

LIGHTS TURNED OUT:

The People of the City Are Now Walking in Darkness.

The magnificent Kansas metropolis was shrouded in darkness last night. From the city limits out at Quindaro, along down the Missouri and Kaw rivers, around to the Southern bridge at Argentine, not an electric light burned at the city's expense. The streets were dark and the citizens in general got their first idea of the retrenchment begun by the mayor and city council in compliance with the demand of the public. It was a novel experience to see the streets dark, and the public that asked for a retrenchment got more than it bargained for, and the men who a year ago favored such a plan were kicking last night for the adoption of some other plan.

During the evening a crowd of young men from Seventh street created much merriment by coming down the avenue carrying lanterns.

The darkness will work a hardship on the street car men and will make their work more dangerous. The police will miss the light and the commissioners contemplate adding to the force. In some places the police will be powerless without the lights.

Three arc lights burned last night—one in front of the city hall, one at Fifth and Minnesota avenue and one at James street station. The first burned by accident; the other two are free lights furnished by a Kansas City, Mo., company under an old franchise. The gas and gasoline lights will be turned out to-night.

Lights out will be the order for six months unless new arrangements are made.