

TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

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, grounded 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.*, minutes.

Particulars.	The Albany and Vales Mill Telephone Co., Albany, Ohio.	The Barlow and Water-town Telephone Co., Fleming, Ohio.	The Star Telephone Co., Ashland county, 5 townships Wayne Co., 7 townships Medina county, Ashland, Ohio.	Fort Recovery Telephone Co., Fort Recovery, Ohio.	The Cuyahoga Telephone Co., Cleveland, Ohio.
Stock issued	\$1,000 00	\$11,000 00	\$85,000 00	\$3,500 00	\$2,263,250 00
Bonds "	Nil.....	Nil	\$22,000 00	\$4,500 00	\$2,265,000 00
Years in operation.....	5	6½	6	3½	5
Population of territory.....	3,000	2,000	45,000	Town..... 1,200	500,000
Number of R. telephones	80	300	} 1,600	149	7,249
" B. "	20	50		71	9,252
" F. "	35	300		69	575
Non-party lines	20	.....	1,000	137	5,400
Cost per telephone.....	.....	\$20 00	\$25 00	\$45 00	\$200 00
Class of wire and circuit.....	I.M.....	I.G. & I.M.....	I.M.....	I.M.....	C.M.
Proportion under ground	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	63 per cent.
Type of system.....	Mag	Mag.....	C.E. & Mag.....	C.E. & Mag.....	94 p.c. C.E., 6 p
Annual rates, business.....	\$12 00	\$12 00	\$18 00 & \$24 00	\$12 00	\$72 00
Party line " .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....