

**VALUE OF BELL
PHONE SYSTEM
RATE BUGBEAR**
Service Commission Fails to
Commit Self on Certain
Appraisals.

MERGER DETAILS CITED

This is the third of a series of articles on the telephone situation in Indianapolis.

The difference in opinion between the public service commission of Indiana and the Indiana Bell Telephone Company as to the value of the telephone properties in Indiana formerly owned by the Central Union Telephone Company may be expected to form the basis of the interesting testimony of the telephone rate hearing when it comes up before the public service commission of Indiana, June 21.

The date of the hearing was tentatively set by the commission today.

The Indiana Bell Telephone Company, in a statement filed with the commission, commented relative to the purchase of the Central Union's properties in the state, with the exception of certain property at Terre Haute, set forth that it proposed to pay for the physical properties of the Central Union \$17,456,700, plus the cost of all net additions since October 1, 1919, and \$1,000,000 in excess subject to the item of \$549,300 outstanding and secured by mortgage on part of the property, the total of the two items being \$18,000,000.

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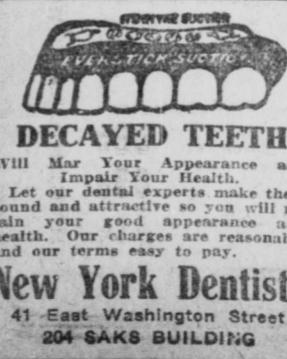
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The movie man was present and snapped DePalma's tough luck, and the result of the camera man's efforts will be shown at the Circle next week, beginning Sunday.

Other highlights of the big race will be shown in the movies.

FEATURE BOOKED.

"Why Change Your Wife," a movie dealing with the divorce evil, has been booked at English's for next week, opening Sunday.

While the cycle has caused considerable comment in this country in the manner in which the story has been handled.

A large cast is used in presenting the story.

ACTOR JOINS STAFF.

Stuart Walker has engaged Roswell Lowry, the 16-year-old son of Judith Lowry, to appear in the role of Bobby in the production of "The Miracle Man" at the Tivoli next week.

Mrs. Lowry says that her son, who has just graduated from high school in Indianapolis, has decided as to whether he should adopt acting or civil engineering as a profession.

Lowry arrives in Indianapolis tomorrow to begin rehearsals in "The Miracle Man."

ON VIEW.

Today's lineup at the theaters is as follows: "Two Kisses" at the Murat, summer vaudville at Keith's, the Rialto, and the Broadway; Pat White at the Park, Bill Hart in "The Toll Gate" at the Alhambra, Dorothy Dalton in "The Dark Mirror" at the Isle, John Barrymore in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" at the Indiana.

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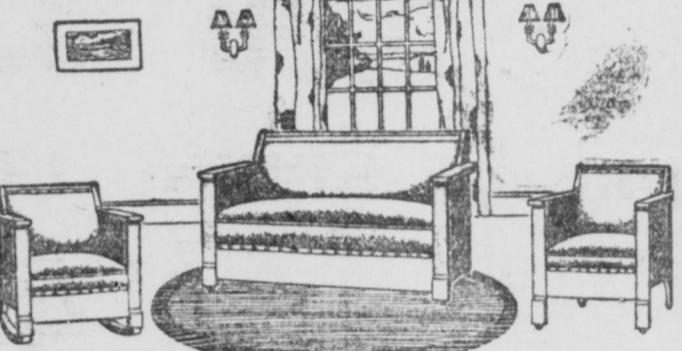
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