# IN SENATE AND HOUSE

Hide Exhibit Measure Goes Through the Lower Branch.

#### KIDNAPPING BILL IN THE SENATE

Provisions of the Messure Which Has an Emergency Clause Attached-New Bills Introduced and Others that Were Indefinitely Postponed.

HOUSE-The house on the 20th, soon after convening, passed senate file 44, Senator Van Boskirk's hide exhibit bill, by a vote of 84 yeas to 7 nays. The bill was passed without amendments and just as it came from the senate. Three of the bills indorsed by the State Bar association were also put on their third reading and passed. These were house rolls 233 and 234, all by McCartay. The first provides that cases taken to the supreme court on error must be filed within six months after the decision of the lower court. The second fixes a uniform time for summons in error cases and the third requires the flling of a bond for the payment of rent in cases where a judgment foreclosure is appealed to the supreme court. House rolls 4 and 176 were recommended for passage. The for-mer appropriates \$75,000 for a new fire-proof wing to the Hastings asylum, and the latter provides for the transfer of insane convicts to one of the insane asylums. House roll 410, introduced by R. W. Laffin, is a bill for an act to provide for an additional annual license tax upon every insurance company, association of partnership transacting the business of insurance in this state, and organized or incorporated under the laws of any other than this state, or of any territory of the United States, or of any per car stil gross earnings, less the annual tax now levied. Companies of other states must pay same tax in Nebraska that Nebraska companies pay in their states. Fraternal orders are exempted from the provisions of the bill.

HOUSE.-In the house on the 19th consideration of senate file 44, by Senator Van Boskirk, to compel the exhibit of hides by original sellers of beef, was resumed. After some amendments the bill was recommended for passage. Among bills introduced was "An act to provide that the state treasurer shall be required to give bond to faithfully account for all moneys that may come to his hands, and also providing that he shall make sworn statements of all funds in his hands or under his control, and deliver the same to the governor, the same to be open to the public inspection and to be furnished for publication, and providing that the treasurer's bond shall at all times be open to public inspection, and also providing for the appointment of examiners of the state treasury and the making of their examinations and reports, and that the same shall be open to the inspection of the public and shall be furnished to the press for publication." The following bills were recommended for passage: House roll 150, by Stockwell, to permit mutual fire insurance associations to continue insurance on personal property temporarily removed from the territory in which it is insured. House roll 205, by Boyd, relating to the duties of district school boards. Following is the vote for senator: Allen 28, Berge 2, Crounse 5, Currie 13, Dieutrich 1, Harlan 2, Hinshaw 13, Hitchcock 23, Hainer 5, Harrington 41, Kinkaid 5, Martin 7, Metklejohn 33, Morlan 1, Rosewater 16, Ransom 5, Thompson, D. E., 35, Thompson, W. H., 11.

HOUSE.-In the house on the 18th a few bills were read for the first time. House roll No. 233, by Hawxby, relat ing to the organization of new school districts, was recommended for passage. House roll No. 142, by Fowler for the protection of owners of stallions, jacks and bulls was recommended for passage, by a rising vote of 30 yeas to 26 nays. Senate file No. 44 by Senator Van Boskirk, to protect growers of cattle by providing for a registry and exhibition of hides, the bill demanded by the cattle interests of Western Nebraska, was next considered. On motion of Fowler of Fillmore the bill was amended to make it effective only in such counties in which due notice of its effectiveness is given for four weeks by the county board. The matter went over one day. Among bills introduced was one to encourage the establishment and malatenance of free schools. Provides that such schools shall be exempted from taxation; also house roll No. 401, by T. E. Hibbert, a bill for an act to prevent the discharge of firearms upon any public highway in this state within 160 yards of any public building, school building, store, shop or any occupied dwelling, and to provide a penalty for violation thereof. The vote for senator resulted: Allen 35, Berge 6. Crounse 5, Currie 12, Dietrich 1, Hainer 5, Harlan 2, Harrington 1, Hitchcock 19, Hinshaw 10, Kinkuld 4, Martin 8, Morlan 1, Meiklejohn 28, Rosewater 15, Thompson, D. E., 29, Thompson, W. H., 23.

