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A SLUR ON OUR OWN BATTLER.

After a short dalliance with the front page dispatches of the morning papers yesterday, we were pained to learn that the TIMES' distinguished pugilistic authority and correspondent, Mr. Oscar Battling Nelson of Hege-wisch and Hammond, has again met with the austere rebuff of another snippy, frigid New York hotel clerk. On Mr. Nelson's prior visit to the metropolis he was hustled out of the Waldorf-Astoria and this time the portals of the St. Regis were closed to our correspondent. As Mr. Nelson is the only one of the TIMES' staff who can afford to peregrinate with a valet, we take decided exceptions to the frosty actions of the New York hostesses. At the St. Regis Mr. Nelson is quoted in dispatches as saying, after he had been told that the suite he had engaged was already taken, that they "oughter mix guys up in this way," and in reference to the Marathon, for which he may train, "that no Greek guy has got nothing on me." These are base and unjustifiable calumnies, as also is the allegation that Mr. Nelson had declared that he had "brang my manuscript to New York muhself." Mr. Nelson's classic descriptions of the fistic encounters at West Hammond, written by himself and published in the TIMES' sporting columns, give the lie to the dispatches that say he used such English. It is true that Mr. Nelson wore a green Kelley and that his gifted amanuensis put a typewriter out of commission while preparing his copy in the editorial rooms, but at the same time we must emphatically deny that Mr. Nelson uses such language as is accredited to him. While he has not the easy verbal flow of a Bev-eridge, the courtly manner of a Faversham, nor the facile pen of a DeQuincey, his bearing and speech will fit him for Broadway quite as well as do those same qualities possessed by many of the half-baked nonentities who clatter up and down its length seeking whom they may devour.

Come back to the sanctum, Batt, we've had the typewriter fixed.

SCHOOL TEACHERS' SALARIES.

A question which has been agitating educational circles all over the country for the past few years is the question of salaries paid to teachers. It is generally accepted that more of them are underpaid than overpaid and this fact alone is largely responsible for their lack of capability. Capable teachers make good schools and the better the schools the higher is the standard of civilization. The necessity of increasing the salaries of the teachers in the public schools is growing greater each day and the teachers in many parts of the country are becoming impatient because no action has been taken in this direction. There has always been a scarcity of efficient instructors. This has been patent even in Lake county, and the ranks are being reduced largely as a result of adequate compensation. Men and women are no longer joining this profession for higher salaries and better rewards are found in other occupations. If the large cities of the country intend to maintain a successful school system the people must agree to pay their teachers salaries equal at least to those commanded in the business world.

BIG PRICE FOR HAMMOND REALTY.

Sixty dollars per front foot for land that but a few years ago was considered only beyond the pale of civilization, was the price paid in Hammond last Saturday for one hundred feet of lot property, setting a new high water mark for land in that section of the city. The price paid amazed many people but the time is coming fast when the growth of Hammond will make that figure look cheap indeed. The wonderful improvements made in the city during the past ten years and its almost phenomenal growth show nothing surprising in such realty sales to the man who has kept in close touch with business conditions in this region. Hammond will not let her sister cities in the Calumet region distance her in supremacy. Perhaps there isn't as much splash and noise about the growth of Hammond as could be made but in the long run there are far more important things than those which are essential.

ANOTHER INTERURBAN ON THE WAY.

If plans inaugurated with the granting of another interurban franchise by the East Chicago city council are carried out the cities of Indiana Harbor, Whiting and Gary will before the leaves fall again be connected with a flourishing street railway. The Calumet region is evidently destined to be a network of inter-city electric railroads and communication between Hammond, Gary, East Chicago, Indiana Harbor and Whiting will be only a matter of a few moments. There is nothing that will bring these cities closer together quicker, nothing that will insure their industrial supremacy better than perfect electric railway communications. The plans that are proposed which will bring Hobart and Crown Point into the network grow apace and the people of Lake county will certainly be delighted when intercommunication is thus possible and "speed the day" will be their unanimous cry.

THESE ARE A GOOD deal of whimpering done by some people because they declare there are so many unemployed people in the Calumet region that a lot of them can't get work. "Do they want work?" is the question to ask. Do the men who are loafing in the streets saying they can't get anything to do, really want work? Just ask one of them if he wants to earn a few honest dollars and see what they say.

IN THE MEANTIME there are a number of counties down state that are getting ready to test the county local option law. This and the oncoming of the waterwagon are largely responsible for the many rumblings you can hear by putting your ear close to the ground.

