

THE LEGISLATURE.

The way of the transgressor is hard, and with equal truth we may say that the so-called "independents" have a hard road to travel.

On last Friday the Senate discussed at some length and passed its second reading a bill to limit the expenditures of the agricultural department to \$200,000 a year.

The Republican party, so far, in the lower house, has shown no disposition or ability to handle the great questions which agitate the people of the State.

All democrats will fully concur in this opinion, and in the next political campaign the action of the present House will enable the democratic party to win a great victory.

Many local and private bills have been passed, which are not of general interest. Among them was a bill to change the name of Company Shops to Burlington.

An Earthquake Shock. Chicago, February 7.—An earthquake shock, about 4 o'clock yesterday morning, was reported last night from St. Louis, Springfield, Terre Haute and elsewhere.

JUDGE ASHE DEAD.

Hon. Thomas S. Ashe, a Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, died at his residence in Wadesboro, on the 4th inst., in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

The death of Judge Ashe proves the necessity of increasing the number of our Supreme Court Judges to five, and we hope our legislators will reconsider their action in defeating the bill for that purpose.

Jumped a Thousand Feet. Six Feet from Jan. 31.—Clinging to a parachute, F. S. Baldwin jumped yesterday from a balloon over a thousand feet up in the air.

His last feat took place in an enclosure outside Golden Gate Park, and was witnessed by about two or three thousand people.

Baldwin was then seen to step on the rim of the basket, and, grasping the trapeze in his hands, gave a shout and jumped into space.

An instant and Baldwin was clinging through branches of small water trees. Thousands rushed to his aid, but picking himself up he threw back somersaults, ran a fifty yard spurt and said he would make the drop 1,500 next time.

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Our Washington Letter.

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Will the President sign or veto the Interstate Commerce bill? and who will succeed Secretary Manning? are two questions that are causing much speculation just now.

Among these is the wealthy Pennsylvania Congressman, Mr. William Scott, who has frequently been mentioned before as the next Secretary of the Treasury.

The probable fate of the Interstate Commerce bill is equally provocative of gossip and speculation, and the progress here of a number of prominent railroad men just at the time when the bill is in suspense has been much commented upon.

Among some interesting adverse reports from the House Committee on Pensions is one upon the bill granting a pension to Mrs. Logan.

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It was reported that hundreds of poor widows of brave soldiers were denied a 24-month pension because of their inability to consent to the death of their husbands.

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LAUREL, Calaveras Co., N. H., Feb. 5.—The train was about an hour and a half late leaving White River Junction. It consisted of locomotive, baggage car, postal car, two passenger coaches and two sleeping cars.

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HELENA, Montana Territory, Feb. 4.—The Indian Commissioners who arrived at Choteau last Friday from the Blackfoot agency, after a hard struggle through the blizzard, have been snowed out there ever since.

A special from Fargo, Dakota, says the storm between Jamestown and Fargo has been the worst in the history of the country.

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