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A Place to Take Time.

When a city is about to grant a long term franchise, it is well to take time and not rush the thing through. Fortunately for Bemidji, granting a franchise is a matter of passing an ordinance and one cannot be put through the council in less than four weeks. In addition, it must be held by the mayor and published before it is effective.

An agent of eastern capitalists interested in gas will present a proposition to the council tonight. On the face of it, the proposition is a good one, but the men asking for the franchise are skilled in the business and should be watched carefully.

The Little Falls franchise, on which the proposition to Bemidji is based, does not contain several features which authorities on franchises believe should be insisted upon by the city. The council has time to look into the proposition thoroughly and to see that the city is well protected for the future as well as the present.

Less Legislative Expense.

The report from the chairman of the house expense committee that the expense of this session will be over $25,000 less than that of two years ago is welcome news. The chairman of the senate committee says that the senate bill will be less although he is not prepared to give the exact figures. Legislative expense is one of the over head costs of the state government and any lessening of the item means a lighter burden for the tax payers.

Fight in the Legislature.

Governor Eberhart last week vetoed the Nolan and Minnette public utility bills and they were repassed over his veto by the house Saturday afternoon. They will come before the senate today.

The fight which was precipitated by the governor's vetoes will go down in Minnesota history. The house had no trouble in mustering sufficient votes to pass the Minnette bill but had some trouble with the Nolan bill. One feature of the fight was the remonstrance meeting against the veto of the Nolan bill held in Minneapolis Saturday night and largely attended. The governor certainly waved a red rag before Minneapolis with his Nolan veto.

Every person in Minnesota will watch the outcome of the fight. Probably a majority agree with the governor that the state needs a good public utilities bill covering all utilities. The question is—Can the governor force the legislature to act as he wishes?

A Bill for Game Hogs.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature which if passed will allow hunters to kill two antlered deer or moose, or one antlered and one female deer but no female moose during each season. The slaughter of deer and moose is large enough each fall with the present law in effect.

The real hunters would like to see a law passed which will prohibit the killing of female deer as well as female moose. If the game is not conserved, deer and moose will soon follow the buffalo, elk and caribou that once roamed Northern Minnesota. With the present law in force, State Forester Cox estimates that the yearly increase about equals the number killed. With the killing doubled, the days of deer and moose will be numbered. The bill should be killed.

College Boys Want Work.

The secretary of the North Dakota Federation of Commercial clubs at Grand Forks has had a communication from Berea college, Berea, Kentucky, stating that about 200 of the young men students of that institution want to come west to work during the summer season. Part of these young men want to work the entire summer and are ready to come now, while a portion of them will be available for the harvest season only.

These young men, the college authorities state, are not city men but are from the farms of Kentucky and adjoining states. They are used to farm work as carried on in the middle east. They are strong and used to the work and should make excellent farm help. Part of them are graduates of that college in a two years agricultural course, and they know the theory and practice of farming.

The federation officials suggest that farmers needing help should write direct to Berea college stating what kind of help is needed, how long they will employ a man and what they will pay. The college will reply direct and if satisfactory, arrangements can be completed. Address D. W. Morton, secretary Berea college, Berea, Ky.

Something in It.

Simeon Ford, at a dinner in New York, said of the inauguration: "I am glad that the various inauguration banquets and dinners keep speech making down to a minimum. There's too much speech-making here 'Friend,' said one immigrant to another, 'this is a grand country to settle in They don't hang you here for murder.' 'What do they do to you?' the other immigrant asked. 'They kill you,' was the reply, 'with elocution.'"

Martyr in Love.

The nerviest youth we ever heard of was the one who proposed ten times to the same girl, and came to be turned down the tenth time. "Dear boy," explained the girl patiently, "I like you, but I shall never marry a bachelor. I have always said that if I ever wed, it should be to a widower." "All right," came back our young friend, cheerfully. "I'll qualify if you'll tell me which of your girl friends you'd like to have me marry first!"

SWAT THE FLY BEFORE IT IS BORN.

The four principal steps in organizing a campaign against the fly are as follows:

First.—To educate people as to the deadly nature of the fly.

Second.—To kill off all winter flies, those hiding about the houses, waiting their season to forage.

Third.—To do away with all breeding places for flies.

Fourth.—To trap all flies which happen to escape.

The extermination of the winter fly is a problem for the individual housewife. Don't let one fly escape. Hunt for them all and kill them early in the spring, for the winter fly is the parent of summer's terrible swarms.

To do away with the fly breeding places is merely a matter of cleanliness. Clean houses, gardens and yards. Clean streets and alleyways. Discourage the fly in its breeding proclivities.

Carrying out the fourth step, the sale of fly traps should be encouraged in every store.

To sum it all up, swat the fly before it is born.

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BLACKFEET INDIANS FROM GLACIER NATIONAL PARK INVADE NEW YORK.

Glacier National Park over-shadowed everything in the New York Travel and Vacation Show, which was held in the Grand Central Palace March 20th to 29th. The uniqueness of the Great Northern Railway's exhibit of Uncle Sam's new play-ground was a marvel to New York decorative artists. The ten Blackfeet Indians, of course lent, much color to the Glacier National Park Exhibit. Besides the Indians the marvelous beauty presented by the scenic photographs and paintings made the Glacier Park booth easily the attraction of the Show. The Indians pitched their tepee in the middle of the Exhibit and the visitors to the show at all times of the day and night while the Show was open, thronged about the redskins. The attendance to the Show averaged ten thousand daily. Judging from the enthusiasm shown, Glacier National Park, the tourist travel to that place this year will break all records.