THE DEMOCRATS SEE a leaning towards their side in the election contest at Crown Point. The democrats must be careful, if they lean too hard they will fall out of the window.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 21. 1790—Thomas Mifflin became the first governor of Pennsylvania under the constitution of 1790.
1804—Lord Beaconsfield, English writer and statesman, born. Died April 19, 1881.
1807—Embossed act passed, forbidding the departure of any vessel from the United States for a foreign port.

1854—Armed collisions took place in eastern Kansas between the two political parties.
1864—General Sherman entered the city of Savannah.
1894—Sir Mackenzie Bowell became Premier of Canada and formed a new ministry.
1900—Marital law proclaimed in Cape

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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TAMING THE WOLF.

Ever read Jack London's "White Fang?"

In his "Call of the Wild" London told the story of a gently reared dog, stolen for the Klondike trail, put to sledge uses and treated so cruelly he escaped to the wild wolves. The dog degenerated.

This book shows the opposite—the power of good surroundings and kindness in bringing out gentleness and obedience.

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And the lesson is also to the teacher. The children who come to you are to be cared for more than mongrel brutes, even if some of them do come from wolfish haunts and homes. It is your business to love them into tenderness—the miracle of conversion. And YOU are the MIRACLE WORKER.

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GET BLIND PIG OWNER.

Sheriff Walters yesterday arrested Owen Sebring, who was fined for conducting a "blind tiger" at Shelburne Jesse McCrooklin later gave himself up and the two began serving a thirty day jail sentence. The two men were sentenced in circuit court at Sullivan Nov. 6 to thirty days in jail and \$50 each on "blind tiger" charges.

GARRETT HAS CHARITY FEAST.

Five hundred persons attended the charity banquet given at Garrett last night for the benefit of the Sacred Heart hospital. Governor-elect Thomas R. Marshall was toastmaster.

DEMOCRAT PICKS REPUBLICAN.

There is much speculation in Columbus political circles because John H. Hill, the newly elected democratic representative, has appointed William T. Hager, a republican, as his private secretary.

RICH NEGRO ACQUITTED.

After being out about sixteen hours, a Muncie jury in the circuit court yesterday, acquitted Otto Gammon, a young negro, of the charge of having attacked Nora Harris, a white girl, of fourteen, whose parents are neighbors of the Gammons. The colored family is wealthy. The defense was an alibi.

COAL RATE HEARING FINISHED.

The hearing of the coal rate case before the Indiana railroad commission by South Bend and Mishawaka manufacturers against certain coal-carrying railroads, was concluded last evening. The commission decided to take the case under advisement. A decision will not be rendered until after the first of the year.

MARKED FOR WHITECAPPING.

A message sent through the United States mails bearing to the recipient the pleasant news that he is marked for a "whitecapping" he does not constitute a violation of the postal laws, according to information received yesterday by Postmaster Speckheller.

W. H. FAIRBANKS DEAD.

Colonel William Henry Fairbanks died on the Big Four train near Union City last evening on his way to Terre Haute for his winter residence. He was in the dining car when struck and Mrs. Fairbanks was with him.

TO QUASH INDICTMENTS.

After an argument covering three days, Judge Nash of Noblesville announced today that he will quash the indictments against W. H. Roney, former president of the Cicero Canal. The judge has not made this ruling, but will do so as soon as he can reach the case.

FIRE BURNS BUSINESS CENTER.

Fire this morning destroyed a large portion of the business section of Muncie. Every business house in an entire block was destroyed, causing a total loss of \$75,000. The heaviest loss is the Home Union department store, which had a large holiday stock and will lose \$35,000.

Indoor Winter Sports.

It affords more amusement than a mule show in a country town to sit on the vinegar barrel in the corner behind the stove at Dave Parrish's grocery store these cold nights and listen to Uncle Bugg Calvert and Uncle Jerry Robinson catch those six-pound bass, and Judge Idol sweat over the lawn mower, and Captain Downing

"skin 'em" playing croquet, and Tiddlywink Reynolds land a ringer every time he pitches a horseshoe, and Billy Holloway plow two rows of corn at a time and never break down a stalk, and Fred Ruch make the best garden in Cass county. Next July they will be boasting how they can shovel snow and cut ice in February.—Belton (Mo.) Herald.

A girl likes to be considered sensible, But she draws the line At having her friends Give her sensible Presents for Christmas.

"There are some creatures of the gutter so low that they envy the eminence of the dunghill," says T. R.

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