

THE GREAT RAILROAD CASE.

Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company and Pennsylvania Railroad Company vs. The Catawissa and the Western Central Railroad Company, of Pennsylvania, and the Atlantic and Great Western Railway, of Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania.

Decision in Favor of the Plaintiffs.

Opinion of Justice Read at Nisi Prius To-Day.

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA IN AND FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE PHILADELPHIA AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY AND THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY vs. THE CATAWISSA AND THE WESTERN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, OF OHIO, NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA.

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Whenever this becomes necessary the superior advantages of the narrow gauge will be self-evident in the diminished width of roadway, the compactness, deepness of cuttings, and the decrease of cost in construction and superstructure, and of the rolling stock of the railway.

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