



TELEPHONE MERGER MAY BE DISSOLVED

Government Aims Blow at Bell System.

39 COMPANIES DEFENDANTS

Complaint Suggests Receiver Be Appointed.

DEFENSE PLEA ANTICIPATED

"Natural Monopoly" Likely to Be Excuse Offered by Attorneys for Alleged Trust — Restoration of Competition Sought.

To "unscramble the eggs" that the American Telephone & Telegraph Company has gathered into one nest, suit in equity was brought in the United States District Court for Oregon yesterday under the Sherman anti-trust law by the filing of a bill of complaint against that company and 39 other defendants. The defendants comprise companies in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho, and include the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, the McMinville Local & Long Distance Telephone Company, the Lebanon Mutual Telephone Company, and the Washington County Telephone Company, all of which are incorporated under the laws of Oregon.

WEIGHING OF ICE PROBABLE

City Commissioner Brewster to War on Short Weights.

FAIR COMMISSION TO MEET

Chairman Booth Calls Conference to Be Held at Salem.

HIGHEST TEMPERATURE 84

End of Hot Spell Predicted for Today With Showers Due.

NATURAL MONOPOLY TO BE PLEA

The government attorneys admit that they anticipate the defense of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and the other defendants will be that the telephone business is a natural monopoly.

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BOURNE OPPOSES POSTAL REFORMS

EX-SENATOR BEHIND ATTACK ON BURLESON.

Position Is That Postmaster-General Exceeded Authority in Making Parcel Changes.

HAPPY KIDDIES GET CLOTHES FOR TRIP

Some Not Fitted for Silverton Outing.

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