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TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION.

Human life is made up of a multiplicity of interests, and ever and anon there comes a time to every mortal when in bitterness of spirit they have cried, "would that I had warning ere that came to pass." There are none spared these trials of patience, though some by a greater mental endowment and higher gifts avoid for a time the pitfalls into which those less favored fall.

FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED!

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What is Your Vocation in Life? How Have You Prospered? What are Your Hopes for the Future?

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Parlors Over the Star Clothing House.

FAILURES DECREASED.

Were Less in 1895 Than in the Previous Year.

LIABILITIES SLIGHTLY GREATER.

R. G. Dun & Co. Report Remarkable Contrasts During the Week in Prices of Materials and Manufactured Products—Cotton and Wheat Exports Seriously Affected by Frantic Speculation—Remarkable Changes Noted in the Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: The commercial failures during the complete year 1895 number 13,197, against 13,885 in 1894, but the aggregate of liabilities is slightly greater, $173,196,000 against $172,992,856, so that the average per failure is $13,124, against $12,458 in 1894. The bright promise offered by a large decrease in the first quarter was followed by a small increase in the second and third quarters and a large increase in the last quarter of the year. In that quarter also the deferred liabilities to each firm in business increased, and also the proportion of deferred liabilities to payments through clearing houses.

Fluctuations of Prices.

Remarkable contrasts are shown this week in prices of materials and manufactured products. Compared with Jan. 1, 1895, prices of manufactured products and of materials rose for pig-iron, 75.1 per cent. at the highest point, but only 9.1 at the close, while manufactures of iron rose 53.7 at the highest point and 23.5 at the close, anthracite coal rising 15.3, but closing 5.6 per cent lower than Jan. 1, 1895. Cotton rose 91.7 per cent. at the highest point and 47.1 per cent. at the close. Hides rose 25.5 at the highest point and 13 at the close, leather 48 at the highest and 21.4 at the close, and boots and shoes 77.9 at the highest and 12.6 at the close.

Light on the Depression.

Wools rose 7.7 at the highest point and 6.9 at the close, but woolen goods rose only one-eighth of 1 per cent. at the highest point, closing a shade weaker. Silk, 14.3 at the highest point, and 10.7 at the close. The comparisons cast much light on the depression and increase in failures during the last quarter. Produce markets have been the theatre of surprising changes, which have influenced all business. The acreage in cotton was wisely restricted, in order to give producers a better chance for fair returns, and the crop was further reduced to some extent by injury, but growers were injured still more by frantic speculation, which checked exports, and by false information and [illegible]

False Reports Sent Out.

Wheat producers suffered in like manner from wild speculation, which prevented the exporting of many million bushels, and false reports, which encouraged farmers to keep back their grain until the cream had been taken off the market by speculators. The inevitable consequence [illegible] the yield being clearly in excess of all demands, while Atlantic exports for the last five weeks, flour included, have been 9,411,250 bushels, against 9,703,673 last year. The great crop of corn has materially affected the prices of meats.

Arrested for Embezzlement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—James D. Page, 42 years old, once a prominent lawyer of San Francisco, was arrested in this city Friday on a telegram from the San Francisco police. Page is accused of having embezzled trust funds of the estate of an insane ward named Lichtenberg, whose guardian he was, to the amount of $4,362. He disappeared from San Francisco about three weeks ago and was traced from there to Salt Lake City and afterwards to this city. Extradition papers for his return to California are now being prepared.

Killed by a Boiler Explosion.

ZANESVILLE, O., Jan. 6.—An engine used on the Columbus, Sandusky and Hocking Railway, between Fultonham and Mount Perry, exploded its boiler Saturday. Bert Meed, the engineer, and Fireman Frank Hesse were instantly killed. Ira Norris, the conductor of the freight which was being assisted over the grade, was fatally injured, and Fred Crects, a brakeman, cannot be found. All the men reside at Shawnee.

