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## UNITED STATES DECISIONS.

CONTRACT—CONSIDERATION:—A release executed by a railroad company as a condition of permitting an injured employee to return to work, without any undertaking on its part to continue the employment any longer than may be satisfactory to it, is held, in Missouri, K. & T. R. Co. v. Smith (Tex.) 66 L.R.A. 741, to be without consideration, and not binding on the employee.

NEGLIGENCE:—If the motorman in charge of an electric car going at a high rate of speed sees a runaway team approaching a crossing under such circumstances as must suggest to any mind that a collision is probable, and makes no effort to control or stop his car, it is held, in Wilson v. Chippewa Valley Electric R. Co. (Wis.) 66 L.R.A. 912, that he is guilty of that wanton and reckless disregard of human life which amounts in law to intentional wrong.

A street car company is held, in *Duchemin* v. Boston Elev. R. Co. (Mass.) 66 L.R.A. 980, not to owe to a person upon a street, where its car has stopped to receive him as a passenger, the same high degree of care with respect to defects in the car while he is approaching to enter it that it owes to passengers actually on board.

INITIATION ECCENTRICITIES:—The supreme lodge of a mutual benefit society which has authorized its agent, a local lodge, to initiate members into the order, is held, in *Mitchell* v. Leech (S.C.), 66 L.R.A. 723, to be liable for injuries inflicted upon a candidate by the use of a mechanical goat(!) in the initiation ceremony, although it has not authorized the use of such contrivance.

CONTEMPT OF COURT:—Criticism of the manner in which trials are conducted in Court is held, in *Ex parte Green* (Tex. Crim. App.) 66 L.E.A. 727, not to be punishable as a contempt of the Court, unless ... refers to some particular case pending before the Court.

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