sage and savant with mien sedate,
Honored his name and called him great,
And came to kneel while in their ears
He told the message of the spheres.
And still no brother's tear-stained eyes
Saw him as one supremely wise.

We hope that Guy Spencer
never goes to Russia. If he does
he will probably be boiled in oil
or worse still, sentenced to a
hundred years at hard labor in
Siberia. The Spencer war car-
toons in the World Herald are as
good as they make them.

Ever see a man swell up on
himself until he was black in the
face?

The strongest prejudice we
have is against tan shoes.

You can't judge a town by the
size the dot by which the map
makers designate it.

When the devil saw that the
immigration statistics of his
country showed a falling off, he
offset it by causing some man to
invent a gasoline engine.

Love frequently hands down
its decisions at a tennis court.

We never again consider a girl
pretty or graceful after we have
seen her drinking lemonade
through a straw.

Dogs are said to be numerous
in Zion City, but then there are
no sausage factories there.

Riding in a Burlington dining
car recently, we watched a man
eat a lobster. There ought to be
a law against it.

There are times when nothing
on earth will touch the spot like
a piece of rhubarb pie.

We know a man who has six
children and six dogs. The dogs
are the fattest in town and the
children always look hungry.

Adam Breede of the Hastings
Tribune has been chosen as a del-
egate to the republican national
convention. If Mr. Breede is
called upon to make a motion or
introduced a resolution, he will
probably do so in undying verse,
and if he does he is going to cap-
ture the convention by storm and
be nominated for the presidency
like Bryan was in 1896.

It is mighty hard to determine
the dividing line between empha-
sis and exaggeration.

Some men would rather be

cheated out of their money than
out of their revenge.

Either the new exposition
stamps are uglier than the aver-
age patent medicine sticker, or
our early art education was neg-
lected.

When your sin finds you out,
it will be likely to find you trying
to hide behind some other fellows
virtues.

You can't hardly charge a
teacher with hypocrisy when she
expresses pleasure at receiving a
bouquet of dandelions from a little
girl in a pink apron and whose
golden hair is hanging down her
back.

You hardly ever see a man have
to stop on the street and tie his
shoe.

There should be a want ad
column in the Congressional
Record. Then when a man want-
ed an appointment he would have
a medium in which to advertise
for it.

Correspondence

News of the County as Told by
Our Special Correspondents

Verdon.

Rudolph Fisher went to Stella
Tuesday.

D. Sarvis of Stella was in town
Tuesday.

Ray Arnold received the schol-
arship of the class of 1904.

Mrs. A.C. Petty returned home
from a two weeks visit in Stella.

W. F. Veach and wife are tak-
ing in the sights at St. Louis this
week.

Arthur Conkle of Peru visited
friends in this vicinity over Sun-
day.

Wren Barnes and wife of Salem
visited Mrs. Hortman the latter
part of the week.

Mrs. Ed. Lippold and children
visited J. G. Heinzelman and
wife Friday and Saturday.

Robt. Lying and wife of Stel-
la attended the commencement
exercises here on May 13.

Misses Wood, Thompson and
Clark were down from Stella to
attend commencement exercises.

Uncle Ben Wiser is rapidly re-
covering at Sycamore Springs
and will be able to return before
long.

Dewitt Yantis arrived Satur-
day from Long Island, Kansas
the guest of J. W. Stump and
family.

Robt. Chamberlain and wife
and Mike Meliza visited at the
home of Mr. Logan near Shubert
Saturday.

Dr. Bourne came down from
Auburn last Friday to make ar-
rangements to move his family to
their new home.

**The Program for
Commencement Week**

Junior reception, Thursday May 19, high school building. Bac-
calaureate sermon, May 22, Methodist church, 7:45 p. m. Eighth
grade commencement, Wednesday, May 25, Methodist church.

—PROGRAM—

Chorus, The Happy Miller Class of '04.
Invocation Rev. J. E. Holley.
Music, The Whispering Leaves High school quartette.
Class History Lily Vogoelein
Recitation, The Confederate Soldier Edgar Shock.
Recitation, Good Bye; God Bless You Nellie Jennings.
Recitation, The Ride of McNeal Alice Valentine.
Music, The Butterfly High school quartette.
Pantomime, Home, Sweet Home Class of '04.
Class Lecture, "Tunis, the Gateway of the West, Prof. E. A. Ross.

Lecture will be illustrated with sixty fine pictures and the uni-
versity lantern. Admission 15 cents. Commences at 7:45 p. m.

High school commencement, May 26, at the Gehling theatre.

—PROGRAM—

March, The Karnival Krewe.
Overture, Golden Gate Harnack's orchestra.
Solo Blanche Kerr.
Class History Alice Douglas.
Oration, Manual Training in the School.
Paper, Children's Ideas of Heaven Elizabeth Brecht.
Essay, Wit and Humor Alice Jacquet.
Brass Quartette, The Serenade Harnack's orchestra.
Story, A Little Jap's Reward Nellie Hanna.
Historical Sketch, The Mormons in Nebraska Stella Stone.
Class Prophecy May Maddox.
Presentation of Diplomas Pres. V. G. Lyford.
Waltz, The Japanica Harnack's orchestra.
Class Play, Diamonds and Hearts .. Nellie Cain, Maggie Fergus,
Meeker Cain, Mabell Lyford, Laura Naylor, George Lyon, Har-
ry Gardner, Guy Crook and Quimby Hossack.
Admission, reserved seats 25 cents; gallery 15 cents.

Mrs. Emerson and daughter,
and Miss Guinn of Dawson visit-
ed Mike Meliza and wife Friday
and Saturday.

O. Fuller returned from Vesta,
Neb., Saturday morning, where
he spent several days visiting his
son, E. Fuller.

W. A. Nussbaum accepted a
position as engineer with the
Verdon Roller mills and began
work on Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Clark returned
from Falls City on Saturday
where she has been taking treat-
ment from Dr. Houston.

John Strauss and wife came up
from Straussville Sunday and
spent the day with the latter's
parents, M. A. Veach and wife.

Clyde Lum and Frank Veach
returned from Langdon, Mo., on
Sunday, where they spent several
days fishing.

Chris Jorn took a force of men
out to J. B. Nussbaums on Tues-
day and began erecting the addi-
tion to their house.

Another business change has
taken place whereby G. D. Knapp
has traded his stock of goods to
J. Lord of Tecumseh. Mr. and
Mrs. Knapp will go to Tecumseh
on Saturday.

Gertrude Lum is making an ex-
tended visit. After spending
some time with Rev. McRae and

wife in Havelock, Neb., she went
to Steinman to visit an aunt, and
from there she will visit in Sa-
betha, Kan.

Beginning on the first Sunday
in June Rev. W. B. Maze will
preach both morning and evening
in the Evangelical church. Rev.
Maze was a delegate from Ne-
braska to the World's National
Sunday School Convention which
met at Jerusalem. He sailed
from New York on March 8 and
visited many places of bible note.

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