TO THE PUBLIC:

The Home Telephone Company, financed largely by local capital, came to Portland in response to a general demand for relief from the miserable service then being furnished by the Pacific Company. Since entering the local field it has fulfilled every obligation to the public. It has at all times rendered the best possible service and at rates below those of its competitor. In the present crisis and because it fully recognizes its public obligations and has a due regard for the rights of its employees, without whose services it could not operate, it is able to offer its patrons its usual splendid service.

Although its employees are as a rule better paid than those of the Pacific, they are, owing to the great increase in the cost of living, entitled to better treatment at our hands, and nothing but the financial condition of the company is preventing such favorable action. An industry which cannot pay its employees living wages cannot justify its existence, and it is to enable us fully to meet this situation that this appeal is being made to the public.

The Home Company is financed largely by local capital and practically every dollar of its revenue is being spent with home industries and for home labor. It is offering better service at lower rates than its competitor and is, therefore, surely entitled to better support from the citizens of Portland than it has heretofore received. Any reasonable increase in business will place the company in position to meet any just demands of its employees and make such extensions as may be found necessary from time to time.

OSWALD WEST, Receiver.