

The Columbian.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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THE COLUMBIAN has the largest circulation in Columbia and adjoining counties of any paper published here, and is also a much larger sheet than any of its contemporaries, and is therefore the best medium for advertising in this section of the State.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

HARRISBURG, Pa., January 19, 1905. The Democratic State Convention of 1905, held at the Hotel Hamilton, Harrisburg, Pa., on January 19, 20, 21, and 22, was the largest and most successful ever held in this State. It was held in the Hotel Hamilton, Harrisburg, Pa., on January 19, 20, 21, and 22, and was the largest and most successful ever held in this State.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Democratic county convention of Columbia County was held at the Hotel Hamilton, Harrisburg, Pa., on January 19, 20, 21, and 22, and was the largest and most successful ever held in this State. It was held in the Hotel Hamilton, Harrisburg, Pa., on January 19, 20, 21, and 22, and was the largest and most successful ever held in this State.

A Plan for Maintaining the Poor.

It is manifestly the duty of every community to extend such aid to any and every individual in it as may be necessary to supply his or her absolute wants. How this may be done with the most completeness and the least expense is a subject which, just now, owing to the large increase of poverty, is being anxiously discussed. We propose the following plan which we think would to a large extent answer the inquiries of our people.

Procure an act of assembly authorizing the county commissioners to assess and collect a tax not to exceed 25 mills on the dollar upon all the taxable property of the county, which would secure a sum of not less than \$27,000. With this sum purchase a tract of land, to be selected by trustees, one from each township, elected by the people, and erect thereon suitable buildings, machinery, &c., for the comfort and employment of the whole country. This tax would be a general tax and the land and buildings would be owned by the county, the same as the Court House and county Jail would be always worth so far as the land goes, at least as much as its costs.

To this plan, let all the poor of the county be sent and kept, and if it is found not to be self-sustaining, charge the different townships with the deficiency in proportion to the number of poor, respectively.

This tax would be special in its character and would be governed by the number of poor in each township. In other words, it would be different to show the advantage of having its poor kept systematically, without taking any of the burthen of other townships.

The Radical newspapers are claiming some credit for their part, because the State debt has been reduced to \$5,000,000. It would not be difficult to show that with honest and careful management, such as we had under Democratic rule, the debt could have been reduced to \$30,000,000.

The receipts into the State Treasury for the last five years from several sources have increased enormously, and especially from the tax on corporation stocks, now reaching alone the large sum of \$1,200,000.

The tax on real estate was indeed taken off, but the following new taxes were added, all of which came out of the people's pockets in some shape or other, and therefore nothing was gained by it except what is gained by throwing dust in people's eyes.

We give the receipts from these new taxes for the last year:

1 Mill Tax	\$ 37,897.71
1/2 Cent Tax	140,000.00
1/4 Cent Tax	140,000.00
1/8 Cent Tax	140,000.00
1/16 Cent Tax	140,000.00
1/32 Cent Tax	140,000.00
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