

GRAVEL TRUST IS BROKEN AT LAST

There was a meeting at the office of McNary Bros. yesterday at which Chairman Stolz of the street committee presided and Harry Minto and his attorneys met the city authorities in a very friendly manner and an end was made of litigation and misunderstandings over gravel. At the last meeting of the city council a special committee was created composed of the street committee, Aldermen Hoffer, Greenbaum and Hill, to take up the matter of getting further concessions from the Minto Brothers for an unlimited gravel supply from the Minto island. Under a decree of the courts the city has very limited rights to gravel for municipal purposes, and Minto Brothers offered to extend

these rights to the city for all municipal purposes in consideration of the city paying them five cents per load for all gravel removed, the city to take any amount from anywhere on the island, and to have the right to erect a screening plant on the island and operate a ferry boat to and from the island at all times. This offer was accepted and the city attorney and attorneys for Minto Bros. were ordered to draw up a contract covering the rights of both parties. It is expected that this will break up the gravel trust that has a cinch on all the gravel supplies in and about the city at its own terms. The contract will be ratified by the contracting parties at once when drawn.

NELSON AND HYLAND READY FOR THE FRAY

San Francisco, May 26.—Although Battling Nelson is within a couple of ounces of 133 pounds, his announcement that he will spend tonight in a Turkish bath is causing much comment in sporting circles today. While the Dane's determination to take no chance of being overweight for tomorrow's battle with Dick Hyland may have no particular significance, on the score of his present condition, many are inclined to view his proposed action with suspicion, if not with alarm. Others look upon it as a shrewd trick on Nelson's part to keep the odds as low as possible. Whatever the motive, the move has served to arouse greatest interest in the contest, and has, for the moment, overshadowed the little ripple that Hyland's drawn appearance has caused.

Nelson's Turkish bath announcement followed closely upon the changing of the odds from 2 to 1 to 10 to 4. The shift in the betting does not appear to worry Hyland and Manger Perkins. In fact, they expect them to lengthen, and were holding back some of the money they intended to wager until they could get anticipated longer price. Hyland also has made a change in his program. Instead of coming here tonight, he will remain in his training quarters, coming over on an early boat in the morning. An interested visitor at his camp yesterday was Billy Nolan, Nelson's ex-manager. Like all who have visited Hyland, Nolan at once noted "Fightin' Dick's" drawn look, but Dick assured him that his condition

is perfect. Hyland's dash is surprising, even to Perkins. While being rubbed down yesterday, Dick suddenly leaped off the rubbing board, and squaring off before Trainer "Rough House" McDonald, shouted, "come on, you Battling Nelson!" It was the first outbreak of the sort Hyland has ever made, and it literally took the breath out of his manager and trainers.

Hyland will have Perkins, Frank Schuler and McDonald in his corner. Schuler to be chief second. Nelson's attendants will be Willis Britt, Jeff Perry, Abdul the Turk and Dick Wheeler.

SPEED MANIACS ARE ABOVE REACH OF LAW

[United Press Leased Wire.] Santa Barbara, Cal., May 28.—Speed maniacs attempting to lower the automobile records between San Francisco and Los Angeles no longer have to slow their cars to a snail's pace while passing through this city. The local ordinance limiting the speed of automobiles, which has prevented more than one enthusiast from clipping seconds off the record, and resulted in the humiliating arrest of others, yesterday was declared by Police Judge Rizer to be void because it does not comply with a state law.

The state law specifically states that any ordinance limiting the speed of motor cars likewise must limit the speed of other vehicles. Also, at points where low speed limits are effective, warning signs must be posted. Neither regulation was complied with here, and the city stands in need of an entirely new ordinance. The decision was given in a case against Noe Moore, son of President J. Hobart Moore, of the Rock Island railroad, whose summer home is at Montecito. When he was arrested his attorney attacked the existing ordinance by filing a demurrer to the complaint.

Treasury Report.

[United Press Leased Wire.] Washington, May 28.—The treasury report today shows: Receipts, \$2,277,803; disbursements, \$1,870,000.



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SAYS TOBACCO TRUST CAUSED NIGHT RIDING

Washington, May 28.—A severe attack on the tobacco trust was made by Senator William O. Brady, of Kentucky, today when he made a strong plea for repeal of the 6-cent tax on leaf tobacco, in order that growers of tobacco might sell their produce as freely as the growers of barley and hops, which are used to make beer.

Brady described the "rapacity of the trust," and asserted that the "night riding" in Kentucky resulted from commercial conditions forced by the American Tobacco Company. He declared that the trust "devoured its competitors" until it controlled all the markets and forced down the price of tobacco in many instances below the cost of production.

He declared that the growers, in self-defense, formed an organization which included 60,000 members in Kentucky. They conceived the idea of pooling their product and holding it until the unavoidable, persistent demand should force good prices, and the trust would be compelled to purchase at a fair value, in order to supply its customers.

The plan was worked out. A large

sum of money was borrowed in New York. The members were advanced a small per centage on the tobacco, which was placed in warehouses and held in the pool.

The trust, in order to break the pool, and defeat the purpose of the organization, is alleged to have gone through the district and offered high prices and bonuses to certain growers to work against the pool and turn over the crops to the trust.

The leaders of the organization argued against violence, but they said that the growers, who were ragged and half-starved, through years of failure to make a cent on their crops, looked upon the action of any grower in selling out to the trust, in the light of treason. The bitterness of the fight, which the growers considered a battle for existence, led the more radical men to take matters in their own hands in certain instances. In this way it is charged by the growers that the "night riding" was due to the methods of the trust, in cornering the market, and forcing the price down below a "living value."

A STRANGE DISEASE ALARMS PHYSICIANS

[United Press Leased Wire.] Portland, Or., May 26.—Physicians of the local health department are not attempting to conceal their alarm over a strange disease that has

already cause three deaths, and threatens to develop an epidemic. Two of the victims are daughters of James Kulduff, a tinner, whose other two children are thought to be

CATCHING FISH FOR YUKON EXPOSITION

[United Press Leased Wire.] Del Monte, Cal., May 28.—Government experts are at work in Monterey bay today collecting live fish for an exhibit to be made at the A-Y-P exposition at Seattle. The department of commerce and labor has sent one of its specially fitted cars, belonging to the fisheries branch, and it is being loaded with specimens. The car is equipped with two large galvanized tanks in which sea water is placed and supplied with oxygen by means of pumps. The car will start in a few days for Seattle.

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