

recklessness which is equivalent thereto: *Perkins vs. New York Central Railroad Company*.

But in respect to a gratuitous passenger it may contract for exemption from liability for any degree of negligence in its servants, other than the board of directors or managers who represent the corporation itself, for all general purposes: *Id.*

Whether the corporation is liable to a free passenger, so contracting, for negligence in the construction of the road, as upon an implied guaranty of its security, when the misconduct from which the injury resulted was that of a trackmaster who, knowingly, used rotten material in building a bridge, there being no evidence that it was known to the superior managing officers. *Quare: Id.*

Railroad—Liability for injury to free Passengers—Who are not free Passengers.—It seems that the owner of cattle, transported for hire on a railroad, and who goes along in charge of them, under a contract that "the persons riding free to take charge of the stock do so at their own risk of personal injury from whatever cause," is not to be regarded as a gratuitous passenger. Per WRIGHT, DENIO, and DAVIES, Js.: Smith vs. New York Central Railroad Company.

Whether, as to one who, in the manner stated, gives some consideration for being carried, a contract is valid which aims to exempt the carrier from liability for damages resulting from the negligence of his servants. *Quare: Id.*

The owner of cattle travelling in charge of them, under such a contract, and paying no independent consideration for the conveyance of himself, was injured by the gross negligence of an agent of the carrier in using an unfit and dangerous car. The carrier was held liable by a divided court, four of the judges going on the ground that the contract for exemption from liability was void, as against public policy; and the fifth, that the negligence, as it respected the machinery of transportation, is imputable to the carrier himself: *Id.*

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DIGEST OF AMERICAN CASES RELATING TO PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS, COPYRIGHTS, AND TRADE-MARKS, from 1789 to 1862. By STEPHEN D. LAW, Counsellor at Law, Author of "Law's United States Courts," &c. New York: Published by the Author, 52 John Street. 1862.

STATUTE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO COPYRIGHTS AND PATENTS FOR

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