

The River Falls Student Voice

aims to promote school spirit, to further professional interests, and to maintain River Falls Teachers College traditions.

River Falls, Wis. April 2—Sentiment favoring the return of beer was so strong at a meeting of State Teachers College students here that opponents, heavily outnumbered, were given no chance to express their ideas.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

We Demand An Apology

TO say that the above excerpt is a gross misrepresentation is presenting our case only too mildly. The statement is a falsehood, unintentional, we have no doubt, on the part of The Pioneer Press, but the fact still remains that there is not the slightest bit of evidence on which to base such a calumnious piece of news. There has been no meeting of the students of River Falls State Teachers college to discuss any phase of the prohibition question. The debate squads have not touched on the subject, and the discussion groups of the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. have not discussed the topic in the slightest degree. We therefore maintain that the source from which this information was obtained is unofficial and entirely unfounded. A telephone call to the Press office yesterday, to find out who had sent in the news was to no avail---we were told that the reporter was not known.

For a newspaper as well known and with as much favorable prestige as the St. Paul Pioneer Press, to print such a libelous and wholly untrue statement as this, and to have no way to determine from whom it originated, does not seem to be strictly in accordance with ordinary newspaper ethics. To brand our students as narrow-minded, bigoted, undemocratic groups of prejudiced rowdies and not have a bit of official information on which to base it is overstepping the bounds of ordinary propriety.

The Student Voice staff believes that the students of this college resent the stigma suggested by this article. We therefore demand of the Press an explanation of the exact source of this article, and an apology for the implications contained therein.

Dictator?

IN spite of the popular belief that we have a dictator at the head of our government, it seems that we should consider the Chief Executive in exactly the opposite light. Instead of assuming the role of a dictator--benevolent or otherwise, he is the crystallization of the wishes of the American People. Could any other form of government--viewed in the light of the past few years--approach so closely to a true Democracy? With a few bold strokes, President Roosevelt has at last established our banking system on what seems a sound basis, he has made definite plans to aid a half million unemployed without resorting to a dole, and he has taken steps to reduce the Federal budget 25 per cent. Are not every one of these measures exactly what the people have been hoping and clamoring for during the past four years?

The Latin derivation of the word "dictator" means "one who says", and what the President has said has not been idle promises but statements of conditions as they actually exist and explanations of what he has done to help them. Can anyone compare his words and actions with those of Hitler in Germany? It is true that the President has by some mysterious manner accomplished all this with very little assistance from that august body of deliberators--Congress, yet we must admit that it was done with its permission and its final O.K. If some persons still persist in maintaining that we have a Dictator, to be true to facts they must at the same time express gratification that he is such a democratic one. W. L.

Practice Teaching

IN an article in the last issue of "Education", Mr. H. H. Ryan, principal of the University of Wisconsin high school, explains their method of using the learning difficulties of the pupils as a basis for teacher training. In the past, parents were unwilling to have their children taught by practice teachers; so it was necessary to use a system that would give the student teachers the necessary practice without seeming to do so. For the most part the system consists of demonstration teaching by the instructor with discussion after the class period. Mr. Ryan believes that the outstanding element in expert teaching is the ability to sense the train of thought of the pupil as he works with the problem, and this is the reason for the actual practice work that is done. For every class there are pupils that lag behind, and these are the ones that the student teachers help. This calls for a small unit of systematic teaching with a definite objective, and it gives the practice teacher an opportunity to follow the reasoning of the pupil without the interference of such things as discipline and stage fright. When a student teacher is assigned to help a pupil, he is given a definite general procedure to follow so that he will not merely tell the pupil a number of facts that generally add to the confusion. A report is then made out which includes the symptoms of the difficulty, the point where the pupil became confused, and what the teacher did to clear up the difficulty.

It is obvious that experience in the technique of helping pupils solve their problems is an important factor in teacher training. Many experienced teachers are unable to find the exact cause for a student's confusion, and he must repeat the demonstration or explanation hoping that the pupil will see his mistake somewhere throughout the discussion. It is a question, however, whether or not teachers will be better trained by the use of this method than they will by the method used in this college. By including some of its features in our system, student teachers would receive a better training, but an adoption of the entire system would not give the practice teachers experience in conducting entire classes. —R. W.

The World in Review

The minimum wage bill reducing the teacher salary limit from seventy-five dollars to sixty-five dollars per month for a two year period just passed the state senate with but four dissenting votes.