To Increase Foreign Trade.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—John B. Kirk, vice president for Illinois of the National Association of Manufacturers for the United States, is busily engaged preparing for the big convention to be held at Central Music hall Jan. 21 to 23 inclusive. Mr. Kirk has sent out scores of invitations and many acceptances have been received. The meeting will be for the purpose of forming plans for the building up of a more extensive foreign trade.

Beaten by Footpads.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—W. Lewis Frazer, head of the art department of The Century Magazine, is in a precarious condition as a result of an assault made upon him by footpads as he was going to his apartments from the Players' club, of which he is a member. He was beaten into insensibility and afterwards taken to a police station. The police have so far made no report on the case.

Dropped Dead at His Home.

EL PASO, Ills., Jan. 6.—George Thorpe, one of the pioneers of this county, dropped dead at his home here of heart disease. He leaves an estate valued at $100,000. Mrs. Hall died yesterday afternoon of consumption. She was the wife of Henry Hall, who dropped dead of heart disease Thursday afternoon in the postoffice.

Killed by an Elevator.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—An elevator in Lowenthal Bros. warehouse, 515 Canal street, dropped Friday, killing Paul Linde of 77 South Sangamon street, and severely injuring Samuel Brest of 234 West Fourteenth street and Halacro Shapoero of 78 Fulton street. The elevator fell a distance of fifty feet.

Would Follow His Father's Steps.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Carter H. Harrison, son and namesake of the late Mayor Harrison, of this city, it is said would like to represent the Sixth district in congress. And the politicians of his party are saying they intend to make him their candidate.

Collapse of a Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—The second strike of the conductors and unformen of the street car companies in this city has come to an end, the men obeying the notice to return to work.

FRAUDULENT DEBTOR ACT

Public Attention Called to Two Cases at Manistee, Mich.

MANISTEE, Mich., Jan. 6.—The action of the supreme court in sustaining the constitutionality of the fraudulent debtor act of Michigan has directed public attention to the case of Henry C. and Charles H. Dummer of this city in whose behalf the case was brought. With the legality of their imprisonment fully affirmed, the two imprisoned debtors have apparently no alternative but to remain in jail as long as the creditor at whose instance they have been incarcerated sees fit to pay their board. The First National bank of Manistee, which brought the action, has been paying the sheriff $1 a day for the board of the two men for the last eight months and apparently intends to continue.

From 1888 to 1894 Charles H. and Henry C. Dummer were proprietors of a clothing and furnishing goods store on River street in Manistee. In August, 1894, the firm failed. The bank lost $800. After investigating it concluded that the failure was simply a premeditated scheme to defraud. Having come to this conclusion, the bank caused the Dummers to be arrested in November under the fraudulent debtor act, and on Dec. 28 1894, they were found guilty by Circuit Court Commissioner Erb, who ordered them committed to jail until discharged, according to the provisions of the law.

The men are confined in what is called the woman's cell in the county jail. It is 8x12 feet and about 8 feet high. One basement window furnishes light and ventilation and one bed has to do for both. The elder man shows the effect of his long confinement, being under the doctor's care most of the time. For a time after being taken to jail the men were allowed the use of the corridors, but the bank officials informed the sheriff that he must comply with the law and keep them locked up. The bank, it seems, is determined to have the law enforced to the letter, though the sheriff is inclined to do all he can to make things pleasant for his prisoners.

KNOCKED THE PRIEST DOWN

Much Excitement Caused Over a Sermon at Houghton, Mich.

HOUGHTON, Jan. 6.—William F. Miller, ex-county treasurer, Friday knocked down Father Raczek, the pastor of St. Ignatius' Catholic church, in the parlor of the parsonage. In his New Year sermon the Rev. Raczek spoke of marriages between Protestants and Catholics, in which he said: "Where such marriages were not performed by a priest the Lord regarded them as void and the off-spring of said marriages were necessarily illegitimate."

Mrs. Miller, who is a Catholic, and who was married to Mr. Miller, a Protestant, outside of the church, was present. She [illegible] the remarks and told her husband and he call[illegible] the priest Friday and asked if he [illegible] to Calumet [illegible] Hancock [illegible] ing an evasive re[illegible] it. Raczek [illegible] priest down. There [illegible] knocked [illegible] over the sermon and [illegible] much excitement [illegible] be laid before Bish[illegible] the whole [illegible] quette.

