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Contractor Answers

Charles Reimard Says his Work in No Way Interferes With Railroad.

Asks For Dismissal of Bill.

William Chrisman, counsel for Charles Reimard contractor for the sub and super structure of the river bridge at Mifflinville, on Saturday morning filed the following answer in the matter:

In the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania. In equity. Between the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, plaintiff, and William Bogart, Geo. W. Sterner, W. H. Fisher, Commissioners of Columbia County, and Samuel Knecht and William J. Hosler, Supervisors of Mifflin township; Charles Reimard, contractors, and the King Bridge Company, sub-contractor, defendants.

Answer of Charles Reimard, one of the defendants, to the bill of complaint of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, complainants.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

One of above named defendants, Charles Reimard, reserving to himself the benefits of all exceptions to the complainant's bill, makes answer thereto and says:

First. He admits the first paragraph of the bill.

Second. He admits the second paragraph of the bill.

Third. He denies the third paragraph of the bill.

Fourth. He denies the fourth paragraph of the bill.

Fifth. He excepts to the fifth paragraph of the bill as impertinent for the reason that it is a conclusion of law and not an allegation of fact.

Sixth. He admits the sixth paragraph of the bill.

Seventh. He denies the seventh paragraph of the bill.

Eighth. He denies the eighth paragraph of the bill.

And for further answer to the whole of said bill, he, the said Charles Reimard, one of the defendants above named, avers: That his contract with the County Commissioners of Columbia County is for the erection and construction of the sub and super structure of said bridge; that he has nothing to do with the construction of a highway crossing at the grade or otherwise, across the tracks of the plaintiff, that he does not intend to construct said crossing or any of the approaches to the said bridge, except to fill between the wing wall of the same which does not cross nor interfere with said railroad.

He therefore prays that the said bill be dismissed as to him with costs.

WM. CHRISMAN,
Solicitor for Charles Reimard.

Monday next, August 31 at two o'clock in the afternoon is the time set by Judge Little to hear the argument, and the proceedings give promise of being interesting. The knotty legal problems involved and the strong array of counsel engaged adds importance to the matter. The counsel are as follows:

Levi Waller and Judge Hinckley for the plaintiff, Capt. J. B. Robison for the Commissioners, Ikeler & Ikeler for the Mifflin Supervisors, Grant Herring and Vanderslice for the King Bridge Company and William Chrisman for Charles Reimard.

DANVILLE NOT IN IT.

BloomSBurg won from Danville at tennis on the Y. M. C. A. court Monday afternoon. There were quite a few spectators present and the frequent clever plays were enthusiastically applauded. In the opening event Rishton and Dentler were opposed by Watson and Clark. Two sets were played, Rishton and Dentler winning both. Scores 7-5 and 6-3. The players in the second event were Prof. Peck and Ent for BloomSBurg and Jennings and Gosh for Danville. The first set was easily won by Danville, by the score of 5 to 1. In the second set however the locals picked up wonderfully, and won 6-2. The last set was the most hotly contested of the day. Both sides put up a good game and BloomSBurg only won after the hardest kind of playing 7-5. The sport was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. Another match will be played at Danville on Monday.

Council Proceedings.

The Paving of Main Street from Market to Center. Now in Prospect.

Contract Let for Irondale Road

There was but one absentee at Friday night's meeting of the Town Council. The calendar was filled, owing to the meeting having been deferred, with business of considerable importance, and it was all transacted.

The report made by Geo. M. Hughes, of the committee on Streets and Highways, showed progress in the matter of right-of-way at the Deiffenbach house. The committee was continued.

Inasmuch as no other bids have been received for the grading of the new Irondale road, it was decided that W. B. Ferguson's bid of \$1,883.70, be accepted as soon as satisfactory bond is furnished. The bid does not include pipe culvert but is about \$1400 less than any other bid.

In the matter of application for additional hose, made by Fire Chief, no report made as the committee was not fully informed.

In regard to application for fire alarm box, at the corner of Iron and First streets, as prayed for by the residents of that section and recommended by the Fire Chief, it being considered necessary, a box was ordered placed at this point.

In the matter of paving that portion of Main street, from Market to Centre street, as has been talked about, Secretary was ordered to learn the price of brick and also the time it would take to deliver them, in order to ascertain time and cost of this improvement.

A water plug in Scott alley, Scott Town, moved below crossing, and Street Commissioner instructed to designate place it is to be located.

