

THE DEPOSITORS GUARANTEE LAW OF NEBRASKA

The Depositors Guarantee Law of Nebraska is functioning More than \$200,000.00 have been saved the depositors of the Farmers State Bank of Page, in this county, through its operation.

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Nebraska State Bank of O'Neill

MURDER IN ROCK COUNTY.

Floyd Wick, a young man 18 years of age, was brought to this city last Saturday morning by the sheriff of Rock county and placed in the county jail for safe keeping. The young man is charged with murder, to which he has confessed. Feeling against him is quite strong at Bassett and the sheriff decided to take no chances on mob violence so brought him here. The following account of the crime is taken from the Brown County Democrat:

"The confession of young Floyd Wick Monday ends the mystery surrounding the disappearance some time ago of the old homesteader south of Bassett.

"Clyde Patterson came to Rock county some fifteen years ago and

took up a homestead thirty-five miles south and east of Bassett in what is now known as the Melvern community. Since then he has done quite well raising stock on his homestead, where he lived by himself, a bachelor of 45 years, his nearest neighbor being the Wicks', about two and a half miles away. The neighborhood missed him late in August but it was not until the first of September that the report got out that he was missing.

"This report brought County Sheriff Joe Leonard to the scene and the investigation was started. Questioning of the neighbors showed that no one but Floyd Wick knew anything of the whereabouts of the missing man. Young Wick said that he was somewhere in Colorado. Questioned as to how he knew, the young man said

that he had received a letter from him in regard to the sale of a bunch of cattle which young Wick claimed he had purchased from him. At the time Wick said that he had lost the letter. On a trip to the Patterson farm, Sheriff Leonard again met Wick, who said that he had found the letter. Leonard examined the letter and grew suspicious of Wick.

"Saturday, in company with County Attorney Curtiss, young Wick and a brother of the missing man, who had arrived in response to a call, from his home in Oklahoma, Sheriff Leonard made another trip to the farm. Partly through a "hunch" and partly from watching the actions of Wick, the body of the missing man was finally located buried in a cellarway some thirty or forty feet from the house,

covered with dirt and some old hay. Examination of the body indicated that the man had been shot with a shotgun at a distance of approximately twenty feet. Young Wick was held and brought to town as a witness.

"Confession was obtained and written yesterday by young Wick who says he did the deed all by himself and claims self defense.

"Wick implicated no one as having anything to do with the crime other than himself, and does not seem worried over the affair. After his confession he joked with the sheriff about an Indian recipe for a hair tonic he found in one of the papers at the court house, requesting the sheriff's permission to clip it from the paper, saying he wanted to save it because

he knew many people who would give a lot of money for such a fool thing.

"Patterson leaves surviving him, three brothers and his father and mother, most of whom live in Oklahoma. It is known that he has not kept up a very regular correspondence with any of his relatives. One brother is still here for the investigation.

"Floyd Wick is a young fellow, who

reached his eighteenth birthday today. He was born and raised on his parents' farm south of Bassett. He spent several years going to school at the County High School in Bassett. At the time of the murder both of his parents were on a trip to western Nebraska and Wyoming."

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NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY

Omaha, Nebraska
October 20, 1920

A STATEMENT TO OUR PATRONS, EMPLOYEES AND INVESTORS REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASE IN TELEPHONE RATES IN NEBRASKA

Because the telephone is an essential public service, it is important to all telephone users as well as to telephone employees and investors in telephone securities that this Company's revenues shall be sufficient to meet its requirements.

Considered on a yearly basis, our present revenues in this state are approximately \$593,000 less annually than are necessary to pay operating expenses and earn 8 per cent interest annually on the money invested in our property.

In order to provide for the extension of our service to new people and to new areas we must obtain over \$1,000,000 of new money annually from investors. To get this money we must be able to pay our operating expenses and earn such a rate of interest as will prove attractive to those who have money to invest.

This condition has made it necessary for us to ask the Nebraska Railway Commission to approve an increase in our rates. But even with the increase asked for, our total revenues will only be sufficient to enable us to earn approximately 6½ per cent annually on our investment in this state.

