

to public policy. Cole vs. The Western Telegraph Company, decided Feb. 11. The court said: "It cannot be contended that a regulation requiring the sender of a message to present his claim for damages promptly to the company is an unreasonable one. Considering the character of the business, such regulations would be necessary for its own protection and to enable it readily to ascertain the facts in the case and to secure or preserve the proper evidence. It is a regulation intended to shield the company from the consequences of a neglect of its part, but prescribing a duty to be performed by the plaintiff before he should be allowed to maintain his action."

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A corporation chartered for "the manufacture and supply of gas or the supply of light and heat to the public by any other means" is not authorized to supply natural gas, according to a decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in the case of Emerson vs. The Commonwealth, decided February 2. The Court held: "The furnishing of natural gas is not the furnishing of heat. Natural gas is not a fuel, a substance which may be converted into heat by combustion with atmospheric air. When the gas is delivered to the consumer it is still gas only. It is not heat. The consumer does not produce combustion. Heat is obtained, and if he does produce it, it is of doing so is his act, not that of the company which furnishes the gas. In any other view, therefore, it must be said that a company which furnishes natural gas is not merely furnishing heat. It would scarcely be contended that companies could be chartered under this section of the act of 1874, for supplying coal, wood, oil, peat or other substance which by combustion produces heat, yet they all fall alike in the category of fuels. The fuels are destroyed in order that their calorific power may be developed, but when they are used in their original, natural state it cannot be said that they have been delivered in a developed state. They are still subject to the use to which the consumer may choose to put them. If he does not choose to convert them into heat no heat is obtained, and it cannot be said that the company has supplied any heat to the consumer. But when so converted it is equally true that the heat thus obtained is not received from the company."—Bradstreet's.

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Witness
J. W. Wilson

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