

Battles rage on in telephone war

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phone Company and an offer to open the company books. Said the *Telephone* of Feb. 7, "to this the majority at the meeting cried 'too late.'" S.C. Freese told the audience about his fact-finding trip to Seymour, where a similar strike had forced the Home Telephone Com-

pany to rescind a proposed 25 cent rate hike in 1906. When the company secretary appeared at the Harris Grand, the audience began hissing at him, until they were shamed by the Rev. Thomas White of the First Presbyterian Church. The secretary's reply was printed in the Feb. 7 *Telephone*.

It was Professor James A. Woodburn of IU, who injected a word of

caution amid the rhetoric of the meetings. He urged the strikers to examine the books of the company before doing anything more drastic. But W.H. Adams replied, "They (the company officers) are here at a late date to open the books. We don't need to see them now as we know how much water they have."

Next week: The phone war ends.