

OLD LAW CAUSES PHONE TANGLE

Munson D. Atwater, Bloomington, Testifies in Indiana Commission Investigation.

INDIANA BATTLE GROUND

License Pact of 4.5 Per Cent Chief Basis of Contention in Hearing for Higher Rate.

The 4.5 per cent license contract of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was a direct outgrowth of an act of the Indiana General Assembly in 1885, Munson D. Atwater of Bloomington testified before the public service commission in its State hearing on the consolidated cases of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company today. This contract is being investigated by the public service commission.

"Indiana has always been the battle ground of the Bell Company, and its revision of the flat-payment price for rental and service of instruments belonging to the A. T. & T. Co. and leased to subsidiary companies into the license contract which collects on gross receipts was directly attributable to limitations made by the Indiana Legislature, which made its flat price too high for the smaller companies in the leaner territories," Atwater testified.

Contract Contention

The license contract by which arrangement the A. T. & T. Co. collects from subsidiary companies has been the basis of the principal contention in the hearings. The commission has indicated it believes that by such collection the A. T. & T. Co. is exacting a double profit from its patrons. This would consist of first profit through the contract payment, and a second profit through the subsidiary company which originally collects from the telephone subscriber.

Testimony was introduced to prove, in refutation of the testimony of Frederick L. Rhodes, engineer of the A. T. & T. Co., that independent manufacturers and competitors have advanced the art of telephony much more, since the expiration of the original patents, than has the A. T. & T. Co., which maintains a huge general staff for research work for which it endeavors to establish justification of its license contract payment on the ground that it has pioneered the art.

William H. Thompson, attorney for the Bell Company, made no statement today as to whether he would supply the commission with information concerning the Western Electric Company, for which the commission asked yesterday as a means of establishing the connection between it and the A. T. & T. Company and associated companies.

ROBBERS HOLD UP CLERK; GET AWAY WITH \$32.73

Brookside Ave. Company Loser in Robbery.

Two robbers held up J. T. Baker, clerk in the Atlantic and Pacific Tea and Coffee Company's store, 2806 Brookside Ave., at 7 p. m. yesterday. As Baker walked to the front of the store to wait on two men, one of them pulled out two revolvers and covered him. They ordered him to go to the rear of the store. Baker obeyed and then ran out of the back door. He ran to a drug store and telephoned the police. The robbers took \$32.73 from the cash register. They escaped before the police arrived.

ART SCHOOL HEAD FEELS DISGUSTED WITH WOMEN

Sense of Modesty Is Passing Is His Belief.

By United News
NEWARK, Nov. 29.—"Women used to make up in their boudoirs, but now they do it on the street. Courting is done in parks and on busses, and the time is coming when marriages will be performed in the public square."

That's the way Frank Alvah Parsons, head of the New York School of Fine and Applied Art, feels about it. Professor Parsons raised a furor a short time ago by his remarks on women's dress.

"The primitive woman on a day like this," said the professor, "would wrap up in a fur, or a rug, or something. The woman of today will wear the same fur and the same rug on July Fourth."

"In early days," he continued, "people had windows which could be opened. Now you have to get a moving van to take away the rubber plants, and junk before you can even reach the window."

"And why the woman with her skirt touching the ground on one side and her knee on the other, fastened there with a tin plate?"

INTEREST AROUSED IN HERRIN MASSACRE TRIAL

Second Panel of Jury to Try Five Men Chosen.

By United Press
MARION, Ill., Nov. 29.—Williamson County was aroused from its torpor today.

Out in country fields, down in coal mine shafts, wherever a few citizens were gathered together, the Herrin massacre and the trial of five men accused of murder were again the subjects.

For the second panel of the jury that will try the five indicted men had been chosen. An eighth man, acceptable to both State and defense had been accepted.

Sale Postponed

Sale of the Premier Motor Company assets, which was to have been made in Superior Court, room 2, today, was postponed until Dec. 14, at the request of all parties concerned. The company is in the hands of a receiver.

Hurt Ankle Starts Art Career



SKETCHED BY A TIMES STAFF ARTIST.

OPEN NEW MAIL BUILDING FRIDAY

Postal Employees Will Parade Preceding Ceremonies.

A parade of the postoffice employees, headed by the mounted police and the "hushabys" band will mark the formal opening of the new eight-story parcel post building, Illinois and South Sts., Friday at noon. The parade will form at the postoffice and march through the downtown district to the new building.

The station will be open to the public from 7:30 until 10 o'clock p. m. During this time addresses by Dick Miller and G. B. Illes, president of the Chamber of Commerce will be made. Music will be furnished by the post office band.

The postoffice department will occupy the basement and the first and second floors of the building. The office will handle outgoing parcel post and advertising matter sent to the Indianapolis office from larger cities for re-distribution in Indiana and southern Illinois.

According to Robert H. Bryson, postmaster, the station is the first of its kind in the West, although Chicago and Cincinnati are building similar stations. Mr. Bryson said that it would relieve the present congestion at the postoffice.

CABINET HEARS SHANK LAUDED

City Attorney Declares Past Year Best for City Government.

Critics of the Shank administration were answered with a challenge they prove "this year has not been the best one for city government Indianapolis ever had," by James M. Ogden, city attorney, at Mayor Shanks monthly cabinet meeting to day.

"I am proud of Mayor Shank and this administration," declared Ogden, setting out a long list of accomplishments, such as the repaving of more streets at less expense than in any year of the Jewett administration, annexation of Broad Ripple and adoption of the city zoning ordinance.

Ogden said much of the work of the legal department "has been to correct the mistakes of the last administration. Let's not make those mistakes ourselves. Let's not be bull-headed and just go ahead, and do things whether they are right or wrong. Let's not forget for a minute that we are servants of the people, here to do what they want and what is best for the city."

He urged members of the administration to quietly answer with facts people who say mean things about the city government. The mayor was not at the meeting.

CANDLER DENIES BYFIELD CHARGES

BOYS STEAL AUTOS TO MAKE TOUR OF WORLD

Three 16-Year-Old Lads Start for Egypt, But Are Arrested.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 29.—General denial of the major allegations in the \$100,000 damage suit instituted against him by Mrs. Clyde K. Byfield is made in a special defense and answer filed in De Kalb Superior Court by Walter T. Candler.

The answer to the Byfield suit concluded with a sweeping denial that Mr. Candler has committed any wrong against the person of Mrs. Byfield or that he is liable to her for any damage whatever for the alleged attack first stop. After driving to Lancaster they found they were out of gasoline and abandoned the car.

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