

PHONE TRUST SEES NO WRONG IN ITS ACTIONS

PORTLAND, Or., July 25.—United States District Judge Robert S. Bean today issued an order directing the issuance of subpoenas on the defendants in the suit instituted by the government yesterday to compel the American Telephone & Telegraph company to dissolve its connection with the Northwestern Telephone system and other independent companies, thus re-establishing as far as possible competition in the telephone field.

The non-resident defendants will be served by the United States marshals of their respective districts.

In connection with the suit begun by the government, H. T. Scott, former president of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, and now chairman of the executive committee of the board of directors, said today:

Can't See Any Wrong

"I cannot see that we have done anything that we ought not have done. I know nothing more about the complaint of the government than I have read in the newspapers. There is nothing to the suit. The Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company is still in the hands of a receiver. We have not bought it although it is true that we purchased some of its stock and bonds after it went into receivership."

Commenting on the allegation in the complaint that the service has been poor, Mr. Scott continued:

"If the service has been poor we have not been troubled with complaints and know nothing about criticism. Speaking of complaints anyway every public service company has them. The question is, are they justified."

"If the government finds that we have done something we should not have done it can make us undo it."

Natural Monopoly

Scott would make no comment on the reported suggestion of the government attorneys that the defense of the telephone companies would be that the telephone business is a natural monopoly. "It may be a natural monopoly," said Constantine J. Smyth, special assistant to the attorney general, "but that would not

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS IN "EVERYWOMAN"



SUIT TO DISSOLVE TELEPHONE TRUST FAR REACHING

PORTLAND, Or., July 25.—It was believed today by federal officials that the suit filed by the government yesterday against the American Telephone & Telegraph company to unmerge its connection with the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company and other independent companies in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, would have a far-reaching effect and that should the outcome of the suit be favorable to the government, similar actions will be instituted in other parts of the country.

On account of the defendants being allowed twenty days in which to answer the complaints from the day the subpoenas are served on them, it was not expected that any real action in the case will occur much before the first of September.

The individuals mentioned in the complaint reside in all parts of the country.

Following the filing of the answer, a special examiner or examiners will be appointed by the court to take testimony and this is expected to take from thirty to sixty days, and at least the same amount of time will be required to prepare the abstracts of the testimony. It may be January 1 or possibly later before the case goes to the judges for decision.

The case will be tried before the judges of the ninth judicial district of Oregon, consisting of William A. Gilbert of Oregon, Erskine M. Ross and William W. Morrow of California.

With Medford trade is Medford made.

CLOUDBURSTS DAMAGE PROPERTY IN IDAHO

BOISE, Idaho, July 25.—Heavy rains have continued in this vicinity for the past thirty-six hours and considerable damage is being done in Boise and various Southern Idaho points through the overflowing of rivers and creeks. The lower sections of this city are flooded. A wall of water ten feet high rushed through Pearl, Idaho, near here, washing out houses and damaging mining property. No lives were lost. The Payette and Boise rivers are rising rapidly. Grain crops, which are ready for harvesting, will be severely damaged.

be an exemption from liability under the anti-trust law. It would furnish an excellent argument for government ownership."

PLATONIC FRIEND * MAKES NO CLAIMS

CHICAGO, July 25.—Declaration that for thirty years she lived as brother and sister with William Henry Lee, former head of the Laird and Lee publishing house of this city, was made here today by Mrs. Barbara Clough of Sherburne, Minn., when she arrived in Chicago to aid in settling Lee's \$200,000 estate. Mrs. Clough is sixty years of age. Lee was seventy at the time of his death. Mrs. Clough declares that her relations with Lee were always platonic. He left no living relatives and no will. Mrs. Clough says she does not intend to claim the estate. She only wants to prevent its reverting to the state.

Handbags are like hats and shoes in being as small as possible.

BUFFALO BILL'S WILD WEST SHOW BUSTED

DENVER, Colo., July 25.—More than 400 performers of the Buffalo Bill-Pawnee Bill Wild West show, who were stranded when the show was attached here this week, today are penniless and without food. Many of them had allowed their wages to accumulate in the treasury of the show and lost all when it was attached.

All of them, including eight young girls, are sleeping on the ground and in stables. The city this morning fed 100 of the destitute performers. The district court will decide on the attachment proceedings next Tuesday.

New York shops are showing some new blouse suits with pleated pelurms.

LAWN FETE AWAITS COMING OF SUN

The lawn fete scheduled for today by the ladies of the Greater Medford club at the Golf club grounds has been indefinitely postponed to await the time when the lawn appears above the water. As soon as the weather settles and old Sol once more showers the landscape in gold the entertainment will be given, notice of which will be given in ample time for all to attend and help the good cause along.

GOOD GAINS MADE IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, July 25.—Prices in the stock market were irregular dur-

ing the early dealings. Canadian Pacific was down a point; Amalgamated and Rock Island were firm. New Haven rose one. Specialties, such as Great Northern Ore, American Ice and National Enamel preferred, gained 1 to 3. Around noon the market turned strong, New Haven rising nearly four points, Steel, Union Pacific and Amalgamated also made good gains.

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