New crossings ordered placed at south side Eyer alley, on Fifth street, on Main street, north side of Jefferson street, and on the north side of street near Giger's barn. Commissioner to use his best judgment in the material used.

Commissioner instructed to inspect Magee Avenue as to the number of probable taps for the proposed sewer extension of that street and report at next session of Council.

Sewer at Carpet Mill having been again stopped up and opened by the Street Commissioner, committee instructed to devise means to do away with the cause of the stoppage in order to avoid future expense in opening and closing the ground and removing the accumulations from the pipes.

Mr. Magee will be instructed to place proper crossing, of stone or brick, at driveway in rear of the Leader store on Fourth street, as soon as possible, as a portion of the pavement at this point has been removed.

A motion to extend sewer on East Third street, from the Neal property to the Mendenhall property, was considered, and after the motion was withdrawn matter was referred to Committee on Sewers for thorough investigation, and be reported later in order that the Council can intelligently consider the advisability of going to this expense.

Street Commissioner reported complaint that the Lackawanna Railroad crossing at Seventh street, had been built, they not placing a waterway under the tracks. The Lackawanna will be requested to make the proper drainage arrangements as soon as is possible.

A dangerous outside cellar door was reported at the corner of West and Seventh streets. The Street Commissioner will notify owners to take proper precautions within the proper time.

The drainage pipe intersecting the Harman & Hassart lot on East street often becomes clogged. Mr. Neyhard will see that it is kept open and the expense divided by the town and the firm, as the town's refuse helps in causing this stoppage.

The garbage question was discussed at length, and dumps, both at Market street and Catharine St. were reported as not being properly cared for, and Mr. Waller will be consulted as to leasing clay pit on his property farmed by Mr. Ferguson.

To The Public:

It is no longer considered a violation of banking ethics to ask for what we would like to have, and acting on the theory that what is greatly worth having is certainly worth asking for.

The Bloomsburg National Bank

Solicits the accounts of all responsible people, promising all the courtesies that are usually extended by an obliging and carefully conducted banking house. We propose to continue to conduct our business on safe and strictly business lines, believing that such a course will be to the best advantage of the public generally.

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

Wanted For Murder.

William Merdock Now in Jail Awaiting Trial Answers Description of Missing Man.

Crime Committed at Altoona.

A crime far more serious than that of highway robbery, for which Joseph Rhone and William Merdock are now in the Columbia County jail awaiting trial at September term, may be hanging over the latter.

Some months ago murder was committed at Altoona, and he is suspected. R. C. Jones, of Wilkes-Barre, formerly a coal and iron police, now detective for Luzerne County, was in town on Monday, with a description of Merdock. In company with W. W. Black and photographer Beagle, he visited the jail, and the latter took a snapshot of the prisoners, which will be used for the purpose of identification by the authorities at Altoona. The prisoners would no doubt have objected to having their photos taken, but it was done so quickly that not until it was all over, did they realize what had been done.

Mr. Jones says that Merdock answers the description of the wanted man. He is to all appearances a desperate character, and has every phase of accomplished villainy at his fingers' ends.

The robbery for which he and Rhone are being held is that of Henry Ohl, which was committed a short distance below town on the 28th of last month. With them at the time were two women, Maggie Coons and Alice Smith. The women were arrested and given a hearing before Squire Jacoby but were released. They have since disappeared.

HANDSOME NEW FRONT.

The improvement at the F. P. Pursel store which has been going on for the past few weeks is working a complete transformation in the appearance of the building. Four large plate glass windows now beautify the building, which will afford the best and most commodious window display in town. A concrete pavement is being laid on both sides of the building. When the improvements are completed the store will present a decidedly metropolitan appearance.

ANOTHER TELEPHONE COMPANY.

C. B. Ent is now canvassing the rural districts of the county soliciting subscribers for the Columbia County Telephone Company. It will be a stock company and will give the service to homes at \$15.00 a year, and business places at \$18.00. It runs into the upper end of this county and into Luzerne and Lycoming. No doubt the south side of the river will also be included eventually. It will not be many years before it will be within the reach of every farmer to have telephone connection.

Wedding Announced.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Maud Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Barton of West Main street to Oliver H. Watts, of Middletown, Pa. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's parents at high noon Wednesday, Sept. 9th, and they will be at home at 61 North Catharine street Middletown, after Oct. 1st.