HOUSE.-The only business transacted in the house on the morning of the 15th was the adoption of standing committee reports placing a number of bills on general file. House roll 52. by Dahlsten, providing that county attorneys shall be elected only in counties of more than 2,000 population, in other counties to be appointed by the county commissioners, at a salary of not to exceed \$200 per year, was recommended for passage. Loomis of Dodge called up his resolutions of Tuesday last commemorative of the life and services of Hon, Samuel Maxwell, and spoke eloquently and feelingly of the virtues and deeds of the dead jurist and statesman. His remarks were attentively listened to, and produced a deep impression. Carthy of Dixon also paid tribute of respect to Judge Maxwell's long and distinguished services to the state and spotless private life. He was followed by Lane of Lancaster, who spoke in Young, providing that the board of goon as signed by the governor,

a similar strain. The speaker concluded the series of remarks by relating a little incident illustrative of Judge Maxwell's noble character. The various addresses were ordered spread standing vote, the house, as a further token of respect, adjourned until next Monday. The senatorial vote: Allen 45, Berge 3, Crounse 4, Currie 18, Halner 4, Harlan 2, Hitchcock 45, Hinshaw 18, Kinkaid 4, Meiklejohn 29, Morlan ., Martin 9, Rosewater Thompson, D. E., 30, Thompson, H., 7. Whitmore 1, Householder Mendenball 1.

HOUSE .- At the morning session of the house on the 14th a number of bills were placed on general file. The committee on public lands and buildings submitted a report of its investigations of the condition of the asylum for the insane at Lincoln. The committee reports that the buildings were found to be in good condition with a new wing to the capacity of 150 patients yet uncompleted. It recommends, however, that repairs should be provided for the old building, particularly as regards plumbing, flooring and kitchen supplies. A metal ceiling is recommended for the laundry room together with the purchase of another patent washer. The house reconsidered its action of yesterday in Indefinitely postponing senate file 39, by Baldrige, which leaves it discertionary with the county board to vote aid to House roll 79, by Lane, fakirs. appropriating \$50,000 for the purchase of land for state fair purposes and improvement thereof, was recommend. ed for passage by the committee on public lands and buildings, with an amendment reducing the appropriation to \$35,000. House roll No. 177, by Lane, was read for the third time and passed. This bill creates a state board of charities and corrections to be composed of the governor the land commissioner and the state superintendent, shall appoint four advisory secretaries, not more than two of whom shall belong to the same political party. An appropriation of \$2,500 annually is provided for to cover the expenses of the board. The vote for senator resulted: Allen 52, Berge 5, Crounse 4, Currie 18, Hainer 4, Harlan 2, Hinshaw 14, Kinkaid 4, Meiklejohn 31, Morlan 1, Martin 10, Rosewater 15, Thompson, D. E., 33, Thompson, W. H., 57, Mondenhall 1, Owens 1.

HOUSE.-In the house on the 13th the following bills were read for the third time and passed: House roll 77, by Ollis, providing for the appointment of a committee to appraise damages caused by the opening of new roads. House roll 73, by Jouvenat, providing for a landlord's lien upon crops planted or sown on demised premises. Passed after call of the house, and without the emergency clause, by vote of 53 to 41. House roll 96, by Corneer, providing for the safety of employes by requiring the construction of counter floors in the erection of buildings. House roll 189, by Rohwer, curative, to validify the present law relating to county teachers' institutes. House roll 6, by Mockett, fixing the salaries of the county commissioners of Lancaster county at \$1,800 each per annum. Passed with emergency clause. Among bills introduced were the following: A bill for an act to amend section 5, chapter 83, article 1, complled statutes of Nebraska for the year 1889, and to repeal said section as it now exists. Fixing the salary of the governor's private secretary at not to exceed \$2,000 per annum. A bill for an act to amend section 77 of chapter 17, article 1, of the compared statutes of Nebraska, 1899, and to repeal said section 77. Providing that in counties of more than 125,000 inhabitants the rate of tax for county purposes may be up to 17 mills, instead of 15 mills, as at present. Emergency clause. The vote for senator was as follows: 51, Berge 6, Crounse 7, Currie 20, Hainer 4. Harlan 2. Hitchcock 51. Hinshaw 14. Kinkaid 4. Meiklejohn 31. Morlan 1, Martin 8, Ransom 8, Rosewater 15, Sutherland 2, Thompson, D. E., 33, Thompson, W. H., 7, Van Dusen 1,

