AT A STANDSTILL.

The House Entirely Idle and the Senate Nearly So.

THE SALARY BILL IN THE SENATE.

Few Bills Printed and None on Second Nor Third Reading in the House.

For some unexplained reason, but few House bills have as yet been printed, and there are none on second nor third reading in the House. Yesterday a kind of a promise was made that the capitation tax bills, now in the hands of the judiciary committee, would be reported today, but not a committee of the House reported on anything.

It seems quite apparent that legislative business will be held in abeyance until a U. S. Senator is elected. To day witnessed the extraordinary instance of the House holding a session with absolutely nothing on the clerk's table except the minutes, and not even an amendment to them was offered.

SENATE.

Opening services at 11 a. m.

The salaries committee reported on the salary bill, and recommended its rejection. After some discussion it was referred back to the committee.

The committee on education, to whom was referred S. B. 7, a bill for the relief of schools who failed to levy a special tax in 1896, recommended the rejection of the bill and introduced as a substitute S. B. 19, which authorizes the increasing of the levy already made, for school purposes, or the levying of another tax for 1896, the same to be levied before April 30, 1897.

The report of the committee was accepted, the rules were suspended and the bill passed after its third reading by a unanimous vote of the Senate.

The committee on ways and means reported favorably on S. B. 15, by Evans, a bill relating to the mode of making assessments, equalization, levy and collection of taxes. Billed for second reading.

Adjourned to meet in joint session for electing a United States Senator.

The bill relating to the formation of railroad corporations was returned to the Senate today signed by the Governor.

HOUSE.

The House was called to order at 11.35, but the reading of the minutes was the only business transacted. When a recess was taken pending the joint session.

At 11:55, the members of the Senate entered the hall of the House at balloting for U. S. Senator began.

When the name of Hemmen was reached, he rose and in explanation of his vote, expressive the Church issue which had been raised in the interest of one of the candidates, and spoke bitterly of Judge Henderson.

Rideout made a warm speech against Church interference and in behalf of Moses Thatcher.

After taking four ballots the joint session took a recess until 2:30 o'clock.

After the joint session the House came to order and adjourned till Monday at 11 a. m.

MINOR MENTION.

Warren Fisher is announced to speak tomorrow evening at Unity hall upon the land question.

Edwin Nelson was tried in the police court today for assault and battery and fined $2.

The Senate quorum of Kennedy meets in the Fifteenth ward hall on Monday evening next at 7:30 o'clock.

Today being the last day of a twenty days' stay, many people availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the U.

Fred Mathis and Fred Reed were fined in Justice Werge's today, for disturbing the peace. Both were discharged.

Walter Reed and Ike Francis, who were charged with trespass, had sentence suspended in the police court today.

Mr. R. C. Badger of the General National bank, has been appointed manager of the Reading branch. The appointment will go into effect on February 1st.

Workmen are hurriedly engaged chipping the wooden pavements on East Temple since the adoption of a resolution passed by the Council requiring a much earlier to avoid accidents by holiday visitors.

It is thought the law enforced by the Inquisitorial Court, to no fine of Thursday night will turn up to be a great deal more than at first expected. It may reach close to $10,000, which, however, is fully covered by indemnity.

Palmer Cox, author of the Brownies, who is here with the company playing upon Building Tuesday, L. C. Rhodes today. They last met in London, Canada, thirty-five years ago, and there was a merry meeting today.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

F. A. Grant Will Erect a Number of Residences.

Alarming Increase in the Death Rate—Mayor signs the Appropriation Bill.

Following are building permits issued by the building inspector for the week:

C. H. Miller, 4 room one story brick dwelling house, Liberty Park addition, corner of Seventh East and Lake streets, $600.

F. A. Grant, two story brick house, corner of Third and S streets; also barn, $100; same party, 1053 Third street, also dwelling, $2,000; same, 1059 Third street, a brick dwelling, $2,500.

E. G. Holding, barn, 152 south Fourth West, $50.

The report of the board of health for the week is as follows:

Births reported, 12; males, 5; females, 7. Deaths, 24; males, 10; females, 14. Contagious diseases, five outstanding, 2; scarlet fever, 2; diphtheria, 3. There were no infectious diseases reported.

The Mayor signed the appropriation list passed by Tuesday's Council today.

Queen Victoria's Sacrifice.

Queen Victoria's fondness is described in a recent number of "The Queen." Either her Majesty or her lady-in-waiting takes a turn round the grounds in her Bath-chair during dinner, and then goes to morning service. There is a customary for the preacher to wear a black gown and band, and the sermon is generally 18, in England, for in Scotland the rule is not so strict. No personal reference to our majesty in the preacher's discourse is admitted, a pure gospel discourse, delivered as if the queen were not present, being the rigorous. Many have tried to evade these rules, but nevermore to preach have not in these cases been reported. The queen likes and enjoys a plain, practical sermon, selected from the lessons or gospel of the day, to occupy about 30 minutes in delivery. Questions of the day, and, above all, politics, must be entirely excluded. The queen, when in residence at Windsor, has went to attend service at the beautiful St. George's chapel, but for some years past divine service has been held in the private chapel which communicates with her apartments. The suite and royalty sit in the body of the chapel, and the queen sits in a small box, screened so that the queen can see preachers, being do