The Bloomsburg public schools will open on Monday.

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If so you will be interested in

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All first class and reliable. We name a few specials, but come and see our big line and Special Offering at special prices. These are all good game procurers if properly handled.

SPECIAL GUNS.

A double barrel gun with fine walnut stock, clean bore, finely finished. Always \$10.00, Special at \$8.48 each. This is a 12 gauge gun, a great field piece.

Here is a beautiful 12 gauge hammerless, double barrel, clean bore finely finished. Left barrel choked, right barrel modified. Always \$28.00. We will sell a few at \$22.00. Come and see it.

HUNTING COATS

At money saving prices. Don't expect these coats at these prices all season, but now.

The old favorite hunting coat that you have always paid \$2.00 for now \$1.65.

The regular \$1.25 hunting coat in this sale at 98 cents.

Leggings from \$1.25 to 50 cents a pair. Hunting Vests and belts 50 cts to 25 ct.

We claim this to be the finest assortment of Hunter's Goods of all kinds, and at less prices than ever offered in Bloomsburg.

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

FOR SALE BY

J. G. Wells,

General Hardware,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

DECISION FAVORED BERWICK.

Berwick and the Friendships played a pretty game of ball on Normal field Saturday afternoon. By grace of Mr. Splain the umpire, Berwick left the field at the close of the ninth inning with the victory, though it was apparent to the spectators that this usually fair and impartial official was wrong, and the score was a tie at 3-3. It may be that the decision which gave the visitors a run in the seventh inning after two men were out and the bases full and the batter fielded out at first, was a misinterpretation of the rules on the part of Splain, but he has been in the game long enough to know better, and if we are not mistaken the same thing has occurred frequently before in games in which he has officiated, and his decisions have invariably been the opposite from that of Saturday.

Aside from this one point the game was hotly contested, and the spectators though barely more than a handful, were given their monies' worth. The score by innings follows:

Friendship 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 = 3
Berwick 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 = 3

Battery for Bloom, Rabb and Rinker; for Berwick, Smith and Chamberlain. Hits Bloom 7, Berwick 7. Errors Bloom 4, Berwick 2.

WORK BEING RUSHED.

The time is not far distant when the Christian denomination which has quite a following in town will yet have to be dependent on the favor of other people for a building in which to hold their services. Work on their new church on West street has been commenced, and the excavations are moving along with considerable speed. Just as soon as the foundation is ready the work of construction will be started.

Hon. and Mrs. Fred Ikeler were among the invited guests who witnessed the launching of the Armoured Cruiser Pennsylvania at Cramp's Ship-yard, Philadelphia, on Saturday.



FALL SUITS

HERE'S A POINTER FOR "EARLY BIRDS."

Our new suits are arriving daily—and while it may be a little too soon to mothball the Summer Suit, still it's none too soon to make your selection of a smart and snappy Suit for Fall and Winter wear.

The Single and Double Breasted styles are both very attractive—shapely shoulders—narrow collars and lapels—all hand made. Good generous trousers.

There's a dash and swing to every Suit that will make a man Glad He's Inside of it.

Large range in prices. We start in at \$5.00 and run along by easy steps way up to \$20.00. Every price a fair one, with the guarantee of "money back if you want it" attached to every Suit.

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Corner Main and Center Streets.

Come in and see us,
we'll treat you right.

Prices Reduced Quality and Style not reduced.	Shirt Waists Reduced.	Prices Reduced Quality and Style not reduced.
White Shirt Waists, Graduated flounces, waist trimmed with Hamburg insertion. Were 3.90 now 2.75	T H E L E A D E R D E P A R T M E N T S T O R E	White Lawn Skirts. Some with Tucked circular flounces, others with box plaits and tucks. From 3.00 to 2.00
White Shirt Waists, Tucked skirts trimmed with lace insertion and tucks. Were 4.25 now 3.00		Shirt Waists, Striped Madras, Lawns and Gingham 2.00, 2.50, and 3.00. From 3.00, 3.50 and 4.00
White Striped Madras Suits, Gored skirt, shirred flounces, waist trimmed with lace and tucks. Were 5.90 now 4.75		Shirt Waists, Striped Madras and Lawns. Were 75c and 1.00. Now 39 cents.
Special Prices on All Shirt Waists and SHIRT WAIST SUITS.		Special Prices on all Summer Fabrics and SUMMER WASH GOODS.