SENATE-By a vote of 18 year to 12 nays, which lacked the necessary two-thirds, the senate on the 20th refused to permit to be engressed for third reading Senator Liddell's resclution requesting all employers of more than ten employes to pay salaries once a week and in cash. It was consequently ordered to the general file. Senator Harlan's bill, senate file No. 15, providing imp:l:onment in penitentiary for not more than tweny years nor less than one year for kidnaping a child under the age of 18 years, was placed on third reading and passed without a dissenting vote. An emergency clause is attached. Senate file No. 74, by Harlan, amending the bill for incorporating county fair aslaws relating to cities of the first class, was considered at length and recommended for passage. Senate file 153, by Oleson, permitting residents in the center of a section of land to have a road to the outside world, was indefinitely postponed. House roll 61, by Broderick, was indefinitely postponed. It related to "roads" and the same subject is more thoroughly covered by house rolls 56 and 58, which are recommended by the county commissioners of the state, Senate file No. 150, by Steale, to provide for the licensing of persons who operate steam engines, steam boilers and for illegal voting in any precinct or steam generators, and to establish a commissioner of engineering and a board of examining engineers, was indefinitely postponed. Senate file 180, by Miller, was recommended for passage. It provides that the electors of any town at their annual meeting may levy an additional tax of not more than three mills to be used exclusively file 193, proposing a slight amendment for grading and repairing roads.

SENATE .- The following were read the third time in the senate on the 19th and declared passed: Senate file 34, by Ziegler, to restrain male animals from running at large and to repeal section 4 of chapter 4 of the statutes as they now exist. Senator Berlet was the only one voting nay. Senate file 72, by O'Neill, providing for the admission of soldiers of the Spanish-American war and the war in the Philippines. and the governor's signature is the together with their mothers and widows, into the soldiers and sailors'

managers of the State Poultry association shall be empowered to decide their annual January convention shall be held. Senate file -, by Young. amending the present statutes relating upon the records, whereupon, by a to punishment for vagrancy. At the afternoon session, after passing house roll 49, declaring in favor of election of United States senators by direct vote, the senate went into committee of the whole, with Senator Liddell in the chair, to consider bills on general file. House roll 49, a joint resolution asking congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of considering an amendment which will permit of election of United States senators by direct vote, was recommended for passage. A number of bills were introduced and the senate then adjourned.

> SENATE.-In the senate on the 19th senate files Nos. 122 and 187, both by Cummins, were indefinitely postponed. Both proposed an increase of the state tax on peddlers of watches, clocks, jewelry, patent medicines and other wares, making the license for each vendor \$100. One had an emergency clause attached. Senate file 23, by Ransom, relating to descendents and providing that certain relatives may institute proceedings for loss of life in event of the next of kind not bringing it, was passed by a vote of 29 to 0. Senate file 112, by O'Neill, providing that assessors shall return a list to the county clerk each year of the soldiers in their precinct, township or ward who served in the war of 1812, the Mexican war, the war of the rebellion, the war with Spain and the war in the Philippines, was passed by a vote of 25 to 2, Senators Johnson and Miller voting against it. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:
> "Resolved by the senate of the state
> of Nebraska, That the death of the
> Hon. Samuel Maxwell closes the life of one of Nebraska's most upright citizens. His long years of public service in various departments proved his ability as a lawyer and his integrity as a citizen. He brought ever the test of right to the discharge of duty and with a purpose only for justice. His career as a judge reflected credit upon himself and the several courts of which he was at various times a member. Duty was well done, an upright life, a conscientious judge, a kindly man, a useful citizen, a man loved by those who knew him-these are memories recalled of Samuel Maxwell. The state has lost a good citizen; humanity a friend.

