And sparred sport.

Weather

weather lore," founded on nat rances, is the only true weather Old sailors and shepherds, whose nves are continuously spent in the open air, have always been considered the most eatherwise" from their daily observance of the appearances of the sky. So far as my own experience goes, I have observed that a dappled or "mackerel sky-never as the old proverb says pretty sure forerunner of a speedy down-Light, fleeey morning clouds are another sign of rain. Another well known appearance is "Noah's ark," when the clouds represent the shape of the hulk of a ship, and if the ends point in the quarter of the prevailing wind it is a certain sign that rain will speedily

A very pale blue evening sky and sickly flickering stars are an invariable sign that we shall have rain on the morrow. regard to approaching storms, I have always found a very glittering, sunny day, aving a peculiar glare, to be the precursor of a storm, and a hazy circle round the moon is an indication of stormy weather. We are told by scientific meteorologists that no one can tell the state of weather which we are to have for more than 48 hours, and this I firmly believe.—Yorkshire (England) Herald.

#### Prepared to Do His Duty.

The prosecuting attorney in a western Kansas village had been out with the boys the night before and taken a leading part in a free fight, in which one saloon had been cleaned out and considerable damage done to the glassware and fixtures in an

In the pursuance of his regular duty as an official be appeared before the police magistrate the next morning, fully sobered and ready for business. In front of him was a stack of lawbooks, and he held in his hand a warrant for his own arrest or the charge of drunkenness and disorderly , conduct

Your honor," he said, rising and adressing the court with emphasis and de-decration, "as village attorney I am here prosecute this case, and as defendant, he added, jabbing a long bowle knife into the table and laying a huge navy revolver down by the side of it, "I am here, sir, to defend myself!"

"Enter a nolle pros., Mr. Ferguson," said the magistrate hastily.—Chicago Tribune.

#### Turnell the Tables.

While a Bowdein college professor was holding a recitation some mischievous etu dent induced a hand organ man to come up to the hall near the professor's door and play "Sweet Marie," the boys all join ing in the chorus. The professor came out, hat in hand, and passed it to overy une of the students outside, exhorting them to be generous. Taking the money collected, he gave it to the hand organ man and told him in German to leave the sampus, which he did without delay, while it slowly dawned on a dozen crestfallen students that a practical joke had then perpetrated. -Lewiston Journal

#### The Toast of the Evening.

It is not always a pleasant thing to be called upon suddenly to address a public meeting of any sort, as is amusingly illustrated by the following speech, of one who was certainly not born an orator, at the opening of a free hospital:

Gentlemen-ahem-I-I-I rise to say -that is, I wish to propose a toast, which I think you'll all say-ahem-I think, at least, that this toust is, as you'll say, the taast of the occasion

Gentlemen, I belong to a good many of these things, and I say, gentlemen, that this hespital requires no patronage—at least, what I mean is, you don't want any commenciation. You've only got to be Ill-got to be ill.

'Now, gentlemen, I find by the report' Bo(turning over the leaves in a fidgety way) that from the year seventeen-no, eight n—no, ah, yes, I'm right—eighteen indred and fifty—no, it's a 3—thirty-six eighteen hundred and thirty-six, no less han 193,000,000—no, ah!" (to a commit-pernan at his side) Eh! Oh, yes, thank you—yes—193,000—3,000,000—no" (aft-er a close scrutiny of the report)—"two hundred and thirty-one-one hundred and ninety-three thousand, two hundred and thirty-one! Gentlenien, I beg to propose
-success to this admirable institution!"

To what the large and variously stated figures referred no one in his audience over felt positive, but all agreed, as he had sald they would, that this was the toast of be evening .- Youth's Companion.

ked for change for a \$5 bill, so as to lo cate the money drawer, as well as get it unlocked before they rushed in on the man in charge of the office. But they declared that Sparks' injuries were not the result of iron knuckles or a slung shot being used on him, but a bump inflicted by contact with the vault or something equally hard.

On a center table near the money drawer were over \$5,000 in envelopes for the letter carriers, yesterday being their pay day. Although it was in trays that could have been easily carried off, it was not touched. Sparks thought this was because these envelopes were covered by a newspaper There was a much larger amount still in the vanit, which was open, and which was not touched. The detectives referred with suspicion to the door in the screen being left open at a time when the assistant cashier was alone with \$867 in his own drawer, another drawer equally full, \$5,000 on the table in envelopes and the vault ac cessible.

Sparks described one of the robbers as a small man with a dark coat, wearing a black muffler, and the other as a large man wearing a long black overcoat, and having a black moustache. screen door open, he sald, just as they found it.

Sparks was arrested last night, and shortly afterwards confessed that he got away with the money himself. He was short \$286.30, and was to settle as soon a Cashier Tucker returned from lunch when he knew he would be caught. While Tucker was lunching Sparks took \$583.69 from the drawer, put the \$562 in bills be tween the leaves of a magazine and \$21.68 in coin in an envelope, hiding both. After his confession he told where the money was, and \$583.68 was recovered. Sparks is married and belongs to a good family. His friends will make up the shortage of \$283, but Inspector Salmon says that will not save him from prosecution.

