

Order Telephone Rates Raised 25 Cts. a Month

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Short of requirements to allow a return of 7 per cent on the \$6,400,000 investment.	
The schedule of the new monthly exchange rates of Indianapolis, including Beech Grove, Ben Davis, Broad Ripple and Southport, is as follows:	
CLASS OF SERVICE.	
Business—Unlimited—	
Individual line.....	\$7.00
Two-party line.....	6.00
Joint user.....	1.50
Extension station.....	1.25
Business—Measured—	
Individual line.....	4.50
Two-party line.....	3.50
Joint user.....	.50
Extension station.....	.50
Residence—Unlimited—	
Individual line.....	3.25
Two-party line.....	2.25
Joint user.....	1.00
Extension station.....	.75
Residence—Measured—	
Individual line.....	.65
Two-party line.....	.50
Joint user.....	.15
Extension station.....	.15
Commission on local message receipts in excess of guarantee individual line.....	40%
Business.....	2.75
Residence.....	2.00
Private Branch Exchange—Business—Unlimited—Cord Switchboard—	
Minimum equipment (switchboard, operator's set, 2 trunks and 2 stations).....	26.00
Additional trunks, each.....	10.00
Additional stations, each.....	1.50
Additional jacks, per strip of 10.....	.50
Cordless Switchboard—	
Minimum equipment (board, operator's set, 1 trunk and 2 stations).....	15.50
Maximum equipment, 3 trunks and 7 stations.....	10.00
Additional trunks, each.....	1.50
Additional stations, each.....	.50
Additional jacks, per strip of 10.....	.50
Cordless Switchboard—	
Minimum equipment (board, operator's set, 1 trunk and 2 stations).....	11.00
Maximum equipment, 3 trunks and 7 stations.....	2.50
Additional trunks, each.....	.65
Additional stations, each.....	.25
Additional jacks, per strip of 10.....	.50
Private Branch Exchange—Hotel, Measured—Cord Switchboard—	
Minimum equipment (switchboard, not exceeding 30 jacks, operator's set, 1 trunk and 2 stations).....	14.00
Additional trunks, each.....	.65
Additional stations, each.....	.25
Additional jacks, per strip of 10.....	.50
Messages, each (including necessary trunks).....	.65
Commission on local message receipts.....	40%
Coin collectors.....	
Intercommunicating System—Business—Unlimited—	
Minimum equipment (switchboard and 4 stations).....	18.50
Maximum equipment, 20 trunks and stations combined.....	10.00
Additional trunks, each.....	2.00
Additional stations, each.....	.25
Additional units of cable, 30 foot or fraction thereof.....	.25

other than labor in the year 1919 or future increases in costs other than labor.

"The petitioner's engineers testified," the order says, "that in appraising the physical property they took the highest and lowest material prices which prevailed from July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1919, and used the average of these high and low prices as a basis for their appraisals. Labor prices entering into construction were based on labor prices of July 1, 1919."

The prices on materials used do not represent the normal average price from 1914 to 1919, for the reason that only two points in the price curve of that period were considered. Various checks disclose that material prices used by the petitioner were greatly in excess of the normal average price for the period.

SHOWS INCREASE IN SALARIES.

The total toll revenue of the Indianapolis exchange for 1919 was \$231,070.12. Of that sum, \$115,502.73 was credited to the exchange. Wages paid toll operators amounted to \$67,620. The total increase in wages for toll and local departments of the Indianapolis exchange in 1919 over 1918 was \$308,000.

The commission has allowed an annual depreciation rate of 5 per cent on all depreciable property of the company. Value of the company's depreciable property in Indianapolis is set by the commission at \$5,443,610.

The commission held that the basis for payment for rentals of receivers, transmitters and induction coils owned by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and for other services performed by that company is unjust, excessive and unreasonable. The Central Union pays a 4½ per cent license revenue to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The 4½ per cent is on the gross revenues of the company and the commission held that there was no relationship between that rate of pay and the service rendered.

PROPOSED STUDY OF SITUATION.

The commission proposed that the entire question of the 4½ per cent allowance be submitted to joint study by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners, acting for the various commissions of the company in order that the question may find uniform solution throughout the country.

Commissioner VanAuken concurred in the order, but not in findings as to value, depreciation or the 4½ per cent license revenue. Commissioner Johnson concurred in all phases of the order.

