

Louis M. Alvest, the noted author, and one of the most popular of writers for young people, is dead.

The new tariff bill, introduced by the democrats on the ways and means committee and known as the Mills bill, has brought on the real fight of the session.

Judge Kinsaid is said to be a candidate for congress from the big third. If wise he will study his law books and let politics alone.

There is prospect of a civil war in the new county of Perkins, growing out of the contest over the county seat. The county seat fight that once raged in Wayne county was peace itself compared with the Perkins county affair.

A high income tax of \$1,000 has resulted in the closing at St. Paul, Minn., of 350 saloons out of 640. The most ardent advocates of the law are the 350 saloons. They say they will pay the fine and their sincere friends of temperance reform who find in such a statute a promise of an improved social condition.

Sioux City voted by a large majority last week a three per cent tax to build a railroad that is to run from Sioux City to one known where but Sioux City wants all the roads it can get and is willing to pay for them, and even in this case, would rather put some money into a doubtful project than to lose a possibly good one. Omaha might learn something from Sioux City in this line.

There is no material change as yet in the situation on the C. F. & Q. system. The company is running trains as best it can with such help as it is able to pick up, and the engineers and firemen steadily refuse to return to work unless their demands are complied with. Both sides express confidence in speedy victory. The general strike on all the lines, threatened by the brotherhood as a final resort, will probably not occur.

Cleveland's majority over Blaine in New Jersey was just 4,412. The narrow margin of democratic safety in that state is made still narrower by the return to the republicans of the temperance republicans who have been acting temporarily with the prohibitionist organization; and that man is a fool who can not foresee the inevitable result of any attempt to force upon the democrats of this great manufacturing and producing state a free trade platform and a free trade candidate.

The annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, which we publish this week, shows that the year 1887 was the most prosperous the company has ever enjoyed. The new business written amounted to \$69,457,408.37, or an increase of \$12,674,749 over the business of 1886. The assets of the Mutual Life now aggregate the enormous sum of \$118,806,851.88, making it by far the largest financial institution in the world. The company now has an outstanding insurance account amounting to \$427,026,933. It received for premiums in 1887 the sum of \$17,110,901, and its total income from all sources amounted to \$25,079,922.46. It paid to its members during the year for death claims and endowments over \$8,000,000, and the total payments to policy holders aggregated \$14,228,483.59. The number of policies was increased to 140,941, the largest number in any regular life insurance company in the world. This year the state department required life insurance companies to compute the reserve value of policies at 4 per cent, instead of 4 1/2 per cent as hitherto, which increased the liabilities as charged by the department. Under this severe requirement the Mutual Life showed a surplus of \$6,204,492 over and above every liability.

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Two Stories. In Ireland, many years ago, so the story goes, there lived a tailor famous for his wisdom. He was a fine workman, and his work was such that not only was he famous for his wise sayings, but for his fine workmanship. He always helped the men of his own trade who appealed to him, and had great influence among them. At last the wife and kindly man fell ill, and was told that he could not get well. He requested that all the tailors in that part of the country be sent for, that he might tell them a secret that would go far toward curing them. The success that had attended his life, he wife sent word to the men, and at the specified time they reached the town, in a great state of excitement. At last they were all seated in the tailor's room.

There was a death-stillness. Some trembled that the secret might never be told, but would the wife live. Many of them would have done so, for when this wise man died they would lose a friend that would never be replaced. With a look of delight all waited anxiously about the bed. At last the sick man opened his eyes, and said slowly, "Money and each one. If it opened his mouth, all leaved forward breathlessly, that they might catch every word. "Scarcely, faintly, the words came. "Always put a knot in the end of your thread before you begin to sew. It saves the thread when the man who is dead when the seasons was completed.

Here is a story from True Flag, which like the previous must take its own moral. There was once a tailor who had a beautiful daughter. All of the young men from far and near came to visit her because of her beauty. Two rivals sought her one day and one of them, on your youngest son, who is in the "What do you want of me?" she replied smiling.

"What do you want of me?" she replied smiling. "I love you," returned the two young men, "and each of us wishes to marry you." The maiden, being well brought up, called her father, who listened to the two lovers, and then said: "It is late, go home now, but come again to-morrow, and you shall then know which of you may have my daughter."

At daybreak the next morning the two young men returned. "Here we are," they cried to the tailor, "remember what you promised yesterday." "Wait a little," he replied. "I am going to sew to be sure of doing it. When I return home with it you shall learn what I expect from you." When the tailor returned from town he called his daughter, and on her appearance he said to the young man: "The children there are for of you, and I have no daughter. But what shall I give her? Whom must I refuse? Shall I give her to the one who will not dress in two suits of clothes ready-made; each one of you must sew one of them; and he who finishes his task first shall have my daughter."

Each of the rivals took his task and prepared to set out. The father called his daughter and said to her: "Here is the thread, make it ready for the two workers." The maiden obeyed her father, and taking his bundle of thread, seated herself near the young man. But she was far clearer as to the beautiful. Though her father did not know which of the young men she loved best, nor which would finish his task first, she well enough. The tailor went away; the maiden prepared the thread; the two workers set out. To the one who loved the beauty gave short needles, but to the other he gave long needles. The one who sewed and sewed a needleful. At 11 o'clock the work was done. The father called his daughter and said to her: "The young man who has short needles had completed his task, while the other has not finished his. He who finishes his task first shall have my daughter." Did you understand me?"

"Father," replied the young man, "we understand you and accept the one who must be made." The tailor had reasoned thus: "He who finished first will be the most skillful workman, and consequently better able to support a wife," but he never imagined that his daughter would give long needles to a man she did not wish to marry. Cleverness carried the day, and the maiden really chose her own husband.

Some New Calendar. The calendar, with its scraps of poetry and wisdom for each day of the year, whereby even the busiest man or woman may begin each day with a gleam of mental sunshine, at least, has become, it may fairly be regarded, a necessity. And this year there is an improvement in these necessities to note. Whereas the past ones were of bygone days and years had formerly to be sent aside or treasured in their portable form, they are now presented in a shape that makes it possible always to keep them. The questions are commonly arranged in little booklets, and these are held upon the card by brass clamps, which keeps the book flat, and besides it is the regular of, to be torn off and thrown away, leaving the volume to be closed up at the end of the year for future use, and, at pleasure, Our home poets, Holmes, Whittier, Longfellow, Lowell, and others, have been drawn upon again, and their poems, which female figures that might be "sweet girl gradates" are given up. From the most beautiful designs for the different seasons. The selections from Mrs. Weston, however, were no more, but the new ones are more, a group of four metric poems, called by a part of the Boston, and the best of these selections have also become more, and in this low, harmonious coloring. Boston Herald.

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