

No. 310. TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES—Continued.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES UPON THE INVITATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

ABBREVIATIONS.—S., single circuit; M., metallic circuit; I.G., iron wire, ground circuit; I.M., iron wire, metallic circuit; C.G., copper wire, grounded circuit; C.M., copper wire, metallic circuit; I.C.C.R., iron wire, copper common return; C.E. central energy system; Mag., magneto system; Auto., automatic system; L.D., long-distance; Pref., preferred; Com., common; Ex., exchange; Min., minute.

Particulars.	Citizens' Telephone Co., Columbus, Ind.	Decatur County Independent Telephone Co., Decatur County and Greensburg, Ind.	The Home Telephone Co., and Telegraph Co., Fort Wayne, Ind.	The Richmond Telephone Co., Richmond, Ind.	Home Telephone Co., R. Stoop, prop., Nappanee, Ind.
Stock issued	\$50,000 00	\$29,000 00	\$250,000.00	\$142,700.00	Private ownership
Bonds "	\$37,000 00	\$27,000 00	\$225,000.00	\$159,600.00	7
Years in operation.....	9	4	9	6	5,000
Population of territory.....	24,595	20,000	70,000	23,000	200
Number of R. telephones	2,000	1,282	2,500	1,670	65
" B. "	456	153	1,000	455	110
" F. "	500	816	100	235	255
Non-party lines	1,800	620	3,400	1,900	\$50.00
Cost per telephone.....	\$100 00	\$62.59		\$78.50	
Class of wire and circuit	I.M.	I.M.	C.M.	I.M.	I.M.
Proportion under ground.....	Nil	Nil	10 per cent.	Nil	Nil
Type of system.....	Mag.	C.E.	C.E.	Mag.	Mag.
Annual rates, business.....	\$24 00	\$24, stockholders \$18...	\$36.00	\$30.00	\$18.00
Party line					