Fifteen Persons Injured.

MEADVILLE, Pa., Jan. 6.—Erie train No. 5, the New York and Chicago vestibule limited, while running forty miles an hour struck an open switch and collided with a locomotive in the New York and Pennsylvania yards here. Fifteen persons were hurt, among them: Mrs. Cyrus Adams, 327 East Seventeenth street, New York; Mrs. S. E. Harris, 20 East Ninth street, New York; Richard Johnson, engineer. All the injured continued their journey in charge of one of the surgeons of the railway company.

Fire at Great Falls, Mont.

GREAT FALLS, Jan. 6.—With the thermometer 20 degrees below zero Friday the fire department was called at 7:30 to fight a stubborn blaze in the wholesale and retail fruit house of J. T. Fox on Central avenue. It soon spread to the drug store of the Driver Bradley Drug company. Both stocks and the buildings, which were owned by Murphy, Maclay & Co., were totally destroyed, causing a loss of $50,000. Adjoining property was badly damaged by smoke. The insurance was about half the loss.

Swindled by a Clever Forger.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 6.—A clever forger has been operating here and has thus far managed to elude the pursuing detectives. It is estimated he took not less than $10,000 with him. Nearly fifty forged checks for various amounts are said to have been passed, a bank cashier's certification stamp being used. The forger was known as Koch, Charles E. Rhodes, and by other names. The officials of several banks admit the forgeries, but claim losses are small.

American Bridge Works Damaged.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Fire damaged the plant of the American Bridge works to the extent of between $75,000 and $100,000 Saturday. The flames originated in the machine shop, supposedly from an overheated stove. The watchman, John Bergstrom, was asleep in a chair near the stove, and awoke to find the framework ablaze. In making his escape he was severely burned. It is not, however, believed that his injuries will result fatally.

Was a Terrible Slaughter.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 6.—The recent massacre at Orfah is stated to have been a terrible affair. The official dispatches admit that 900 Christians were killed, but according to private accounts, about 2,000 Christians were killed. No further details of the massacre, however, have been received. A massacre is said to have occurred at Biredjik, an important town on the Euphrates.

Rumor of a Yacht Disaster.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 6.—There is a rumor here that the yacht Talisman, having on board a party of wealthy gentlemen from New York, has been wrecked off Cape Hatteras and the entire party drowned. The wires are down between here and Hatteras and the rumor cannot be verified. It cannot be traced to a reliable source here.

Declines to Interfere.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Governor Morton has declined to interfere in the execution of the sentence of death in the case of Bartholomew Shea, convicted of the murder of Robert Ross at Troy in March 1894.

Colliery Destroyed by Fire.

HAZLETON, Pa., Jan. 6.—Pardee & Co.'s Cranberry colliery was entirely destroyed by fire Friday night and several adjacent buildings burned. Loss not ascertainable at present.

JAMESON NOT KILLED.

He, with Other Prisoners, Safe in Pretonia Jail.

DISPATCHES FROM THE TRANSVAAL.

The Number of Killed in the Recent Encounter Estimated at Seventy—About 500 Prisoners Captured by the Boers—Citizens of Johannesburg Appeal to President Kruger—Crespo Suppresses a Proposed Rebellion in Venezuela.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The colonial office received a dispatch from Johannesburg Saturday morning saying that all is now quiet there. An official dispatch received at the colonial office from Sir Hercules Robinson, the governor of Cape Colony, says:

"Dewet (Sir Jacob Dewet), the British agent at Pretoria, wires: Everything is quiet and no further serious disturbances will occur. A deputation from the Johannesburg reform committee came over yesterday evening giving guarantees to keep the peace and maintain order. I

PRESIDENT KRUGER.

waited upon President Kruger and informed him of the guarantees. He gave me the assurance that pending your arrival, if the Johannesburg people keep quiet and commit no hostile acts or in any way break the laws of the country, Johannesburg will not be molested or surrounded by the burgher forces. The deputation was highly grateful for the assurance and pledged the committee to preserve peace and order.

