

Mr. Wiman stated to me at the above interview, that in filing the suit of said Lord against the said Mutual Union Telegraph Company, they relied almost entirely for their grounds upon the testimony of said George E. Baker, who was now in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company' but who had been recently for a time in the employ of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company. He stated that as soon as he returned to his office he would send me a copy of a copy of a report Mr. Baker had made to him of the condition of certain lines of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, which Mr. Baker had inspected while formerly in its service. I told him that I understood that Mr. Baker had made official reports of his inspection of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company's lines at the time he made said inspections, and had reported in the most favorable terms upon them as to their poles, wire, insulation, and construction. Mr. Wiman said, "Oh, my! if that is the case, we are ruined in our suit. If the Mutual Union Telegraph Company possess a report of Baker favorable to the construction of their lines, we would be thrown immediately out of court," and added words to the effect that they would make a laughing stock of themselves. I stated that the clerk referred to in the office of John G. Moore & Company could no doubt get him copies of said reports of the inspection of the lines of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company made by said inspector, Baker. He begged me to endeavor to get the same laying stress upon the line between New York and Boston, as he said that in the first circular issued by the Mutual Union Telegraph Company for placing its bonds, it assured the public that it was building good and substantial lines of telegraph, at which time it had already constructed said line from New York to Boston. I obtained the original report of said inspector, Baker, to the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, of the said line between the Cities of New York and Boston, which I read entirely to said Wiman the following afternoon, and furnished a complete copy thereof to Mr. Wiman. The report commended the said lines in the highest degree and was very favorable. Mr. Wiman was astounded, as he said Baker had stated to him an entirely different state of facts, and Mr. Wiman said that he had some time previously sent out twenty-five letters to different parties in the country, naming, among others, Mr. J. Tillinghast, of Buffalo; Thomas Roache, Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Boston; that he had received answers to part of them, and that his faith in Baker's statements to him was very much shaken, from the fact that every response he had received from said communications was in the highest degree favorable as to the thoroughness of the construction of the lines of the said Mutual Union Telegraph Company, and stated that they had requested samples of the wire to be sent here, which samples of wire had been pronounced by experts to be of the very best, and that unfortunately all that they had learned in this direction was unfavorable to their proposed grounds to be furnished said Edwin Lord in his suit against said Mutual Union Telegraph Company.

On the following morning, I think, to the last named interview, I received from said Wiman, through the mail, a letter with certain inclosures, which letter requested me to obtain, if in my power, certain information from Washington which he thought was correct, and if so would be injurious to the reputation of one of the officers of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company. This letter related to personal transactions occurring some ten years ago. Previous to this interview, and earlier in the day, Mr. Wiman had