Apparently this is a compromise as several proposals had been forwarded. One to cut out all limits and another one to reduce the limit to sixty dollars per month for a period of two years. Since the bill has passed the senate, it in all likelihood will pass the house since sentiment favors reduction.

The whole world sat up with interest when the 3.2 per cent beer bill was signed. Everybody seems agreed that economically the bill will be an asset, but legally it's a sticker. There are at least four legal questions in the newly created tangle that the Supreme Court will have to unravel.

The law assumes that 3.2 per cent beer is not intoxicating and yet the Federal government is pledged to protect from importations such states as assume otherwise.

Can this so-called non-intoxicating 3.2 per cent beer be sold at army posts in dry states?

A brewer shipping from a wet state to another wet state crosses a dry state and in so doing has his goods confiscated by the dry state officials. Who's in the right? If the brewer is right, the prohibition laws of the dry state are void. If the dry state is right, it is as much as saying that 3.2 per cent beer is intoxicating and consequently the new beer bill is invalid.

If 3.2 per cent beer can pass through the mails as parcel post, does it become intoxicating and non-deliverable when it crosses the line into a dry state.

The Reichstag has passed the Enabling Act 441-94 making Adolf Hitler dictator of Germany for four years. Hitler seems on the surface to be the only one to have the say-so in Germany now, but in actuality Paul Von Hindenburg still has two trumps in his hands; the power to dismiss any or all members of the cabinet (yes even Hitler), and the power to proclaim martial law.

Over 300 cities in the United States have held meetings to protest against Nazi terrorism. Shopkeepers in England ask the boycotting of German goods.

The president in one month has instituted economies which are estimated at five hundred million dollars a year. This has been done through reduction in veteran's benefits, cuts in veteran's administration expenses, 15 per cent reduction of all federal salaries, and consolidation of farm credit agencies.

Here and There

Football and basketball men, consider yourselves lucky. The Milwaukee Teachers College is hard up and are not giving any sweaters to their students who participated in athletics this year. They are giving only letters.

Dr. Cowles, lecturer before New York University, says the American crime wave is due to our public school system. Our elementary schools work like mass production machines. The child is not taught according to the child's disposition, but all children are taught alike.—N. Y. University Educational Sun.

Because one of the law classes of Western Reserve University couldn't agree on the right and wrong of justice in the equity courts, the professor in charge left the textbook and gave the class an assignment in the Bible.—Mac Weekly.

All professors at the University of Kansas who keep their classes after the bell has rung are placed on a black list.—Daily Cardinal

Books Worth Reading

This is an account of the tumultuous days between 1926 and 1927, by Alice Tisdale Hobart, who was in the very midst of things, and who is indeed in a position to tell of the occurrences. A short explanation written by Florence Ayscough, D. Litt., about the social structure of the Chinese people prepares one for a better understanding of Mrs. Hobart's experiences.

Mrs. Ayscough, who has lived in China for a number of years, writes of the Chinese situation and of Chinese life with an assurance which only active and actual knowledge can produce. Although the author gives but the main incidents of the history that was made during these years, she views them with a fairness and an

impersonality that leaves one to draw his conclusions unhindered and uninfluenced.

Mrs. Hobart's account is purely personal but her "adventures" are told in a delightful narrative form. She, too, has lived many years in China--nineteen, to be exact, as the wife of an American business man. Her story is the story of China "in 1927 seen through the eyes of the merchant whose shop doors so often in the last years have been close-barred fearing looting by advancing and retreating troops."

This book should be interesting to student and teacher alike because of its evident simplicity and truthfulness of story. M.W.

Have You Read

Chemistry students will be relieved to know that the problem of determining atomic weights of complex elements has finally disappeared. The Journal of Chemical Education for April states that Aston's mass-spectrographic procedure for atomic weights is not only accurate, but "in addition it is the simplest method in theory and it is, consequently, well adapted for early presentation in the general chemistry course."

In the April issue of "Asia" we get a new slant on the education in India and the change that is being contem-

plated in regard to it. "Tagore's Abode of Peace", as his university is called, was established in the beginning of the present century in spite of the fantasy with which even the progressive Indians spoke of it. It was called a "poet's dream".

Today this university, and also Tagore, are much praised and honored in India. Tagore is a world-wide known figure; and he participates in many Indian conferences. He has visited the United States and lately has been studying the German and Russian systems of education. He is disposed to believe that the German system is the better, and will attempt to have some of his scholars attend a German school. He is shortly to leave for Persia where he will lecture at the universities.



