

A MULE SUIT AT LAW.

There was a case on trial in the county court in Texas of interest to the legal profession. A German, by the name of Foster, is suing the Missouri Pacific Railway Company for their cars running over and killing his mule near Lorena. Mr. Foster was riding the mule driving some cows to water, and while crossing the embankment of the railroad the cars appeared in sight, 400 yards off. The mule, true to his innate spirit of curiosity, decided to stop, and would neither go backward nor forward. Mr. Foster tried to ride him off the track. That failing, he got off and tried to lead him away from impending death. Alarm whistles were blown, but like the boy that stood on the burning deck, that mule he would not stir until his life was knocked out of him by the heavy freight engine. The question raised is whether the company is responsible for the death of such a mule, when every effort was made to prevent the catastrophe. The road had to pay for the mule, but appealed the case.

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