SENATE .- The senate on the 15th indefinitely postponed consideration of Senator Baldrige's bill providing for humane shoeing of horses in cities having a population of 5,000 or more. Van Boskirk's measure proposing establishment of sub-stations of the Ne braska agricultural experiment station at or near Ogallala, Culbertson and Alliance, met a similar fate. The bill introduced asking for an appropriation for erection of a monument on the battlefield of Shiloh, in honor of Nebraskens who lost their lives here. was withdrawn by request of Senator Steele. He said it should go to the house, first because of the appropriation feature. The original copy of senate file No. 226, Van Boskirk's bill, relating to priority of water rights in irrigation districts, mysteriously and inexplicably disappeared from Senator Owens' desk. The senator brought the fact to the attention of the senators and asked that the custodian of the chamber be instructed to take better care of it.

SENATE.-In the senate on the 14th the following bills passed: Senate file No. 104, by McCargar, requiring a stamp or label on every bail of binder twine offered for sale in the state. Emergency clause attached. Senate file No. 22, by Ransom, providing adequate punishment for parties found guilty of kidnaping. file No. 171, by Miller, permitting directors of the State Dairymen's association to decide on time and place of holding the annual convention. Senate file No. 116, by Pitney, to prevent apread of contagious and infectious disease by empowering county boards to establish boards of health and to enforce quarantine regulations. Senate file No. 46, by Oleson, amending section 958a of the civil code, relating to changes of venue in suits before justices of the peace. It provides that when a change of venue is taken the proceedings shall be transferred to the nearest justice of the peace, striking out in the present law the additional clause, "to whom the said objections do not apply." Senate file No. 90, by Arends, for encouragement of forestry and arboriculture. The request of the house that it be permitted to reconsider its action on sena effle No. 39, which it indefinitely sestponed yester-day, was granted. This is Baldrige's sociations.

SENATE.-The senate on the 13th indefinitely postponed quite a number of bills: Broderick's bill for the establishment of two normal schools was recommended for passage by the committee on university and normal schools, and was ordered to the general file. It is house roll No. 37. The following were also ordered to the general file: House roll 9, providing a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 and imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months ward in the state. House roll 51, making it a crime to threaten, etc., the same as senate file 73, mentioned above. Senate file 184, providing that proposed amendment to the constitution shall be submitted to the voters in such form as the act relating to their submission may provide. Senate to section 509 of the civil code. Senate file 132, on request, a bill relating to municipal affairs, and especially to elections. Senate file 131, on request, provinding for laving of sidewalks at a cost not to exceed 50 cents per lineal foot, in cities and villages having less than 5,000 population.

LEGISLATIVE VOTES.

By a vote of Si to 7 Van Paskirk's hide inspection bill passed the house, only thing lacking now to make it a law. It contains an emergency clause homes of the state. Senate file 140, by and will therefore become effective as

Four bills introduced by McCarthy and indorsed by the State Bar assoclation were taken up by the house and passed without delate. These were numbered 230, 232, 233 and 234, and all were recommended for passage by the committee of the whole. They affect supreme court procedure, especially in the manner of appealing and

disposition of cases. The kidnaping bill passed in the senate provides that any person who shall maliciously or forcibly lead, take, or carry away, or decay, or en tice away, any child under the age of 18 years, with intent unlawfully to detain or conceal such child from its parent or parents, or guardian, or other person having the lawful charge of such child, shall be imprisoned in the penitentlary not more than twenty years nor less than one

Among new pills introduced is one by Senator O'Neill, providing for the appointment of a deputy auditor for the insurance department. The bill provides that the auditor of public accounts shall have power to appoint a deputy for the insurance department of his office, who shall give a boun to the state in the sum of \$5,000. deputy, when authorized or acting for, or instead of the auditor, in all matter pertaining to insurance, shall have and may exercise the same power and authority conferred by law upon the auditor of public accounts.

