

To which Mr. Bates returned the following memorandum:

"Name of trustee, names of sureties, and what stock and bonds already issued."

The memorandum and the address on the envelope inclosing it both being in Mr. Bates' handwriting.

In the face of this testimony, it is ridiculous to pretend that Mr. Eckert and Mr. Bates held any different attitude in the case from Mr. Wiman himself. They paid the one hundred dollars without any intimation or request from Mr. Wiman, and because they felt a deep interest in furthering the project.

If this was a mere friendly act on the part of Mr. Eckert, we think you will agree with us that it was not a very friendly act on the part of Mr. Wiman to inveigle his friend, Mr. Eckert, into being the receiver of documents procured in the manner these were.

THAT MR. WIMAN, MR. ECKERT AND MR. BATES WERE ALL
WORKING IN THIS MATTER FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Upon this point Mr. Wiman's garrulity has furnished us with abundant proof.

The pretense that he was acting in behalf of the stockholders of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company could only have been put forward by one steeped in guilt and confusion.

All of his statements and actions show an earnest desire to injure this company.

Mr. Plumb deposes that the first statement made to him by Mr. Wiman was that he was representing the Western Union Telegraph Company, and that he was desirous of obtaining

"Any information reflecting upon the management of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, or the private character or business of the officers thereof." "Mr. Wiman also stated to me that one of the reasons for their desiring to get possession of these papers and facts was to endeavor to create stink here in the newspapers in New York and in this country as against the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, for the purpose of impairing their credit and deterring the public from paying their subscriptions."

"He also stated that they had already got two or three of the prominent subscribers to the bonds of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company to join them; that these men would refuse to pay any more assessments upon what they had already subscribed for, and claim back the moneys already paid thereon."

This number appears subsequently to have been reduced to one—viz., Mr. Edwin Lord.

At another interview Mr. Plumb deposes:

"He (Wiman) then showed me a draft of a communication which he had written the night previous, to be signed, he stated, with some possible modification, by Mr. Edwin Lord, which communication was to be sent to Mr. George Wm. Ballou, with whom he stated that Mr. Lord had some time previously subscribed for a large amount of bonds of said Mutual Union Telegraph Company."

"He also at his interview stated that the attorneys whom he had just seen were preparing the papers against the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, in a suit which they were getting Mr. Edwin Lord to bring for a bill of discovery, to bring into court the said contract for the construction of the lines of the Mutual Union Telegraph

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