Moderation and Forbearance.

"I take this opportunity of testifying in the strongest manner to the great moderation and forbearance of the government of the Transvaal under exceptionally trying circumstances. Their attitude toward myself was everything I could wish. The leaders have just arrived. The casualties on the [illegible] are said to be severe and on the side of the burghers very slight."

Another dispatch from Sir Hercules Robinson to Mr. Chamberlain says:

"Dewet wires that Jameson's wounded number one-thirty. They are all at Krugersdorp and attended by doctors. Their names and the details of their wounds cannot yet be given. The number of killed is estimated at seventy; but no reliable information is obtainable. The bodies are still being picked up on the battlefield and buried. The Capetown papers state that Dr. Jameson, Sir Charles Willoughby and Captain White (a brother of Lord Annaly), are lodged in Pretoria jail. Gray and Coventry (Captain Charles J. Coventry of the Bechuanaland police and a brother of the Earl of Coventry), are wounded. The Boers captured about five hundred prisoners."

NIPPED IN THE BUD.

President Crespo Takes Steps to Suppress a Revolution.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 6.—A profound sensation has been caused by the arrest of General Hermogene Lopez, once the president of Venezuela in the time of Guzman Blanco. The arrest was made, it is said, because of the discovery of revolutionary correspondence involving the latter. English capitalists, it is rumored, have approached Guzman Blanco to stir up a rebellion here. Among other arrests are General Gonzalez, Guiana chief of police under Guzman Blanco; Domingo Carbajal, a revolutionary chief in the time of President Palacio; the Paredes brothers and Valencia.

President Crespo is determined to suppress the movement at any cost. The militia has been enrolled, but not armed yet, and probably will not be until everything is quiet. Next Sunday President Crespo will issue a printed address to the people of Venezuela, giving the actual position of the government on the Guiana question, expressing the gratitude of the nation to President Cleveland for his attitude in upholding the Monroe doctrine, so necessary to the maintenance of the independence of the southern republic, and urging the people to bury political discord and present a solid front to the English invader. At the same time General Crespo counsels the people to be calm, to refrain from violence, and to await the action of the United States.

Havana Up in Arms.

KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 6.—Startling advices have been received here from the city of Havana to the effect that the whole province of Havana is up in arms against the government. While no details are given of actual engagements, the reports say that the government troops are falling back everywhere in the disaffected western region before the triumphant rebel army. Another report received here at a late hour is that a conspiracy to destroy the government buildings in Havana by dynamite has just been disclosed and the plot of the conspirators frustrated.

Cyclists Object to a Tax.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 6.—The army of bicyclists in Omaha are circulating petitions to prevent the city council levying a tax on wheels. A proposition is before the body to make each wheel owner pay $1 per year and requiring in addition very stringent rules for controlling the use of wheels on the street. Bicyclists assert that this is an imposition since the streets are not kept free from glass and other sharp articles.

Ward Pleads Not Guilty.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 6.—A. K. Ward, [illegible] indicted for forgery of paper [illegible] regarding nearly $[illegible] pleaded not guilty in the criminal court Friday. Ward was remanded back to jail for a full trial. The date of [illegible] has not yet been fixed.

UTAH NOW A STATE.

President Cleveland Signs the Proclamation—Rejoicing at Salt Lake City.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The president at 10 o'clock Saturday morning signed the proclamation admitting Utah to statehood.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 6.—Manager Brown of the Western Union Telegraph company fired two guns in front of his office at 9:15 a. m. as an agreed signal that the president had signed the proclamation admitting Utah as a state. At noon a salute of twenty-one guns was fired by the artillery on Capitol hill. Many flags were displayed on the public buildings but no unusual demonstrations were noticed on the streets. The enthusiasm is being held in check until Monday, when the inaugural ceremonies will take place. All the public business of the territory has been closed up ready for the new order of things to be inaugurated Monday. Governor Wells has been busy most of the forenoon receiving congratulations.

