



The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore this week announces the display of the new light fixtures to be installed on Main Street. The display will be on the corner of Center Street and First West, the library corner, on May 21 through 23 for the public to get an idea of what the near future holds for Main Street, Fillmore.

Perhaps you have noticed the yellow dashes along side Main Street. These are marks put by Blue Stakes in preparation for the installation of the new lights. These lights have an old fashioned, double lantern design to enhance the historical flavor of Fillmore.

How long has it been since new lights were installed on Main Street? The actual year is unclear, but judging from the parked cars in the photo, it has been a day or two.

The first lights on Main Street were documented in the Progress on January 30, 1913: "Pyper and Anderson have strung a line of electric lights from their moving picture show in the State House to Main Street, and thence to the Court House. To them will belong the honor of having been the first to light our streets."

More is known of early electricity in Fillmore. On January 12, 1917 we read, "Telluride Power proposed a high voltage line over the mountain from Richfield, if the city will install its own distribution system. In a City Council meeting, Bruson motioned that the proposition be accepted, pending an affirmative vote on the bond."

January 25, 1918: "After completing their repair work on the mountain, the lights were turned on in the city on Tuesday evening of last week and electricity is now serving 120 customers with a minimum charge of \$1.00."

Stop by the corner at the library and see for yourself the exciting lights, which will soon adorn Main Street. A special thanks to the First Capitol Main Street Beautification Committee for their diligent work on this project.