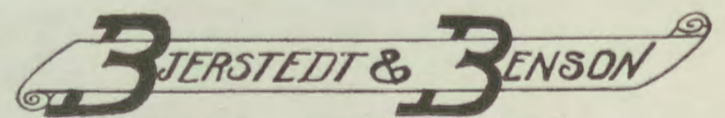
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Men's Aquatic Meet Scheduled For Tomorrow

Sophomores Captained by Rasmussen Considered Favorites of Contest

The annual men's swimming meet has been advanced from Friday to Thursday afternoon, April 6, for the convenience of those who would like to spend a week-end elsewhere.

This year the meet holds promise of being much closer contested than last year with the sophomore group captained by Harold Rasmussen, considered the favorites on previous performances. Last year the sophomore team tied with the seniors for first place and won the tie on default later on. Sophomore chances look good with the return of such men as Bretl, Kvoool, Brooks, and Breke led by Capt. Rasmussen who garnered a first and second last year in the sprints.

Sophomores Strong

Kvoool will again be closely pressed for honors in the 40 yd. breast stroke by Van Hollen and Linehan (seniors). In the 20 yd. backstroke event the two sophomores, Rasmussen and Bretl, will meet with Crogen of the seniors and Capt. Forsyth of the first year men. "Bucky" Bartosh and Rasmussen will again fight it out for first place in the 40 yd. free style; Baker of the freshmen may forge ahead of these two favorites.

Captain Woodward of the juniors and Clafin of the seniors will meet in the 80 yd. free style race, their superiority is to be challenged by O'Brien of the frosh and Haberman, a running mate of Woodward.

Daley, Capt. Standiford, and Sumner are all back in shape for the long distance plunge and just to predict how Kowlas or O'Brien of the freshman class can place would be a fine problem for the advanced calculus class.

Relays Doubtful

The sophomores and juniors seem to have the relay events pretty well within their grasp with the sophomores the favorite for first place. The seniors, ably represented by teams composed of Bartosh, Clafin, Deringer, Linehan, Haberman, Van-Hollen, and Crogen may step ahead of the favorites. The freshmen may take a decided liking to some of these events and upset the old dope bucket.

As per usual the freshmen are the unknown quantity. What they will do or how many points they will garner no one can say. However, as the team with the largest representation and their swimmers in the best condition because of their weekly classes, they may pull the surprise and defeat the other classes.

Seniors Pepped Up

The seniors have rejuvenated the old class spirit and are all pepped up for this occasion. While they haven't said anything, apparently they've decided to put the rest of the classes in their proper place by taking the meet. Most of the old boys are in good shape and with their experience and their ability their chances are good.

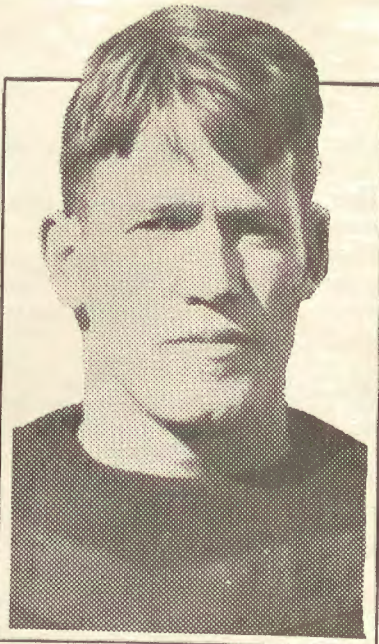
So from all angles it will be a close race and it's just too bad that only half of the college can see this event.

W. A. A.

At the last volleyball practice the spirit and interest were not as keen as formerly. We need more players and more pep to keep the interest of those who go out. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Everybody is urged to come. The only things necessary to play volleyball are tennis shoes and a lot of enthusiasm.

The treasurer of the W.A.A. would appreciate having members pay their dues. To remind the girls who were absent at the last meeting, the secretary expects the members of the W.A.A. to hand in their excuses.

Awarded Cup



Vern Woodward

Ped Boxer Scores Knockout Over Debater

Two athletes of the River Falls State Teachers college were attacking a poached egg on toast apiece in the cafeteria last Friday, preparatory to their appearance on the Eau-Claire boxing card that evening.

In wandered a debater: "This looks like the 'last supper' all over again."

