

CRUMBLING OF JEWETT POWER MADE EVIDENT

Department Heads and Employees Becoming Independent in Views.

MAYOR'S DREAMS FADE?

Signs of disintegration of the administration of Mayor Charles W. Jewett are becoming so evident at the hall that members of the official family even are beginning to wonder whether the chief executive has given up all political ambitions for the future. With department heads and various employees, important and unimportant, drifting one by one from under the discipline of the chief executive, so that they are becoming increasingly independent in their views and official actions, those who still adhere closely to the mayor question whether the governmental organization can be welded together again in time to accomplish the tremendous program which must be completed next year if pre-election promises are to be carried out.

Those who are merely holding on are somewhat dispirited at the continued lack of leadership on the part of the mayor, asserting that beyond talking for they "don't see how he ever expects to accomplish anything if he doesn't get back on the job."

MAYOR SAID: "LET'S GET ON."

The mayor, however, stated a few days after the election that "we must get busy now and get something done," and this is being repeated by those who really wish to see the administration complete the track elevation project, build the municipal yards and the nurses' home, complete the street railway company's petition for relief.

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In fact, Dr. Furniss is one of the most regular callers on the mayor. If there is such a thing as an administration leader in the city, it is Dr. Furniss, who following consists of Dr. Sumner A. Furniss. It is presumed, however, by those who watch the city's affairs closely that Dr. Furniss is controlled by the mayor, not for his control of Dr. Sumner A. Furniss in the council, but because he is the representative of the negro vote, the balance of political power in Marion County.

EVEN FURNISS IS COOLING.

Even Dr. Furniss is not such an ardent supporter of the mayor's designs as might be expected from their frequent correspondence. It has been announced both by Mr. Jewett and Corporation Counsel Ashby that the administration opposes the granting of the right to charge 2 cents for transfers to the Indianapolis Street Railway Company. In the early days of the Jewett tenure this would have been the law for everybody in the City Hall, but Dr. Furniss apparently is unpersuaded. A survey of the opinion of city officials on the 2 cent transfer charge was being made, and Dr. Furniss was asked what he thought of the matter.

"Well, I don't like to express an opinion without giving the matter some thought. I'll have to give that matter consideration," he replied.

Mr. Ashby and the mayor do not even have the president of the most important street railway company in their petition for relief.

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TRAIN SAVED FROM BANDITS

Brakeman, With Shotgun, Foils Robber Gang Near Denver.

DENVER, Nov. 17.—Police and railroad detectives early today were scouring the countryside east of this city in search of train bandits who were foiled in an attempt to hold up Rock Island passenger train No. 6, east-bound for Kansas City and Chicago, last night.

The Rock Island train, which was running over Union Pacific tracks, was stopped at Sandy, a small town six miles east of Denver. A brakeman with a shotgun fired upon the bandits as they started to board the mail car as the train came to a halt. Other members of the train crew joined the brakeman and a score of shots were exchanged with the robbers as they fled in a high-powered automobile.

Two Union Pacific cars of the Rock Island train, No. 114, which left Denver for Kansas City thirty minutes after the Rock Island train over the same route, were held up shortly after the Rock Island train had proceeded on its way. Many passengers were shaken up, but none was seriously hurt. It is believed the disturbance was the result of a switch or a switchback.

Denver police reported early today that six men were in the bandit gang, but all three of them had been lost.

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