

municipal Affairs.

NO MONEY TO FOOT THE BILLS.

Change in Management of the Institute for the Blind.

The Present Superintendent Will Be Succeeded To-day by a Populist Minister—Citizen of Armourdale Disappears.

As a result of the retrenchment policy, made necessary by the vexed financial condition of the city, the electric lights will be turned off Saturday night and will not burn again until the coffers of the city contain good and sufficient funds to meet the bills as they come due.

This arrangement was made yesterday morning at a conference held between Mayor Barnes, representing the city, and Manager Ben Friedburg and Attorney Fred Hutchins, of the Consolidated Electric Light and Power Company.

The matter was presented by Mayor Barnes, who stated that in the retrenchment policy adopted and necessary, a heavy cut would have to be made in all the departments, and the council had no desire to take any action that would prejudice the interests of any one nor involve any litigation. This view was purely a business one, he said, and the council felt sure no one of the contractors with the city would care to force a bill that would be repudiated, when, by simply suspending the contract for a time until present difficulties were overcome, the work could be resumed and payments made promptly and in cash.

The officers of the company viewed the proposition in much the same light as Mayor Barnes. While they consider it a misfortune to leave the city in darkness they can see the perplexities inherited by the administration.

During the afternoon Mayor Barnes was in consultation with the managers of the gas company and the contractors for gasoline lamps, and they will be cut out, too. This will make a heavy cut in municipal expenses and will enable the cash to accumulate very rapidly for other expenses, and thus enable the city to rapidly pull out of the hole. The council will take action Wednesday evening at the regular meeting on the other expenses that are to be cut off and the retrenchment plan will be put in effect as fast as the necessary action can be taken. All departments will be pruned as closely as can be done. The council met with the mayor Wednesday evening and an agreement was reached on the line to be adopted.

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