

PHONE TROUBLE NEAR AN END

Existing Telephone Controversy May
Be Finally Settled
Soon.

The stockholders of the Griggs County Telephone company and the newly organized Rural Telephone company met with the Commercial club Monday afternoon in an effort to settle the controversy which has existed since the sleet storm two years ago, and the sentiment which was prevalent at this meeting indicated that both companies are willing to get together and bring the matter to an end.

Two propositions were considered. The Griggs County Telephone company agreed to sell to the new company the exchanges at Binford and Jessie, with all the lines radiating from these exchanges, except the toll line from Jessie to Cooperstown. The other proposition made was to buy controlling stock and re-organize the old company.

The promoters of the Rural Telephone company favored the purchase of the Binford and Jessie exchanges. This will require an appraisement of the company's holdings, which will be done by representatives of each company and one disinterested party. When completed, and if a price satisfactory to both companies can be agreed upon, it is very probable that this proposition will be the one accepted.

Telephone patrons and others who used the service up until the raise in rates, will be pleased to learn that a soluble arrangement is near. Practically all of the former patrons will install their phones again, and the lines will be extended into the rural communities which have heretofore been without the service, thus making the system of more value than ever.