

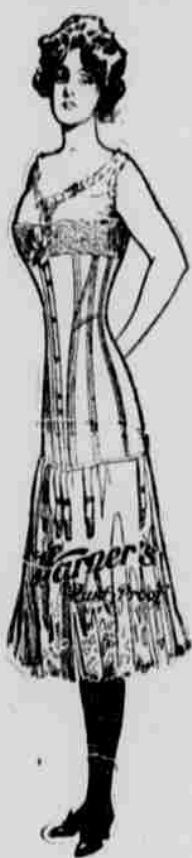
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INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES GET TOGETHER

Permanent unification of independent telephone interests in Nebraska and an effective means of check-mating any future attempt by the Bell company to cripple their toll connections through the purchase of or traffic agreements with single exchanges are assured in the formation of a new body to be known as the Independent Telephone system of Nebraska. An organization has been incorporated under that title and its articles are on file with the secretary of state as well as in the Lancaster county clerk's office.

The object is to cement the independents into one system for business purpose, without changing the ownership of the local plants composing it.

This idea has been worked out by Nebraska men within the past few months. It is the fruit of the plan drafted by the special committee of the Nebraska Independent Telephone association, appointed at the last annual meeting to formulate a scheme which would meet the requirements of the situation. The committee comprised the following officers and members of the association: C. J. Garlow, president, Columbus; F. H. Woods, chairman, of executive committee Lincoln; R. E. Mattison, secretary, Lincoln; George E. Coddington, Auburn; C. C. Deering, Omaha; J. N. Lyman, Hastings; E. E. Stanton, Stronsburg; Warren Pratt, Kearney; W. E. Bell, York; T. H. Pollock, Plattsmouth.

At a meeting held in Lincoln about two months ago, the project was talked over and tentatively adopted as to its main features. Some changes in details have been made since then, and the perfected plans are embodied in the articles of incorporation.

Consolidation of ownership was not considered as a desirable means of bringing the companies together into one compact body, even if it were feasible, which does not seem likely at this time. The committee therefore, bent its efforts to devise a method of unification which would leave each local exchange under its present ownership but at the same time prevent any member of the association from making a tieup with the Bell. This has been done by forming a corporation, of which every inde-

pendent company will become a member by purchasing shares of stock in proportion to the size of its plant, being limited to one share of stock for every 500 telephone units which it owns.

A direct proviso is contained in the articles the prohibit stock of independent organizations from being sold to the Bell. This is guarded against by several restrictions upon the taking out or transfer of shares which will operate in that way so long as the two systems remain competitors of one another. The capital stock is fixed at \$10,000, shares being \$25 each, and the specific declaration is made that the corporation is not organized for profit but for the transaction of business at cost for the mutual benefit of its members.

Although it is only within the past three months that the plan of unification was perfected, the idea is already being taken up by the independents of other states. Illinois, Missouri and Kansas have adopted the same plan of organization, Indiana is working on one similar to it and Michigan is beginning to take it up. At the meeting of the National Independent Telephone association in Chicago, December 7 to 9, this method of combining independent interests without consolidation will be one of the important subjects considered. F. H. Woods is a member of a committee which will report upon the plan. The Nebraska delegation will solidly support it.

The chief difficulty heretofore resulting from the loose relationship among the independents has been that the Bell was sometimes able to break their chain of long distance connections by making contracts with individual companies here and there. A notable case in point was the agreement it entered into with the Kearney Telephone company two or three years ago, whereby the Bell gave up the local field to that company in return for a monopoly of the long distance business. The other Nebraska independents procured an injunction to prevent the consummation of this pact and a few months ago the Kearney company voluntarily withdrew from its tieup with the Bell and came back into the fold.

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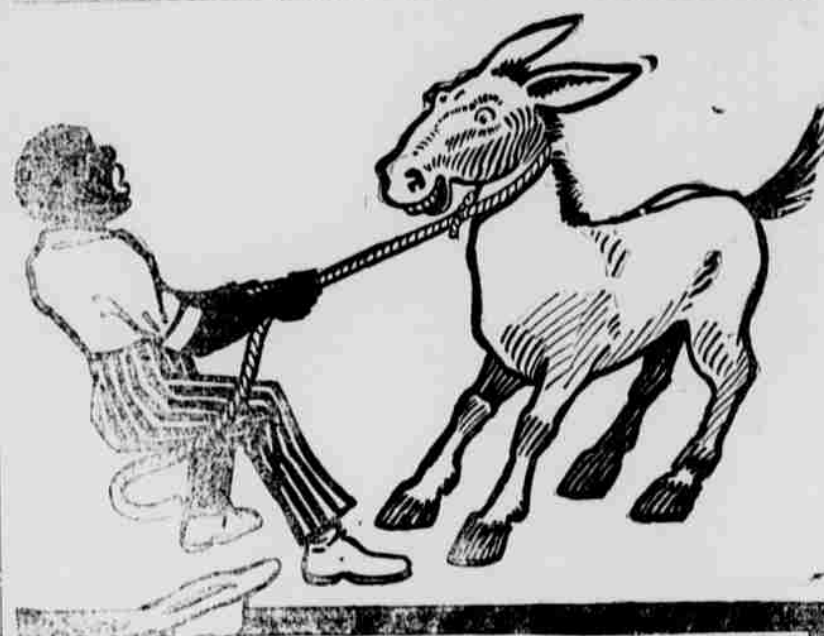
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