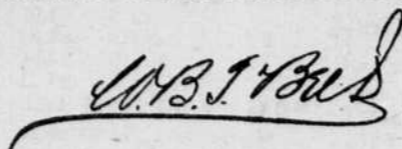
An increase of 10 per cent has been asked in exchange rates to be applied as a sur-charge. This course has been followed rather than to request complete new schedules of rates, because it is impossible under present conditions to determine what permanent rates should be.

A change in long distance rates has been requested which will produce approximately a 7 per cent increase in our toll revenues. These changes apply only on person-to-person calls. No changes will be made in station-to-station toll rates.

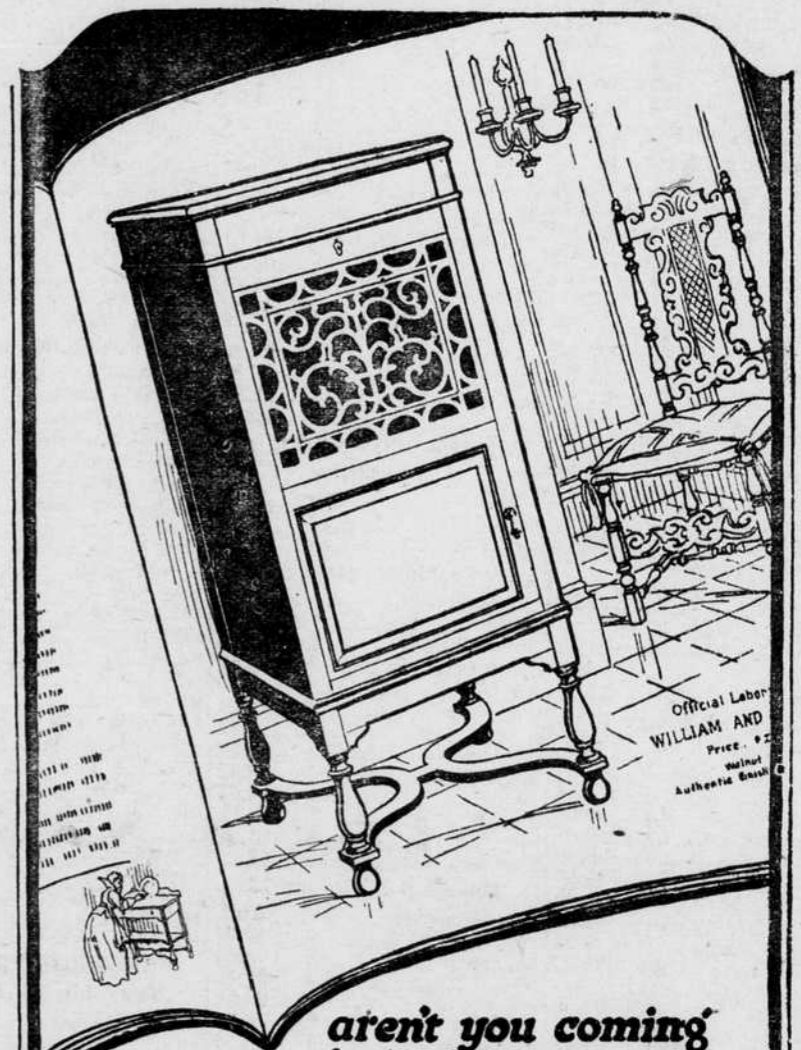
You are well aware of the increases which have taken place in wages, material prices, freight rates, fuel prices, rents and interest rates. The price of all these items and others affect the cost of furnishing telephone service. To illustrate: We are now paying over \$1,700,000 more annually in wages in this state than three years ago, of which only \$750,000 is for new employees added during that period. And the cost of materials used in the up-keep of our property has just about doubled the last few years.

This statement is made in accordance with our policy of giving the public full information about our affairs, and we feel sure that it will be accepted in the same spirit of fairness and co-operation that has always characterized the public's attitude toward this company.

NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY



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