Representative Fowler's bill for the protection of owners of stallions, being house roll 226, has been recommended for passage.

Senator Owens intends obviating legal obstacles before irrigators of the state, according to recent decisions of the supreme court, and with that end in view proposed an amendment to the constitution in the senate. He proposes the plan suggested by Senator Martin, so far as method of voting is concerned, a plan whereby it is thought almost every amendment submitted may be carried. Heretofore proposed amendments have been defeated by the great number who failed to vote on them.

The house holdup committee put in an afternoon investigating charges that have been made in connection with the bill to appropriate \$50,000 for permanent state fair grounds. It is asserted that a well-known lobbyist offered to push this measure through the legislature for \$1,000. The man has been subpoenaed and will be questioned by the committee.

The senate this afternoon passed senate file 22, providing penalties for kidnaping. The bill provides that any person kidnaping or carrying off any person fraudulently shall be confined in the penitentiary not less than three nor more than seven years. Whoever shall unlawfully carry off, decoy, entice away or secrete any person for the purpose of extorting money, property or other valuable shall be imprisoned for the term of his natural life. Should the kidnapers injure or threaten to injure any person in their power shall, upon conviction, suffer death or be imprisoned for life.

The house committee on public lands and buildings reported on the condition of the Hospital for Insane at Lincoln, recommending an appropriation of \$4,000 to complete construction of new wing. It also recommended several repairs in the main building. Senator Martin's bill to repeal the

state barbers' examining board law, has been indennitely postponed, this action being recommended by the committee which had the bill under consideration.

The committee on normal schools has reported house roll 37, by Broderick, for passage, it being a bili to provide for the location of two additional normal schools.

Senator Lyman's bill, providing for the appointment of six deputy inspectors, whose duty it shall be to inspect the accounts of the state and county treasurers, was recommended for postponement, but upon motion the report was not concurred in and the bill went to general file, where it might be discussed.

Among the bills that have been introduced in the house is one by H. G. Sears, creating a commission of entomology, providing for its officers and defining their powers and duties, providing for an inspection of nursery stock shipped into the state or from one county to another of this state and of the orchards, nurseries and fields of this state; authorizing the quarantine, treatment and destruction of infested trees or plants, the fees for the same and the manner of collection; defining violations thereof and fixing penalty therefor, and the making of an appropriation for the purpose of carrying this act into effect.

### A Much Prized Pane.

There is one pane of glass at Marlborough house, in England, that has a peculiar sort of history, and is most carefully guarded. The late Duke of Clarence once entered the sitting room of one of his sixters and scratched with a diamond on the window his name, "Eddy." Soon after the present emperor of Russia entered the room, and noticing the handiwork of his cousin, scratched "Nicky" beneath it.

### Will Export our Asparagus.

Attempts will soon be made by California merchants to put fresh asparagus on the market in London and other places in Great Britain. The California navel oranges are growing in favor in England and are being much appreciated. It is expected that California asparagus will compete with French asparagus, which is sent to England in large quantites.

### Banished as Punishment.

Banishment was the unusual sentence imposed upon a Syrian by a New Jersey judge the other day. Syrian had been arrested for assault. The judge offered to release him if he would leave the country. The Syrian agreed, and in charge of an officer he was brought to Hoboken and placed aboard an outbound steamship.

The Diamond Match company re ports net earnings of \$2.014,838 during 1900, a little more than 14 per cent on that company's \$15,000,000 capital

Francis B. Loomis, the United States minister, is very ill at Caracas, Vene-

By Louise Bedford.

