

AN AMIABLE GENTLEMAN.

Since reading Ward's trial, our impression of the true meaning of the word "amiable" has been so shaken, that we have had recourse to a dictionary to see if we have not all our life misunderstood its significance.

It is this adjective, conveying to the mind such agreeable impressions, by which the unfortunate gentleman, against whose pistol the late Professor Butler heedlessly thrust his unprotected breast, will be hereafter known.

From the highest dignitaries of the land, from people who are clothed in purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously every day, to day laborers and steamboat hands, a torrent of evidence was poured upon the court, accumulating proof upon proof, mountain high, of the amiability of Matthew F. Ward.

That the reader may see that we speak by the book, we give the following extract from the evidence of various witnesses:

Dr. S. D. Gross, sworn—Always understood Matthew Ward was a mild, amiable, peaceable man. Dr. L. Rogers—Has been the physician in Ward's family for many years, and knows him as a very amiable and peaceable man.

Major Davis Carnot—Knew Ward from his infancy, and has known him for many years. Ward was a son who associated with him; always considered him safe while in his company.

James B. Speed, sworn—Am Mayor of Louisville; been so for two years, been in all public situations, from hod carrier up, have been U. S. Marshal of this State; have known Matt. F. Ward 20 years; his character has been known to me since I was a child.

Richard Anderson, sworn—Had been a schoolmate with Ward; he was a great favorite for his kindness and gentleness; was beloved by all who knew him.

Col. Geo. Hancock, sworn—Had known Matthew Ward 20 years; always thought him to be a good, temperate young man; he was always spoken of by his acquaintances.

W. E. Garvin, sworn—Had known Matt. Ward ever since we were children; was a remarkably pleasant boy at school; was a gentleman, beloved by all who knew him, and had no enemies; he was always a good character.

LOCAL MATTERS

THE DISCOVERED TREASURE.—We noticed briefly, yesterday, the discovery of a quantity of gold and silver, which was found in Mr. Edith's farm, a short distance northward of the corporation line, the amount of which was about two hundred dollars.

Some thirty-five or forty years since, a crook named James Houston, with his wife Edith, who had a small tract of land near the city, cultivating a market garden and supplying the city with vegetables, Jimmy was a prudent, economical fellow, and in the course of his lifetime amassed a handsome sum of money, in gold and silver, and he determined to leave it to his wife.

But Edith's help-mate was also to be provided for, and she had some idea of the value of her husband's treasure, old Jimmy retained possession of \$100 in gold and silver, which he kept concealed in a vault in his closet.

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COURT CASES

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THE UNION GUARD.—Capt. Bilups held a meeting on Union Hill last Monday night, and elected a committee to prepare a petition to the residence of their Captain, where, by special invitation, they partook of an excellent collation, served for the occasion.

HENRICO COUNTY COURT.—The Grand Jury of this court was in session last Monday, and presented Joseph Rose for permitting an unlawful assembly in his yard. They were then adjourned over until Thursday next.

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NEW SPECIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC MEETING.—All persons favorable to extending an invitation to JOHN MITCHELL, Esq., to visit our city, are requested to meet at Metropolitan Hall, on THURSDAY evening, at 8 o'clock.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND.—Fellow Citizens—I offer myself again as a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor of the City of Richmond, on the 11th of May, 1884.

VERY ATTRACTIVE REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION TO-DAY.—The attention of the public is called to the sale of very attractive Real Estate, to take place this day on Main, Grace, Clay, Ninth, and Fourth streets.

THE VOTERS OF DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of CONSTITUTIONAL JUDGE of said district.

LIGHTER FOR SALE.—The subscribers have for sale a first-rate LIGHTER, 50 burthen, an early application is solicited.

HAVANA CIGARS.—In addition to my stock of about 150,000 Havana CIGARS, I have just received from Havana, per bark CORONA, 40,000 EL PROFETA, of superior quality.

TO COACH PAINTERS.—ALFRED KING, Coach Manufacturer, Franklin street, has for sale a large quantity of good wags and one or two Coach Painters.

MASS LICORICE.—"G. C." and other favorite Brands of LICORICE, receiving from Schrs. Lynchburg and Merchant, and for sale low.

AMUSEMENTS

ODD FELLOWS' HALL.—The great French Dionese of FINEST OF A PATOLEON will be exhibited every evening this week, at eight o'clock.

THEATRE.—GABRIEL RAVEL, WITH HIS TROUPE OF FORTY ARTISTES. WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 5, 1884, TWO OPERETTAS.

FAIRFIELD RACES.—1st DAY—TUESDAY, 1st May—A sweepstake race, 3 years old colts and fillies, 3 years old colts and fillies, 3 years old colts and fillies.

BROAD ROCK RACES.—1st DAY—TUESDAY, 1st May—A sweepstake race, 3 years old colts and fillies, 3 years old colts and fillies, 3 years old colts and fillies.

ARMORY OF THE YOUNG GUARD.—The Company will meet for Drill, This (WEDNESDAY) Evening, May 3d, at 8 o'clock P. M.

ATTENTION, UNION GUARDS.—Attend a monthly meeting at your drill room, THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock, when business of importance will be brought before you.

ATTENTION BLUES.—Attend a meeting of your Company at Lafayette Hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

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