The postoffice building adjoins Foun tain Square, in the center of the city. where the streets are always crowded dur ing the day. The fact of an alleged day light robbery in such a locality had much to do with the local excitement

#### The Strike at Homestead.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., Jan. 4.—The trouble here is not ended, notwithstanding a tem porary compromise in the 119-inch mill The temporary settlement was effected by the company agreeing to allow the men 110 tons a day, whether that amount was worked or not. The men are inclined to kick over the traces, because they would get pay for only 110 tons, even if 115 were turned out, and it is a question whether they will accept the compromise, which gives the shearsmen's helpers \$1.60 a day whereas formerly they carned between \$4 and \$5. Aside from the trouble in the 119inch mill, a number of the others are shut down because, the men say, not enough signatures to the scale have been secured At Braddock, where the ore handlers are on strike, the company's ultimatum was made known, and out of 400 men present only six voted to accept it.

#### Urged to Desert the K. of L.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 4.—The Mine Work ers' Journal contains an address from Sc retary Patrick McBryde, of the United Mine workers, to those members of the Knights of Labor who do not approve of the recent convention at New Orleans is barring out the representatives of the miners. He urges them to refuse to longer taxes to the Philadelphia machine but take steps to elect delegates to a con vention that will conduct the affairs of the K. of L. in the interests of the men bers, instead of the personal interests of Hayes and Sovereign.

#### Kidnaped His Own Child.

WABASH, Ind., Jan 4 .- A bold on kidnaping occurred here yesterday. Philip Scott, of El Reno, I. T., came to Wabash and stole his 4-year-old daughter from his divorced wife. Scott leitered about Mrs. Scott's home till the little girl appeared when he grabbed her and ran for the Big Four train southward Officers are after him. Much excitement was caused by the kidnsping, and the mother of the child is

### Arrested for Abduction.

WILKESBARBE, Pa., Jan. 4.-William Kunkle and Paul Haight were arrested here on the charge of abduction, in per-suading a 14-year old girl to become an inmate of a house of ill repute. The girl is weak minded, and was only found after a long search. The woman in whose house the was found has escaped.

## Two More Alleged Lynchers Arrested.

O'NEILL, Neb., Jan. 4.-Milt Boy and Jim Pinkerton are under arrest, charged with being members of the mob which is supposed to have lynched Barrett Scott. The leader is under surveillance. The prisoners deny their guilt. Scott's fate is still a mystery.

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All the members of the cabinet were the dinner, besides senators and repre sentatives and others from private life. There were fifty-four guests present. The sued ye full Marine band was in attendance.

No Report on the Bicks Case WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- Owing to the re

cent illness of Representative Bailey, chairman of the Ricks investigating committee, no report has yet been prepared for presentation to the house. His inability to make a report makes the outcome of the proceedings at Cleveland more uncertain than before. What report the full committee will conclude to make is very uncertain. The question is likely to be de cided somewhat on party lines, with the Republican members as supporters of Judge Ricks and the western and south ern Democrats favoring censure or impeachment. There is little probability that the matter will be carried to a conclusion

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It is understood that Mr. Hill was

to the last cabinet dinner, but decline

#### Extravagant Waste Alleged.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.-The Atchison Protective committee, of which Theodore W Myers is chairman, has issued a circular to stockholders of the company, soliciting contributions to a fund for the prosecu tion of an independent investigation of the affairs of the company, and the prosecution of those upon whom rests the responsibility for the alleged extravagant waste and misappropriation of money aggregating \$10,000,000, and for the alleged falsification of the books of the company

#### A Father's Revenge.

PINE BLUFF, Ark. Jan. 4. - George Lampkin, a meat seller, was shot on the street and killed by J. S. Reap, another meat dealer, who fired two shots into his victim. Reap gave himself up and was placed in jail. Illicit relations between Lampkin and Reap's daughter, in addition to trouble Reap subsequently had with his wife, preyed upon the unfortunate man's mind, and the tragedy resulted.

#### Desperate Duel with Sabers.

NICE, Jan. 4 .- A desperate duel with abers has been fought between two Italian officers, Tojani and Vergori, near the French frontier. The fight lasted an hour, at the expiration of which time Vergor was killed by a cut on the right side the neck, which severed the carotid artery. Tojani was so severely wounded that he s not expected to survive.

## STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Closing Quotations of the New York and Philadelphia Exchanges.

New York, Jan. 5.-The stock market was characterized by weakness at the opening, which extended to almost the entire list, and some shares sold at figures below the lowest point touched during the year 1894. Closing bids:

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#### General Markets.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—Flour quiet; win-ter superfine, \$2.10\text{0.2.30}; do. extras, \$2.35\text{0.2.40}; No. 2 winter family, \$2.50\text{0.2.40}; Pennsylcanla roller straight, \$2,00022.75; western wit ter clear, \$2.505;2.70. Wheat quiet, steady, with 5956; bid and 5956; asked for January, Corn quiet, weaker, with 4856; bid and 4856. Carn quiet, weaker, with 48%c, bid and 48%c, asked for January. Oats quiet, steady, with 38%c bid and 38%c asked for January. Hay active; good to choice timothy, \$13 % 13.50. Beef quiet. Pork quiet. Lard firm; western steam, \$7.10; city, \$8.6%b. Butter firmer; western dairy, 10x16c, do, creamery, 15%25c; do, factory, \$3.50;. New York dairy, \$100,15c; ido, creamery, 18%236c; Pennsylvania creamery prints, extra 27%c, do, choice 36c; do fair to prints, extra, 27c.; do. choice, 26c.; do. fair t good, 25 25c.; prints jobbing at 28 25 Mc Cheese steady; large, William as mail. 90 20 20 part skims. 5-25c; full astms. 25c. Egg-weak; New York and Pennaylyania, 25c.; r Kappi frigerator, 1845250; western fresh, 2445250; southern, 2545250.

#### Live Stock Markets.

and lambs slow and weaker; choice export wethers, \$3.0020.75; fair to good mixed sheep, \$2.1528.05; common to fair, \$1.7522; good to choice lambs, \$2.5523.85; fair to good lambs.

gross earn in the state, by ures in 1893, of \$ per cent. The op however, been leaving a loss in net carbin, tion of \$4,364,171.38, showing that redu sarnings have been more than half pr vided for by economy in operation. Car tal stock shows an increase this year \$21,740.854.20 and the percentage of dis dends declared remains the same as 1895-viz: 2.69,

#### Farmers Horsewhip Tramps.

WEST BROOK, Conn., Jan. 4 .- To tramps, members of a gang who ha been robbing farmers in this section I the past two weeks, assaulted a teach who refused to give them money. El-farmers went to the "swamp" where tramps made their headquarters in a dili inated building. Two were captured a dragged from the hut, stripped of th garments and both tied to a tree. Th hree farmers applied whips to the me legs and backs. Both shricked at the fi cut, and kept on shricking until twer or twenty-five lashes had been inflict They were told that if they did not lea in twelve hours they could expect wo punishment.

#### Democratic Gains in Georgia.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 4.—The interest the county elections throughout Geor-was slight, and the returns are coming slowly. The result in the state she heavy Democratic gains in all count Many counties which were strongly Po listic in the last two elections returned the Democratic fold. The negroes in m of the counties voted solidly with the De ocrats. Out of 130 counties in the st the total number carried by Populists will probably not exceed fifteen.

#### Fugitive Found Locked in a Car.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 4. - Theodore Finder, of Cincinnati, was arrested in East Newark. He was found locked in freight car, having come east to escape ar rest for sandbagging a citizen and robbing him of \$1,400. In his possession were number of white letters cut from win dows. He is known as the "Whiteletter thief. Finder is held awaiting extradi When found he was nearly exhausted from cold and thirst.

#### Small Demand for Locomotives.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.-The Railroad Gatette says: Locomotive building has fallet off tremendously in the past year. The decrease in the number built is fully two thirds, as compared with the previous Reports from thirteen companies make the total 695 locomotives for 1894 against 9,011 locomotives built in 1888 Three companies building nearly ninety locomotives in 1893 did not turn out a sin gle new locomotive in 1894.

#### Diphtheria in an Orphan Asylum,

CAMDEN. N. J., Jan. 4.—Diphtheria o the most malignant type has broken in the West Jersey Orphanage for Col ored Children. Dr. Alexander McAllis ter, who was called to the orphanage Wed nesday night, found five new cases developed yesterday, with six more in the incipient stages. Anti-toxine has been sent for and will be adminis-tered. The orphanage is under quaran-

Charge Against a Female Physician

#### SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 4.-Coroner Kelly has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Dr. King Vail for manslaughter, in

having caused the death of Mrs. Thomas J. Watkins, of this city, on whom she criminally operated, according to the dead woman's ante-mortem statement. doctor has left the city, and her where abouts are a mystery.

# Family Devastated by Diphtheria. New York. Jan 3.—European cables quote American steers at 1960 le. per lb. dressed weight: refrigerator beef, 79420 940. Calves weak; barnyard caives lower: poor to choice vesis, \$605: barnyard caives. \$2.2525.25; western calves, \$2.2003.20. Sheep steady: lambs lower; inferior to fair sheep, \$2.262 3.25; inferior to prime lambs, \$3.7024 625. Hogs weak; inferior to choice, \$4.0025.00. East Burpalo, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Cattle steady. Hogs slow and weaker for light grade pigs; choice corn fed Yorkers, \$4.702 465. Steep and lambs, \$3.7024.625. Sheep and lambs slow and weaker; choice experiments are convalencing. Premier Bowell Not Seriously 111. Halifax, N. S., Jan 4.—There is no foundation for the report that Sir Mac-As5; roughs, \$3.6024.25; stags, \$3.25.75. Sheep and lambs slow and weaker; choice experiments are conveniently in the lambs alow and weaker; choice experiments are conveniently in the lambs alow and weaker for light parents are convalencing.

savere attack of coughing yesterday, but his condition is decidedly physician says there has been no cause

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