\* CHAPTER XII.- (Continued.) "I thought you would want to hear | to the baronetcy and the fortune." the story some day," said Clarice. And then she told it very simply, as the

brought it to a close. "Doctor Drake said that whatever his life may have been, he died like a hero," said Clarice, her own voice breaking a little as she repeated the

Doctor had teld it to her, of the poor

boy's promise of amendment of life,

words. "Did he say that? What a good, kind man he is; the best friend I have ever had, except you, Clarice." said Janetta, smiling through her

"Your brother's death seemed so peaceful by comparison with that poor wretch's whom the Doctor hunted down," continued Clarice. "I often wonder where Mason is. She went off apparently early on the night of the robbery, and the police have never been able to obtain the faintest clue to her whereabouts. It was quite clear from the letters she left behind her that the man was her lover, and had obtained all his information from her."

"Oh, yes; it was the same voice," said Janetta, then started and colored. She had not meant to betray the fact that she had overheard Mason talking to some unknown man in the shrubbery, and had warned Mrs. Mortimer about her. The words had slipped from

"What voice?" asked Clarice eagerly. And Janetta thought it best to relate the story.

"Ah! that makes many things clear which I found it so hard to explain," said Clarice, thoughtfully. "I could never make out why Mrs. Mortimer seemed to blame herself so bitterly for the burglary having happened. I quite accepted her confession of injustice to you and declined to take her notice to leave, as you freely forgave her; but I could not see in what way she could consider herself responsible for the robbery. Poor woman! how terribly she has suffered; but it has done her good, Janetta. She is far gentler and kinder than she was, and she has kept a dragon watch over the house, apparently, during our absence. I think it's getting chilly. Hadn't we better be making our way back to the hotel?"

When they got back to their hotel they found that table d'hote was already served.

"We will go in as we are," said Clarice. And they advanced into the brilliantly lighted salon and took their places. Seated exactly opposite them | the only conclusion that I can arrive was Doctor Drake, who regarded them with smiling eyes.

"What, again?" said Clarice, with a nod and a laugh, greeting him as if you, that so I might feel myself forthey had only parted the night before. "You must be spending a perfect fortune in traveling expenses! And look, your occupation is gone!" she said, with a proud glance at Janetta. "She does not look as if she needed much

doctoring, does she?" "My visit is entirely for pleasure," said Doctor Drake, laughing. "I'm out for a holiday at last. The world was before me where to choose and if I've taken a fancy like yourselves to visit Spain, I cannot see why you should make any objection."

"None in the world," retorted Clarce, mervily. When dinner was ended it was but

natural that the doctor should join the girls in the hall, and, sitting down by their side, tell them all the home

"We have agreed this afternoon that | hood, we will go back," said Clarice. "We are tired of wandering, aren't you, Janetta?"

Janetta nodded. "We are waiting for an outburst of welcome from you," she said, smiling at the doctor, who seemed lost in a fit of abstractin.

"It would have found vent before this, except that your home-coming will not benefit me much. I'm going to leave Northeliff."

The faces of both his listeners grew blank.

"How horrid of you!" cried Clarice petulantly. And the impetuous words brought a pink flush to the doctor's fair face. "I suppose it's a case of money."

"Yes; it's money and a baronetcy," replied the doctor, dryly.

"You are joking." "I'm not. I'il go and write my name

in the visitors' book this instant if you don't believe me. 'Sir Robert Drake!' Do I look the part?" he went on, with rather a forced laugh. "Two distant male relatives died one after the other. and I awoke one morning lately to find myself transformed from a doctor in a country town into a baronetey and the fortune."

"Then I suppose we must congratulate you," said Clarice, in a voice that nevertheless sounded a little cold and stiff. To tell the truth, she did not at all relish the notion of the sudden removal of a knight upon whose willing devotion she could always depend.

"You need not. Life is one big disappointment. It offers gifts that one does not care for, and denies me the only one which would make it worth

He rose abruptly ; ad went off to the smoking room, and when, some five minutes later, Janetta stole a furtivo glance at Clarice, she saw that her face was white and that her lips trembled.

