

The Columbia Democrat

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Friday Morning, April 23, 1870.

THE COLUMBIAN has the largest circulation of any paper published in Northern Pennsylvania...

The Masonic Demonstration at Catawissa.

For months past the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Catawissa Lodge and Chapter, have been busily engaged in building a Masonic Hall...

The heavy rains of Sunday night and Monday had so swollen the creeks and river that it was almost impossible to reach Catawissa from this side of the river...

The morning train brought the Grand Master, Robert A. Lambertson, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Grand Marshal...

At 2 P. M. the Lodge closed, and those present, including many of their wives and daughters adjourned to the second story of the Academy...

In the afternoon the officers of the Grand Lodge left for their respective homes. In the evening, however, a large number of our friends were present...

The public hall in the Masonic Building was used, and the Masonic rooms above were given up for the occasion to the ladies...

In a remarkable speech on the subject, Senator Lowry spoke as follows in regard to the execution of Mrs. Surratt...

The subject of the execution of Mrs. Surratt was one of the wrongs of the South, the great men of the North at Washington put to death by strangulation an old, respectable, religious, Catholic mother...

She was tried by a military tribunal when she was not subject to military duty and executed with indecent haste by the order of Andy Johnson...

The young people of Catawissa owe the Masonic fraternity a debt of gratitude for having furnished them with such genuine pleasure...

A Happy Kentucky Family. The secretary of the treasury has received a letter from the Hon. John W. Eaton...

Forgery of the President's Name. It has come out to-night that the President has discovered a forgery of his name by a person who was appointed to a Federal office in the Revenue Department...

Of Course. Among the telegraphic news from Washington in the following item: "The committee recommend that in the tax bill the Banks be relieved of a portion of the government tax now imposed."

The odious income tax, which hundreds of thousands petition for the repeal of, coming out of the hard earnings of individual citizens is to be retained and the rich monopolies are to be relieved.

At the same time, the regular class legislation of the radicals. Money keeps them in power and to money they bow the pliant knee, that thrift may follow fawning.

Advantages of the Free Vote.

Reformed voting has the following salutary effects: It illustrated more or less fully at our late local elections...

The best men can be selected as candidates and elected. Availability; a more capacity to get votes and often the worst votes in the community...

An unembarassed and better selection can be made by the voter from among candidates. His freedom of choice will be a reality and not a delusion.

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An election was held in Bloomsburg, Columbia county, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., for a Burgess and six members of Council.

The Burgess was elected under the old majority rule, but the members of Council were chosen in accordance with the following clause of the recent act in regard to elections in Bloomsburg.

When six persons are to be chosen, each voter may give one vote to each of four, two votes to each of three, three votes to each of two, or six votes to one.

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Our Civil Service.

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Latest News.

BOSTON, April 18.—George Hunnewell was pardoned out of the State prison yesterday, where he was sentenced twenty-two years ago for arson, to serve for life.

ALLENTOWN, April 19.—The large steam tannery of Keck & Co., in this city, was burned to day. The fire is believed to have originated in the engine room.

COLUMBIA, April 11.—James Martin and ten others, colored, voted at a ballot election here to-day for the first time in Pennsylvania under the nineteenth amendment.

TOLEDO, April 11.—A man calling himself Augustus Taitbrook, a Texasian by birth, and hailing from a Prussian town, was detected here as a Masonic swindler.

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SHERIFF'S SALES.

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