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SALEM DISPATCHES DISCUSS
LOCAL CASE.

Believed Opinion Will Be Handed
Down in About One Month.

That the Union county telephone case is attracting wide attention is manifest from the space given to it by the Portland papers. The decision which may be expected in about one month may be expected in about one month.

One Salem dispatch says:

The Home Independent Telephone company of La Grande, has filed with the Railroad Commission its brief in the case filed by it against the Eastern Oregon Co-operative Telephone association, of Elgin, in which the testimony was taken at La Grande, April 3. The association has 20 days to file an answering brief and the Home company then 10 days to file a reply brief, after which the case will be before the commission for decision.

The principal complaints made of the Elgin association by its competitor were that its rates were wholly insufficient to meet its own expenses, and that by means of such rates it could ruin the business of the Home company, and would then have to apply for an increase in its own rates and that its charges for business and residence service are the same. This was claimed to be unlawful and discriminatory.

In its brief the Home company devotes little time to those matters, treating them as established, but urges that a flat rate or combination rate for local exchange service with the privilege of talking all over a given territory without payment of a toll charge, is discriminatory and in violation of the public service laws. It is contended that the few who have use for such long-distance calls have a decided advantage over the many who make use of the privilege but little, when all pay the same rate. The brief is over the name of Colon R. Eberhard, attorney for the Home Independent company.

Another Salem dispatch covers the matter in this way:

A number of difficult questions is involved. Has a co-operative organization the right to furnish a telephone service at cost, or even below cost if the members are willing to pay the bills? Has the railroad commission the authority to fix minimum rates as well as maximum rates? If an organization wants to furnish a telephone service cheaply, is the public the benefactor? Was the railroad and public utility commission created in the interest of the public?

Answers to some of these questions are offered in Attorney Eberhard's brief. Four specific allegations are made by the Home company against the defendant company as follows: That the co-operative company charges its stockholders less than the public for the same service; that the rates of the defendant are wholly insufficient to meet its past operating expenses, and are wholly insufficient to meet its present operating expenses in the rates charged; that the defendant has entered into competition with the plaintiff in the cream of the territory of the Home company, upon a combination monthly rates covering local exchange service and 10 long distance calls over the lines per month.

This "cream" territory includes Cove, Union, Summerville and Elgin. "These are producing sections and good telephone communication, particularly good long distance telephone communication, is essential to the prosperity of those communities," says the brief, which alleges that the Home company has better wires and equipment and therefore is more capable of furthering the prosperity of the communities. The statement is made that these communities are absolutely in need of a first class copper toll system.

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