

## ARGENTINE.

### Mayor Willard Is Still Trying to Obtain Advantage Over the Members of the City Council.

The refusal of Mayor Willard to sign the warrants for the July salaries of the police and fire departments as well as the entire force of city officers has caused an unusual amount of comment by the citizens. The mayor has attempted to dispense with the services of the men now in charge of the business affairs of the city, but thus far his efforts in this line have proven futile. The members of the city council have thwarted the schemes of the mayor. He has announced that he will at once begin proceedings against a member of the council to oust him from office.

Mayor Willard states that he does not consider the issuance of warrants on the general funds for the salaries of the men legal, as the funds have been exhausted. But the city officers and citizens in general consider this another scheme of the mayor to get rid of the present efficient officers and install his friends in the salaried offices by "starving them out."

The mayor attempted to oust Officers Fenwick and Habermahl from the police force a few weeks ago, but he and his friends failed to sustain the charges preferred, and the men were reinstated and allowed pay for the time they were suspended pending the investigation. The mayor feels his several defeats very keenly, but he still has hope of gaining the fight against big odds.