Said one of the athletes: "You know, I've been waiting all afternoon to start to get nervous, and I still feel perfectly all right."

That started it. The debater announced his inability to see anything so exciting about that; if you got hit, you got hit, and that was all there was to it.

The second pugilist lowered his fork carefully, wiped off his chin, and started to talk.

"No, there's nothing to get nervous about. You're sitting by the side of the ring, see, and two guys are fighting in there. One of them's out on his feet, but he's sticking it out. His eyes are nearly swelled shut, and his face is all cut up, and his nose is bleeding. You're up next. You think, 'in a few minutes I may look like that guy'. You don't know who you're going to fight, but he's sitting there around the ring some place. Pretty soon the other match is over. They shove you in the ring and the referee tells you what you can do and what you can't, but you don't hear a word of it because you're too busy sizing up the other guy. Then you shake hands, and they ring the bell, and jerk the stools out, and you're in the ring alone with him, and you've got to fight.---No, there's nothing to get nervous about."

The debater excused himself just then, and left with a firm resolve to confine his future discussions to war debts.

I Wonder---?

Beloved thou art beautiful
Bewitching art thine eyes
They put to shameful drabness
The azure of the skies.
And oh those lips so rosy,
Like cherries cut in twain,
But if I were just to kiss them
Would their red with me remain?
—K. S.

Spring Football Practice Starts Next Week

Baseball Games Scheduled With College Teams in Northwest

Spring football starts next week and will continue through about three or four weeks of good hard work. Here is the time and place to learn football from the ground up. Spring football is a time spent on fundamentals in which the men can learn a lot of new tricks they probably won't get the chance to learn in fall practice when time must be given to developing a team for the coming games. Lettermen and non-lettermen are urged to be on hand when practice is first held because it is here where first hand advice is given out by the coach.

Baseball games are to be arranged with Eau Claire, St. Cloud Teachers, St. Johns, St. Thomas, Concordia, St. Olaf, and Carleton. So far St. Johns and Eau Claire are the only games in which dates have been definitely arranged.

River Falls should be represented by a strong team and with such an attractive schedule coming up it should induce more athletes to try to make the team.

The new men will have to be good to replace or displace the men who have held their position for the last two seasons, such as Helixon, Haberman, Clafin, Kotleski, Kuss and others who will be back. But this should make for a good team as the competition for each position will be so much keener that only the best will play.

The boys who go out for baseball this year will learn a lot of baseball as Coach Cowles is one of the leading baseball coaches "around these heah parts".

Woodward Wins Boxing Honors At Eau Claire

Last Friday evening Vern Woodward, Russell Haberman, Elmer Fenske, and Mike White went to Eau-Claire where they boxed before a crowd of 400 at the Elks club.

Woodward and Haberman gave an exhibition bout that was clean and fast. Woodward, because of his previous ring experience, showed class and ability. He received a silver loving cup from the Elks club for his fine performance. Although Haberman lacked refinement, he was certainly a game fighter with a lot of promise.

Fenske, another amateur from River Falls, seemed to have met with some pretty strong competition. His opponent scored a technical knockout. Woodward commented, "It was not Fenske's inability but his opponent's exceptional ability".

Lastly, Mike White, a 117 pound River Falls man, gave an exhibition of speed, dash, drive and punch that his opponent isn't going to forget right away. The outcome was a draw and now Mike is back hammering away at Vern and "Butch" again harder than ever. The Eau Claire Leader says that our little bantam-weight is going places before he is through. Good work, Mike!

This was Haberman's, Fenske's and White's first public ring appearance.

In Shots

By Vern

"Chuck" Dawson, who had an operation on his knee, came home Sunday from the hospital, and it is reported he will be O.K. for football when it rolls around next fall. Which is, of course, good news to all of his friends.

Spring basketball, which has been continuing since the regular season closed, ends today. The men who have been out for practice have received some very good coaching and training. They should have improved somewhat more than they did in regular basketball because more time was devoted to fundamentals rather than trying to locate five men to play basketball as a team. This was the situation that Cowles was faced with when he came here last fall, but it should not be that way next season when it comes around, because of this spring training. Cowles' system of coaching is based on fundamentals. If a man knows how to handle all the fundamentals, then he should know how to handle himself on the floor.

Some of the new men who should or will receive recognition next season are Kulas, Vezina, Brekke, Heiting, Dougherty, and Hill. These men have shown a vast improvement in their basketball since the season closed.