The girl question had an important place in the deliberations of the commission on the involved telephone problem. In that connection the order said:

"The present rate situation arises largely from the suddenly changed industrial status of woman and the new money value placed on her labor. The evidence reveals that before the war telephone companies experienced little difficulty in obtaining competent girls and young women as operators. The war suddenly opened new and wider fields of labor. Girls and young women were called from the homes, the switchboard, and clerical and other positions to skill, work, accounting, professional employment and other fields formerly monopolized by men. The unprecedented activities of commerce and industry caused business and manufacturing concerns to bid for such labor in the open market, not only with high wages but with improved working conditions, including employment supervisors to look after the interests of employees, rest rooms and other favorable conditions. In

Woman, Whose Car Hit Boy, Not Guilty of Manslaughter

Miss Bertie Lane, 728 North Delaware street, was found not guilty of manslaughter by a jury in the criminal court late yesterday.

Judge James Collins instructed the jury to find Miss Lane not guilty. Miss Lane was charged with manslaughter after fatally injuring Frank Deal, 7, a school boy, of 2340 East Twenty-sixth street, with her automobile on March 27, 1918.

Judge Collins said that he failed to see how the grand jury had felt justified in returning an indictment against Miss Lane in the light of the evidence.

The testimony was conflicting. Some witnesses claimed that the car dragged the boy some distance and others testified that the boy ran directly in front of the car.

Illness, Due to War With Spain, Kills Man

LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Feb. 24.—H. Le Roy Smith, 41, a veteran of Company M, 160th regiment, Indiana volunteer infantry, Spanish-American war, is dead here of illness said to have resulted from an illness suffered while serving as a soldier.

For several months Smith has been employed as a night telephone operator at the Northern Indiana Hospital for the Insane. He is survived by two brothers and three sisters.

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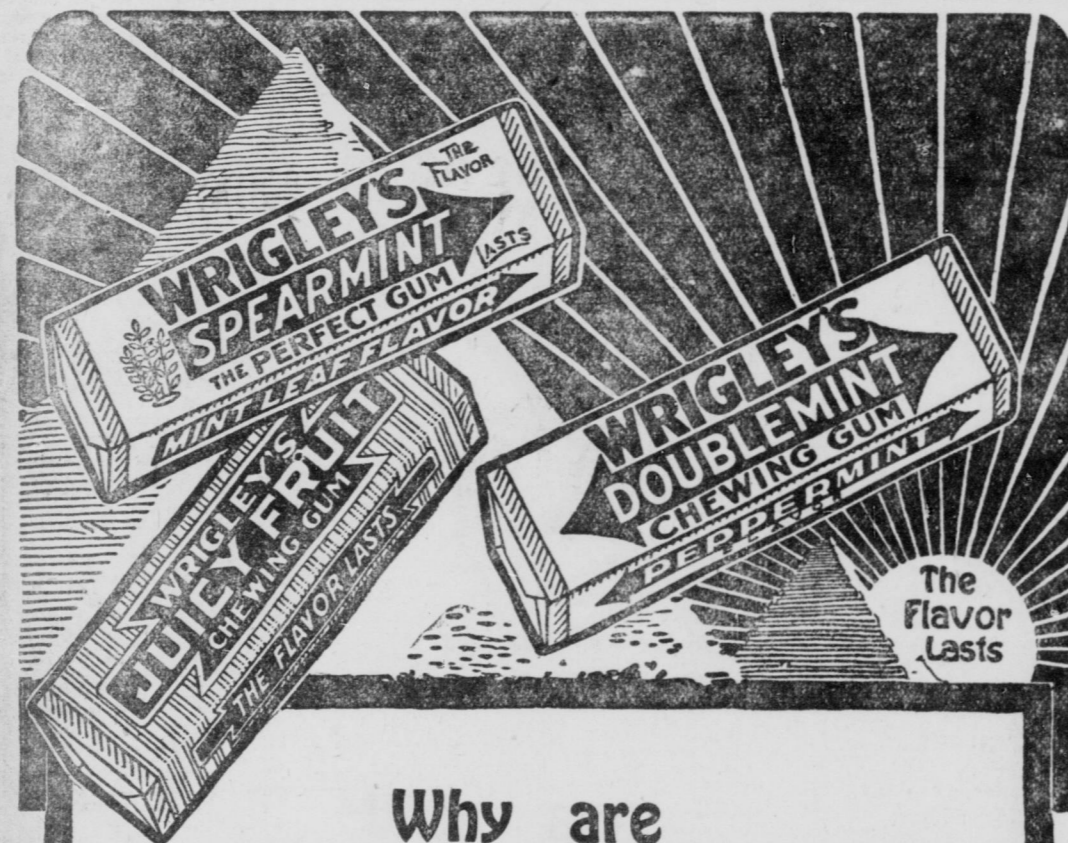
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