RITTER SUED FOR $36,500.

Officer of Solicitors' Loan and Trust Company Charged with Withholding Bonds.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—As a result of the failure of the Solicitors' Loan and Trust company suit was begun Saturday against J. Rush Ritter, real estate officer of that concern, and who is directly charged with being responsible for the assignment, to recover $36,500 with interest from Nov. 7 last.

The suit was instituted by Alex. F. Matthews, who alleges that Ritter is indebted to him in the sum of $26,500 for money received by him and held subject to the plaintiff's order. He also states that Ritter held for safe-keeping bonds of the Citizens' Street Railway company of Indianapolis, of the face value of $10,000, belonging to Matthews. These bonds, Matthews charges, Ritter has converted to his own use and, although he has made repeated demands for the return of the cash and bonds, Ritter has refused to make any settlement.

BARRED FROM SUING.

Decision of Great Interest to Railroad Employes.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6.—Judge Baker of the federal court held, on a demurrer in a suit brought by Eugene Otis against the Pennsylvania Railway company, that the plaintiff, disabled by accident, was not entitled to damages because he had accepted the benefits of the defendant's voluntary relief association.

Otis claimed that his injuries were caused by the carelessness of a drunken engineer, and during his disablement he accepted relief from the voluntary association, which, in the judgment of the court, estops him from claiming damages. The court also held that he should have elected between suing for damages and accepting relief.

Trans-Mississippi Exposition.

OMAHA, Jan. 6.—The articles of incorporation of the trans-Mississippi and international exposition were formally adopted and signed at a meeting of the executive committee Friday afternoon. The headquarters of the corporation is located at Omaha and the nature of the business as defined, is "To provide for and hold during the months of August, September and October, in the year 1898, within or near the city of Omaha, an exposition of all the products, industries and civilization of the states and territories west of the Mississippi river and also such exhibits as may be provided by the United States or any state or any foreign country."

Death Caused by Negligence.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—Coroner Walt held an inquest Friday on the body of George Rothwailer, the brakeman who was crushed to death New Year's eve in a collision between the Vandalia passenger train and the Wabash in the terminal railway tunnel. The testimony of W. P. Fleming, the operator at the Main street entrance to the tunnel, was the most important, showing that the responsibility for the wreck was entirely due to his negligence. A verdict was returned to this effect. Fleming has not yet been arrested but it is probable that a warrant will be issued charging him with criminal negligence.

Battle of Princeton Celebrated.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 6.—The New Jersey Society Sons of the Revolution held a banquet at Princeton inn Friday night in commemoration of the battle of Princeton, which was fought Jan. 3, 1777. The following toasts were responded to: "The Battle of Princeton," W. W. Vroom; "Sons of the Revolution," Dean Murray; "Progress of the Society," ex Governor Carroll, president of the national society. C. H. Sinnickson, vice president of the New Jersey branch, acted as toastmaster.

Attempt to Poison a Witness.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 6.—Marshall Adams, who was the principal witness to be called in the Eyler-McKone adultery case, Friday was taken suddenly ill on the stand and went into convulsions before he could be taken home. His condition is critical. Physicians say it is a case of arsenical poisoning. Adams said he took a drink of sodawater with a friend whose name he does not remember and saw the bartender put something else into the glass.

Spent Most of His Time in Prison.

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—The young man shot in Chicago by Justice Blume was Charles Ross, who was born in Toronto. He was the son of a second-hand furniture dealer on Ternbley street. From the age of 14 he has passed most of his time in prison for petty larceny, shop breaking, and picking pockets. He escaped from the Central prison in September last and went to Buffalo. Two months ago his mother heard from him in Chicago.

Failure in Corsets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—H. & S. Struss, manufacturers of corsets at Newark, N. J., with warerooms in this city, assigned Saturday to Edmund E. Wise without preferences. The firm has been in business about twenty years. Platzek, Strusck & Herzog, attorneys for the assignors, report the liabilities at about $200,000 and the nominal assets exceed the indebtedness.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Rev. NATHANIEL G. CLARKE, D.D., LL.D., at Boston.