My Daily Diary

March 26--Up early after a few hours of sleep. The formal was too much for me, so after the home fires were burning it was back to bed for me again. Up later for the second time and to church in a hurry, but there late. An usher rushed me to a seat. After a hearty meal I gave my digestive system some employment while I busily sat around. It was early to bed with a well settled head.

March 27--Ding-a-ling. Wow! Up with a jabbing poke as I struck the alarm clock in the face by mistake. In fact, I cracked its complexion. Played ball, using a broom for a bat. Gave the boys a healthy workout--hoping I was still in good condition. Interrupted by a stopping car-Nolde stepped forward. The back of his lap was tanned--it being his birthday. I played hearts for swats, and I still feel the effects.

March 28--To school in my shirt sleeves--spring can't be far off. Read about a woman seeking a divorce because her husband chased her with a knife. He denied the charge, claiming he had a hammer instead. Beebe and Clapp gave excellent demonstration in science methods. Thompson takes the cake for a foolish idea. Got out my golf paraphenalia. Did some diligent swinging, but got disgusted after digging numerous holes. To bed with the spring breeze passing over me.

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March 29--Did the wind blow or was it just blowing? With the twenty mile gale in the opposite direction, I made headways towards school. Only two classes in the morning and all afternoon to loiter around.

March 31--Hurried to school amid wet and muddy sidewalks. Even the soles of my rubbers failed to keep my feet dry. Very glad to shake hands with spring.

April 1--Worked very, very hard all day. Did more things than ever before. Felt very happy all day, and calculated spring was here--ah, April Fool!



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Y. M. C. A. Group Reviews Year and Discusses Problem

A very interesting report was given by each cabinet member at the regular meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Tuesday evening.

Everett Jacobson, chairman of the program committee, told of the difficulty encountered in securing desirable speakers and in satisfying the students.

John Dzubay gave the annual treasurer's report, making the comment that it was rather hard collecting dues during the year.

Lawrence Junchen reported as to the social activities which were sponsored during the year.

Raymond Swanson reported on the membership drive through which 126 members were enrolled.

Bill Juedts told about the community service committee which sponsored the Christmas party and fellowship supper.

Other committee reports were given by Irving Haug, Leonard Dorman, Thorvald Thoreson, and Wallace Clapp.

The twelve new cabinet members elected for next year are: Ernest Anderson, Harley Borgen, Leonard Dorman, Wallace Clapp, Vernon F. Hanson, William Juedts, Donald May, Stanley Oftedahl, Steve Prusak, John Swesey, Harold Rasmussen, and John Thompson.

The new officers for next year are: Leonard Dorman, president; John Swesey, vice president; Ernest Anderson, secretary, and Harley Borgen, treasurer.

The installation banquet will be held April 20. Further announcement will be made regarding the program.

Report of Last Week's Meeting

"Do students cheat? If they do, why do they? Is it wrong? What can be done about it?" These and several other points were discussed quite fully by the group under the leadership of Dr. Williams.

This meeting was attended by the general YMCA men while the two meetings preceding this were attended only by men especially interested in the solving of this active campus question.

It was generally conceded that cheating in its various forms was wrong and that there is a large group of students in school who participate. Several reasons were given for the actions of the students:

"Marking system is conducive to cheating" --- "Some exams are too difficult" --- "So many do it that the rest have to fall in line to receive the same grades" --- "Some can not get through by any other means."

The latter statement was refuted by most men present.

"Each student must be responsible for his own conduct and see that he does not allow even his best friend to receive unwarranted help from him", was the general conclusion drawn. Also the passing on of the knowledge of excessive cheating in a class to the instructor was suggested. In the latter method no names need be mentioned. Several thought that this latter method was "tattling" or "squealing" and would have none of it. In general the men were quite out-spoken in their views and enjoyed the discussion.

Rural Life Notes

A large number of Rural Life club members attended the regular meeting Thursday night in spite of the wet weather.

Miss Ruth Dasher read poetry. Copies will be hectographed and distributed to all the members of the club.

A George Washington game was played in which the winner remembered among other facts, that Washington had two horses shot from beneath him and four bullets shot through his coat in the Battle of Fort Duquesne; that he was married at the age of twenty-seven, and was seventy-four inches tall.

Marcus Hermanson, Bernice Laughnan, and Cecil Barber are the first to have positions for next year.

