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HARRISBURG LETTER.

Special Correspondence.

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The General Appropriation bill absorbed the bulk of legislative attention last week and well it might for it is fearfully and wonderfully made.

As Josh Billings once said, "comparisons are odorous" but I have taken the trouble to compare some of the items in the bill of this year with those of other years in order to discover, if possible, the causes for the constant increase in taxation.

For example in 1893 the expenses of the State Department were \$65,800, while this year they amounted to \$111,000, a difference of \$46,000.

SOME OTHER VAST INCREASES.

The greatest increase is in the Department of Public Grounds and Buildings, but that in some others is ample to make one "sit up and take notice."

The Department of Internal Affairs has increased in cost of operation from \$0,200 in 1893 to \$187,000 this year.

The Department of Mines and those of Factory Inspector, State Police and Fisheries have also been created since 893, but they show the spirit of progress in the direction of expense.

The Highway Department, the Health Department and the Department of State Police are the political instruments of the Penrose machine and there is no way to accurately measure their potentiality.

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alone, for example, there is a chance for three men in every township, all of whom will be required to earn the favor bestowed upon them.

Possibly the machine is to be consoling for its disappointment in not getting the State Police force doubled by this expedient. Of course the amount of money expressed in the clause of the appropriation bill quoted would not maintain a very large force.

AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY.

The Forestry Department is an expensive luxury in other directions. There is an item of \$20,000 for Foresters and \$30,000 for laborers besides \$10,000 for surveys, \$3,000 for draughtsmen, \$6,000 for special examinations.

I might go on with this subject to the full limit of my space but what's the use. Of course everything is expensive and during the last half dozen years of the unrestrained machine control the paramount purpose of legislation was to create new offices.

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missing this subject from consideration to refer to the comparative cost of the work of the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds in 1893 and now.

HIGH PRESSURE LEGISLATION.

The Legislature is working at high pressure speed to its end and will adjourn on Thursday of this week with most of the measures disposed of.

In some respects, in fact, the present Legislature is inferior to its predecessors. That is to say it has shown a spirit of narrow partisanship that has not existed in any previous legislature.

The Dunsmore railroad commission bill was so emasculated in the Senate committee that it is practically worthless and for that reason it may be permitted to pass.

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BODY FOUND IN RIVER.

That of a Murdered Foreigner of Mocanaqua.

District Attorney Salsburg, of Wilkes-Barre, has detailed two detectives to try and clear up the mystery that surrounds the finding of the body of Mike Wisnofski in the Susquehanna river Thursday at Willow Springs, about six miles above Bloomsburg.

Deputy Coroner Sutton of Berwick, learned that Wisnofski had been in the employ of the West End Coal company at Mocanaqua, but he had mysteriously disappeared from his boarding house about a month ago.

When found, the body was fully clothed. A stiletto wound was found in the throat, piercing the windpipe and another was found in the abdomen. Either of these wounds would have proved fatal.

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WORK OF THE GRAFT PROBERS.

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