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A CEDAR FALLS little girl closed her prayer by murmuring: "And, God, bless the flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la."

DR. DIO LEWIS, the well-known author and reformer, died at his home in Yonkers, N. Y., on last Friday morning, after an illness of two or three days with erysipelas.

MRS. GEO. H. PENDLETON, wife of the minister to Berlin, was instantly killed, last Friday, in a terrible runaway in Central Park, New York City. Her daughter was also dangerously injured.

IT is intimated that the Burlington system is likely to lose the services of Manager Potter. He has had a good offer from the Bee Line, and it is said that unless the Burlington consents to enlarge his powers of control over the system he will go to the Bee. The best sources of information within reach of The Journal throw no light upon the subject. There is room for any amount of guessing, and it is possible that the announcement may be close to the facts. —Topics.

VEST of Missouri lately felt himself swell with conscious virtue and attacked Massachusetts for having at one time accumulated wealth by the sale of rum and niggers. The difference between Massachusetts and Vest and his crowd is that the former went out of the rum and nigger business a century or so ago, being ashamed of it. Vest and his crowd only went out of the latter trade twenty years ago from compulsion, and are still mad when they think of the pecuniary loss and injured dignity suffered in consequence. As to the rum business, it is still quite lively in Missouri.

CIVIL service reform as promulgated by Cleveland, and that put into practice by the administration are vastly different ideas. The one is not recognizable by the other. Had Cleveland boldly announced the Jacksonian proposition that to the victor belongs the spoils, and that he proposed observing that rule, he would to-day command more respect, from Republican and bourbon alike, than is now dreamed of. American manhood hates hypocrisy, and properly so, and when the chief executive sets forth in unequivocal term his position on a given question, they have a right to expect conformity thereto in action. To be sure the matter of civil service reform is fallacious. Cleveland finds compliance impossible. He is, however, none the less open to censure in having stoutly taken an untenable position and so soon retiring therefrom ignominiously. Policy seems to favor the dispensation of political soup to the enemy, in order to forestall his opposition—expecting the favorable support of friends, by reason of their friendship. Nothing short of such a selfish motive ever dictated a course so manifestly unfair and unjust.

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