

RAILWAYS:—The refusal of the agent at the intermediate terminal to indorse a return-trip ticket, which indorsement, according to the terms of the ticket, is necessary to validate it, is held, in *Texas & P. R. Co. v. Payne* (Tex.) 70 L.R.A. 946, not to be a final breach of its contract, by the carrier, so as to preclude recovery by the passenger of any damages that may subsequently accrue; and, where the passenger is ejected from the train when attempting to use the ticket, under circumstances of humiliation, it is held that he may recover damages therefor.

That it is not negligence, as matter of law, that a passenger who is upon a train so crowded that he cannot find a seat, and becomes sick because of lack of proper ventilation, and tobacco smoke, to seek relief upon a platform when unable to reach a window, is declared in *Morgan v. Lake Shore & M. S. R. Co.* (Mich.) 70 L.R.A. 609.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE:—A statute making it a misdemeanour to give Christian Science treatment for a fee is held, in *State v. Marble* (Ohio) 70 L.R.A. 835, not to be an interference with the rights of conscience and of worship.

OLD FOLKS' HOMES:—An agreement by an applicant for admission to an old folks' home to deliver to it all property which he may subsequently become the owner of, in consideration of maintenance during life, is held, in *Baltimore Humane Soc. v. Pierce* (Md.) 70 L.R.A. 485, to be void as against public policy. The question of validity of agreement to transfer future-acquired property in consideration of maintenance is treated in a note to this case.

MUNICIPAL LAW:—Knowledge of a policeman concerning a defect in a street is held, in *Cleveland v. Payne* (Ohio) 70 L.R.A. 841, not to be such notice to the municipality as to make it responsible for damages resulting from the defect, in the absence of any statute or ordinance charging policemen with the duty of repairing or looking after the streets.