

'PHONE TROUBLES IN ST. JOE

By Two Systems of Wire Talking They Are Multiplied.

OLD COMPANY GROWS ON COMPETITION

Interesting Side Lights on the Telephone Situation in a Thriving Missouri Town.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 22.—(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)—St. Joseph has had nearly ten years of experience with telephone competition, the independent company having begun operation in January, 1895.

The independent concern, which is known as the Citizens' Telephone company, has failed utterly in its attempt to give thorough telephone service, but at the close of ten years of trial it is found to be almost a physical and financial wreck.

Origin of the New Company. At St. Joseph the agitation for competition in the telephone business began early in 1895, there being a complaint at the time that the service given by the Missouri & Kansas Telephone company was not all that might be desired.

The promoters of the new company promised maximum rates of \$40 and \$50 within a radius of one mile and \$30 and \$40 for 'phones outside of the one-mile limit.

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Effect Not Up to Expectations. The Citizens' Telephone company's plant was put in operation in January, 1896, when the Missouri & Kansas company had less than 600 subscribers in the city of St. Joseph.

Disclosures of a Lawsuit. A suit brought in the circuit court at St. Joseph, a little over a year ago, throws some light upon the financial history of the Citizens' company, showing why improvement in equipment and service have not been made.

One Unfilled Promise. Chief Kane of the fire department says the Citizens' company has never kept its agreement to furnish free telephones to the various fire houses.

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Chief Kane of the fire department says the Citizens' company has never kept its agreement to furnish free telephones to the various fire houses. He has repeatedly called the attention of the city council to this delinquency, but no action has been taken by that body to enforce this particular provision of the Citizens' telephone franchise.

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John S. Brittain Dry Goods Co.—"We have the Citizens' phone here because it reaches a few towns not on the lines of the Missouri & Kansas, and our customers in these few towns must be accommodated, although it makes an additional expense for us. We would, of course, prefer to have all our telephone business conducted through one exchange. We find the service of the Citizens' company only fair."

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