S. F. PENFIELD, one of the officers of the [illegible] at Rockford, Ill.

JOHN CLARK, prominent banker of Franklin, Ind.

READY FOR BUSINESS.

Venezuelan Commission Holds Its First Session.

CONSULTS WITH SECRETARY OLNEY

Each Member of the Commission Presented with His Official Appointment—Justice Brewer Is Chosen President and Commissioner Gilman Is Empowered to Obtain Maps—Rumors Concerning the Bond Issue—Other Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The members of the Venezuela commission, Mr. Whitelaw Reid being absent, were at the state department Saturday and had an important conference with Secretary Olney.

Mr. Coudert was the first member of the commission to appear at the state department. He arrived about 10:30 o'clock, accompanied by his son, and had a short chat with Assistant Secretary Uhl, who showed him into Secretary Olney's office. About fifteen minutes later Justice Brewer and Mr. Gilman appeared and were admitted at once to see Secretary Olney.

DAVID J. BREWER.

Judge Alvey was the last member to come to the department. The fifth member, Mr. White, has not yet reached Washington. After exchanging greetings with the secretary and with one another, Secretary Olney presented to each member a commission, of which the following is a representative copy:

Wording of the Commission.

"TO THE HON. DAVID J. BREWER: You are hereby appointed member of the commission to investigate and report upon the true location of the division line between the territory of the republic of Venezuela and that of British Guiana.

"It is expected that the commission will avail itself of all possible sources of information, will apply to the matter all pertinent rules of municipal and international law, and will make a report to the [illegible] with the evidence and documents submitted to and considered by them, with as little delay as is compatible with the thorough and impartial consideration of the subject to be dealt with.

"In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be patent and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

"Given under my hand at the city of Washington, on the 4th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twentieth.

"GROVER CLEVELAND.

"By the president:

"Richard Olney, secretary of state."

Held a Consultation.

The members of the commission then entered upon a consultation with Secretary Olney, lasting a little over half an hour, probable with a view to securing a suitable meeting place and reaching an understanding as to what clerical and expert assistance would be necessary. The language of the commissions issued to the members so clearly, yet succinctly defines the nature of the tasks set for them that it left little to be said by Secretary Olney on this point, and the most important feature of his remarks was the explanation of the desire of the government that the commission should regard itself as entirely independent of control in the pursuance of its investigations, and as master of its own procedure at all times. At the conclusion of the conference with Secretary Olney the commission retired to the diplomatic room to hold the first preliminary meeting, Secretary Olney tendering the service of his own private secretary, Mr. Blandford, to act as recording secretary until other provision is made.

Justice Brewer was unanimously chosen president of the commission.

RUMORS OF BOND ISSUE.

New Loan May Be Postponed for Several Days.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The town is full of rumors about the forthcoming bond issue. One rumor has it that the issue will be made on Monday, and that it is going for $100,000,000; another, that there will be no issue till the senate finance committee reports. There is still another rumor that the public will be given the first opportunity to bid for the bonds, and still another, that while no contract with any syndicate has been made, yet the president has a very favorable offer from a syndicate, subject to his acceptance within the week. Secretary Carlisle will not be interviewed on the subject.

Place for a Virginian.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—L. F. Meyers of Richmond, Va., was Friday appointed assistant general superintendent of the railway mail service. The office has been vacant for about two years. Mr. Meyers is a son of President Meyers of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railway and is about 45 years old. Most of his life has been spent in railroad service.

Relief for Armenians.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The state department has been informed that the porte has consented to allow relief to be extended to the suffering Armenians through Americans residing in Turkey.

Against the Telephone Company.

DETROIT, Jan. 6.—The Wayne circuit court rendered unanimously an important decision against the Bell Telephone company. The court held that the company has no right to compel subscribers to sign its contract, also that the courts may, upon application of subscribers, determine as to what reasonable rates for telephones are. The case will be appealed.