Training School Notes

The fourth graders are studying their town, River Falls. They have for their motto the quotation from Abraham Lincoln, "I believe that a man should be proud of the city in which he lives and so live that the city will be proud he lives in it".

They are taking excursions to various places in town. Not long ago they visited the post office. The employees there took great pains to explain everything to them. They visited the fire department also. When they visited the Farmers and Merchants Bank, the president, Mr. Carisch, showed them the vault, explained the lock, and answered many questions for them.

Before the fourth graders finish their study, they will have visited the lumber yards, largest stores, cooperative laundry, creamery, gravel pit, and public library.

All of this work is closely correlated with geography and other studies.

Next Tuesday the Y. W. and Y. M. will hold a joint Easter meeting at 7 o'clock in the social room. Bernice Smith and Henry Forsyth will have charge of the program consisting of dramatic songs and quartet numbers.

From the City Pulpits

Congregational Church—

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at our morning service Sunday at 10:30. There will be baptism and reception of members.

The church school meets at 11:45.

The young people meet Sunday at 5:00 p. m. at the home of Prof. May. The lunch is at 6:00 and at 6:30 we will continue with the consideration of our book.

Lutheran Church—

Services Sunday morning at 11.

Swedish Mission—

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.
Swedish service at 10:45 a.m.
Y. P. S. meets April 13 at the C. A. Upgren home, Fourth St.

Methodist Church—

The young people will have a musical program for their Sunday evening devotions at the usual hour this Sunday.

The Lenten services continue each evening with the exception of Saturday beginning at 7:30. Young people of the college have a cordial and standing invitation to all the services of this church.

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Victor Herbert Melodies To be Theme of Concert

Music lovers will have an opportunity of hearing the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra in an evening of Victor Herbert melodies at popular prices Friday evening April 7. Gertrude Lutzi, soprano, and Edmund D. Cronon, tenor, are to be the soloists for the evening.

Selections are to be taken from "Naughty Marietta", "Only Girl", "Babe in Toyland", "Mademoiselle Modiste", etc. Tickets may be secured as usual at the Northrop auditorium.

This concert is not one of the regular series and patrons will require special tickets.

Did You Know That:

It has been reported that the snowdrops are in bloom. Also, the trees on the campus are partially flowered out.

The St. Croix Valley Bridge Club, to which some of the faculty belong, is having a post-season series at contract. They have been meeting weekly.

What's the matter boys? Are you going to let the girls get the best of you? The last term records show that out of the sixty-one students who marched home with one or more failures, forty-one were boys and only twenty were girls. Also, out of the thirty-four conditions, the girls were trailing, giving the boys a ten to twenty-four lead. However, the boys gave a little more reaction in the incompletes. They were only beaten by a twenty-five to seventeen margin.

The program to be delivered at the assembly has been placed in charge of Mr. W. D. Wyman and his debaters.

What is the noise in the auditorium daily? We've just been able to draw conclusions. The practice teachers are conducting classes in music there. The junior high school students are progressing very nicely.

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Women's new style of dress suggest a pedestal outline. Wood turners will have to turn out bigger and better pedestals.

The "pretzel king" wishes suggestions for a new twist in the making of pretzels.

Now that the banks are open again, we can go down and draw our breath.

Simile: When you cry your eyes are like deep pools of sea water bursting into surf.

Definition: A bore is a person who talks about himself when you wish to talk about yourself.

Japan's recent attitude toward China reminds one of the little boy, who, on being asked why he hit his playmate, replied, "Because he hit me back".

The C.St.P.M.O. Railway offers low special rates at Easter to students from River Falls to stations in Wisconsin, and also to Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

First class rates are based on one fare plus 25c while coach fares may be had on the basis of 75 per cent of the one way fare for round trip tickets.

Minister--It is sad for you to be left a widow, but I know one consolation.

Widow--How old is he?

Son: Papa, are you growing taller all the time?

Dad: No, my child. Why do you ask?

Son: 'Cause the top of your head is poking up through your hair.

A man who kept a diary of his alleged criminal activities may realize by this time that certain forms of literary endeavor do not pay.—Indianapolis News.

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IN

"What! No Beer?"

COMEDY

NEWS WEEKLY

Friday - Saturday

WHEELER and WOOLSEY

In

"SO THIS IS AFRICA!"

Our Gang Comedy

Novelty Reel

King Kong is Coming!

FALLS
THEATRE