"Sir Robert chooses to be cynical." a pretty gesture of defiance; "but I've of electrical power.

no doubt he'll soon reconcile himself

Sir Robert's route adjusted itself very much to that chosen for their return journey by the girls. Sometimes he would be away for a day or two at and of the act of bravery which had a time, then reappear at the town and hotel where he was tolerably certain to find them, and they arrived in England on the same day, but whilst he stopped in London, the girls went on

to Northellff. The welcome they received from Mrs. Mortimer was of a warmth they could have hardly believed possible in a woman so self-contained; and it was pleasant to find themselves once more seated by the fire in Clarice's sitting room, with their feet on the fender. reading the Enveral letters they he found awarring their arrival.

"I've got a long letter from Harry,"

sald Clarice. Janetta started violently. Carefully as each of the girls had followed Captain Merivale's brilliant career in the Indian campaign, his name until now had not been mentioned between them

since the night of Janetta's confession. Clarice's eyes were shining, there was radiant triumph in her smile.

"He is coming back, Janetta. And he says he says that he should like us to be married at once. There can be no possible reason for delay now I am well, and he hopes I will be getting my clothes ready. He adds in a postscript that he thinks I must pension off the good Mrs. Mortimer," Clarice said, with a little gay laugh; "but he makes no suggestion for your future."

"He need not," said Janetta, sitting upright, and clasping her hands tightly. "I shall find another situation."

"That sentence and the way you say it makes me quite certain that you are well. It was spoken with all your old horrid pride and independence," said Clarice. "But would it not be well to suit my convenience? I've not done with you yet, you see. You must stay until I marry, and that"-there was a little break in the voice she had tried to make so gay-may be some time, or may never be. I'm not going to marry Harry, and tomorrow I shall write and tell him so. No. Please don't look at me like that nor say anything. I can't

"You have prevented me from making the awful mistake of marrying a man whom I have leved, but who never loved me as he is capable of loving a woman really suited to him. I've thought a great deal over it, and I've said my prayers about it and that is

"And I have prayed, too-or, how earnestly-that he may live to marry given!" sobbed Janetta.

"But you put your own sense of forgiveness before my happiness," said Clarice," and so God has not listened." Before Clarice went to bed that night she had written her letter.

"Good by, dear Harry (were the closing words). Some day, if not at once, you will bless me for setting you free. Looking back. I can see now that you never cared for me as I loved you; and when you met this woman who could stir your heart to its very depths you found it out. Some day I hope I may live to see you married to her.

"Believe me, ever your friend, "Clarice Seymour."

The breaking off of Clarice Seymour's engagement was a nine days' wonder in Northcliff and its neighbor-

"She chooses to say that it is her own doing," said the gossips; "but, depend upon it, there is more behind than meets the eye. It is not to be wondered at if Captain Merivale turned restive over the evident flirtation that girl carried on with the doctor. Anybody can see with half an eye that he has been head-over-ears in love with her for years past."

Certainly it was a fact Sir Robert made no attempt to conceal at present. He was always back in Northcliff upon some pretext or other; but month after month passed by, and he still waited, not daring to put his fate to the test. (To be Continued.)

### Royal Mint in Canada.

The establishment of a royal mint in Canada will make the fourth branch of the English mint in operation outside of London. The other three ramifications are located in Australia, at Melbourne, Sydney and Perth respectively. According to recently published returns, the value of the gold coin output from these four mints during 1899 was as follows: The royal mint, Lindon, \$42,601,555; Melbourne, \$28,138, 835; Sydney, \$16,620,000; Perth \$3,458. 530. It has also been mooted that the government proposes ultimately to establish another branch in the Transvaal.

## Waterfalls to Generate Electricity.

The Adriatic Railway company of Italy has decided to equip electrically two branches of the main line down the coast to Brindist. These branches extend from the main line toward the interior, where the Apennines furnish abundant water power. In the highlands of Italy there is considerable water power which has never been utilized and it is considered possible she said, throwing back her head with to use these faills for the generation